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Transcript of the Governor's media session

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Following is the transcript of the Governor, the Rt Hon Christopher Patten, speaking to the media after his visit to Rutonjee Hospital this (Monday) afternoon:

Question: Mr Patten what do you feel to see the PLA troops coming into Hong Kong?

Governor: Obviously, the advance detachment which has arrived today has an important and useful role to play in preparing the ground for the arrival of the whole garrison after 1 July. I think that we have achieved what the community recognises is a sensible agreement for this first stage of the deployment and I hope it will ensure that the garrison arrives smoothly and efficiently in the future and performs the role assigned to it in the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law.

I am sure that the garrison commanders and the garrison members will want to give the best possible example of how the PLA behaves and I am sure that will go for this advance deployment as well.

Question: Governor, do you think that the advance detachment of the PLA can get along well with the British Army?

Governor: I am sure that they will work sensibly together. They are professionals, they are soldiers; soldiers invariably get on well with other soldiers. I think that our Commander, General Dutton, has got on, personally, very well with his opposite number, and I am sure that everyone will work together to make the transition of the garrison as smooth and successful as possible.

Obviously, just as we want to see the PLA garrison arrive as efficiently and professionally and smoothly as possible, so they will want to ensure that the departure of what is left of the British garrison, on 30 June, is managed as efficiently as possible as well.

I think the whole community welcomes the arrangement within which the advance detachment will be working. As you know, they are subject to our laws and are conducting themselves, I think, in a sensible, low-profile way.

Question: And now the JLG is discussing about the second batch of the advance detachment, do you think it is also a sensible arrangement?

Governor: Yes, I'm sure that there will need to be a second deployment of PLA troops in due course. There are, I think, one or two issues to resolve between the two sides but I am sure that they will be resolved in due course as well as these arrangements have been managed.

The discussions have taken some time but I think the outcome is one which the whole community welcomes. I notice that legislators from every side seem to think that the arrangements were sensible and were in Hong Kong's interests.

Question: And with regard to the right of abode issue, Mr Tung urged you to change your mind on this issue and asked you to send more officials to help him. What is your reaction?

Governor: I would hope that Mr Tung would respond positively to the very sensible proposal we put forward about a White bill. I think you will have probably noticed the remarks made last week by the Chairman of the Bar Association which confirmed the legal advice that we have received about the problems if our provisional legislature were to legislate on these matters. But I will be answering questions on this issue later in the week in the Legislative Council and if they have got questions to raise then I will be pleased to answer them.

Question: So do you mean that you will just turn down his request to send more officials to help him?

Governor: I mean that our position is the same as it was last week.

Question: How about if the officials are not helping him in drafting about the right of abode?

Governor: I will be answering questions later on this week in the Legislative Council. Any other questions? Thank you all very much indeed.

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### Lantau Link cables to be repaired soon

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The Highways Department said today (Monday) that repairs to the communication cables on the lower deck of the Lantau Link is expected to be completed in about three days.

The Project Director of the Lantau Fixed Crossing Project Management Office, Mr Lau Ching-Kwong, said repair to the damaged cables will begin soon and should be completed before the opening ceremony of the Lantau Link on Sunday (April 27).

Mr Lau said that six optical fibre cables and several extra-low voltage signal cables on the lower deck of the Lantau Link had been cut in 29 places. The contractor for the electrical and mechanical works, ABB SAE Sadelmi - ABB Ltd Joint Venture (ABB) had reported the damage to the Police last Friday (April 18).

He said these cables are mainly for communications and data transmission.

Mr Lau said the contractor was now putting more workers on the project to repair the damaged cables.

"The Highways Department, Police and the contractor held discussions today to consider measures to tighten security on the site.

"All parties concerned will make every effort to ensure that such incidents do not occur again," Mr Lau said.

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### Labour Department to adopt new service culture & strategy

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The Labour Department has created a new service culture for the Factory Inspectorate and adopted a new strategy on the promotional and prevention approach to meet the new challenges on occupational safety and health.

Speaking at the welcome dinner for delegates of the 13th Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Conference this (Monday) evening, the Commissioner for Labour, Miss Jacqueline Willis said: "As part of the comprehensive review of industrial safety in 1995, we recognised that it was necessary to reorganise the structure within the Labour Department and create a new service culture for the Factory Inspectorate.

"For example, our Factory Inspectorate has, for decades, enforced industrial safety laws under the inspect and prosecute mode.

"But since our new strategy is to adopt the promotional and preventive approach, we need to help our inspectors change their traditional thinking and perception and acquire new skills.

"Also as we introduce the new safety management regulation, our inspectors should be prepared both professionally and psychologically to change their mode of operation," she said.

Miss Willis explained that instead of dealing with the works supervisors, the inspectors would be required to 'sell' self-regulation in a board room and this meant a partnership with the duty holders: employers, employees and their associations.

Furthermore, she said, when the new Occupational Safety and Health Bill was passed into law, the factory inspectors would have to cover new frontiers of work where the hazards, problems and management styles were totally different from traditional factories and industrial undertakings.

She said all of these required a fresh mind to see what needed to be done and a new Deputy Commissioner was appointed to act as a 'Change Manager' in October 1995.

Miss Willis said after the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch, one of the first things the Department did was to make the 'occupational health services' on a par with 'occupational safety'.

"We then managed the staff culture change through a series of seminars. We developed the 'Vision, Mission and Values' statements which our staff can identify with.

"Our next step was to develop the core competencies in the various grades in the Factory Inspectorate and occupational health personnel. Our efforts include training in performance management, communication principles, presentation, influencing and negotiation skills and other managerial and staff development programmes.

"In skills training, experts from overseas and owners of proprietary systems have been engaged to train up factory inspectors on the promotion of safety and health management system and safety audit," she said.

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### Major step forward for bilateral linkage between HK and Australia

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As a step towards closer bilateral relations between Australian and Hong Kong financial systems, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) have agreed that the Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) of the HKMA will join RBA's Reserve Bank Information and Transfer System (RITS). RBA will explore with the HKMA further reciprocal arrangements to extend more widely the benefits that such co-operative arrangements can provide.

CMU is the central clearing and settlement system for debt securities in Hong Kong and RITS is a similar system for Australian government paper.

The two organisations believe that this bilateral linkage will broaden the investor base of the debt markets in Hong Kong and Australia by making cross system trading and holding of securities much easier.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between Mr Joseph Yam, Chief Executive of HKMA, and Mr Ian Macfarlane, Governor of RBA, in Sydney today (21 April 1997). This is the second time the HKMA and the RBA have held bilateral annual meetings. These annual meetings have been established in the context of fostering enhanced co-operation between the two central banks. A range of subjects of mutual interest was discussed, including regional central bank co-operation, as well as recent economic developments and banking supervision policy and practice.

"In linking CMU and RITS, the two financial markets in Hong Kong and Sydney are now closely connected, facilitating investments in debt securities in both places," said Mr Yam. "This represents a milestone in central bank co-operation to develop financial markets under our charge and make them deeper, safer and more efficient for issuers and investors."

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### AIDS situation in 1st quarter this year

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A total of 45 persons were found to be positive for the HIV antibody test in the first quarter this year, bringing the cumulative total number of reported HIV infections to 821, the Department of Health announced today (Monday).

The number of new HIV infections reported in the first quarter is the highest ever received in a single quarter since the surveillance system was established in 1984.

Eighteen AIDS cases were reported in the same period leading to a total number of 263 confirmed cases.

Heterosexual contact remains the major route of transmission, accounting for 69% and 62% of the sexually acquired cases in the first quarter and the cumulative total respectively.

A significant proportion of the reported cases are diagnosed in symptomatic AIDS patients. Of the 18 AIDS cases reported in the first quarter, 15 (83.3%) are new HIV infection reported in the same quarter.

The proportion of HIV infection found at AIDS diagnosis were 64.7% and 46.2% in the last quarter of 1996 and the first quarter last year.

Of the 821 HIV-infected, 414 acquired the infection through heterosexual and 252 through homosexual or bisexual sex; 16 were injecting drug users; four were mother-to-child transmission around the time of birth; and 66 acquired the infection through contaminated blood or blood products before 1985 when HIV antibody test and safe heat treated clotting concentrates were not available.

As for the remaining 69, the information available was inadequate for classification.

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April issue of HK Monthly Digest of Statistics on sale

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Two feature articles entitled "Inward direct investments in Hong Kong" and "Trend of public transport passenger journeys" are published in the April 1997 issue of the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, which is now on sale.

Over the past decades, inward direct investments have been playing an important role in shaping the economic development of Hong Kong. Inward direct investments are important not only in terms of inflow of capital but also the resultant technology transfer, which helps Hong Kong's manufacturing industries remain competitive in the world market. Furthermore, with the development of Hong Kong into a financial and business centre in the Asia Pacific Region by the late 1980s, inward direct investments have been growing at a rapid pace in the service sectors.

The total value of stock of inward direct investments in Hong Kong amounted to \$532.6 billion at the end of 1995. The largest investor countries included the United Kingdom (27% of the total), China (20%), Japan (16%) and the United States of America (13%).

The article "Inward direct investments in Hong Kong" presents an analysis of inward direct investments in Hong Kong in 1995, based on the findings of the complementary surveys on inward direct investments conducted by the Industry Department in respect of the manufacturing sector and the Census and Statistics Department in respect of the non-manufacturing sectors.

The passenger journeys handled by the public transport network increased at an average annual growth rate of 2.6%, from 2.7 million in 1981 to 3.9 million in 1996. Different modes of transports are available to commuters at different levels of comfort, speed, convenience, and for a range of prices. The article "Trend of public transport passenger journeys" depicts the trend of passenger journeys handled by the public transport network during the past fifteen years. It also analyses the share among different modes in the network, and the number of passenger journeys handled by different modes in 1996.

The April 1997 issue of the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics is now on sale at \$34 a copy. In addition to the above two feature articles, it contains the most up-to-date information on Hong Kong's development regarding economic growth, labour market, inflation and many other social and economic issues.

Purchase of this publication can be made at the Government Publications Centre, Ground Floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong. The publication is also available for sale at the Publications Unit of the Census and Statistics Department, 19th Floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Regular subscription can also be arranged with the Publications Sales Office of the Information Services Department (Tel: 2598 8196).

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### Value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand in February 1997

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The value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand for local production in February 1997 decreased by 9% over a year earlier, according to the provisional results of a monthly survey released today (Monday) by the Census and Statistics Department.

Comparing February 1997 with February 1996, the value of orders of the fabricated metal products industry continued to increase, by 4%.

On the other hand, decreases of various magnitudes in the value of orders were recorded in the plastic products industry (-21%), the electronic products industry (-14%), the textiles industry (-8%), the wearing apparel industry (-5%), the electrical products industry (-4%) and the printing & publishing industry (-3%).

Compared with January 1997, and bearing in mind that this comparison may be affected by seasonal factors, the value of manufacturers' orders-on-hand in February 1997 decreased by 4%.

The Monthly Survey of Orders-on-hand covers a sample of some 300 manufacturing firms engaging 50 or more workers.

Manufacturers' orders-on-hand refer to orders and parts of orders received earlier by manufacturers for local production which remain unfilled as at the end of the reference month. Orders received by traders not engaged in production are included if such orders are further placed to manufacturers for production locally. However, orders placed to manufacturing firms for production in China and other places outside Hong Kong are not included in this series of orders-on-hand statistics.

A spokesman of the Department pointed out that caution should be exercised in interpreting the manufacturers' orders-on-hand figures in a single month. Instead, the trend movement of the series as displayed over a wider span of time points should be looked at.

The survey report for February 1997, at \$6 a copy, is now available for sale at the Government Publications Centre, Queensway Government Offices, Low Block, Ground Floor, Queensway, and at the Census and Statistics Department Publications Unit, 19th Floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai.

Enquiries about the survey results may be made to the Industrial Production Statistics Section of the Census and Statistics Department on 2805 6441.

The following table shows the year-on-year percentage changes in the value of orders-on-hand in different manufacturing industries.

|                                      | <u>Percentage changes in the value of orders-on-hand in</u> |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                      | <u>January 1997 over Jan 1996</u><br>(Revised)              | <u>February 1997 over Feb 1996</u><br>(Provisional) |
| All industries covered in the survey | - 7   | - 9   |
| . Wearing apparel                    | - 5   | - 5   |
| . Textiles                           | - 9   | - 8   |
| . Electronic products                | -11   | -14   |
| . Electrical products                | *   | - 4   |
| . Fabricated metal products          | +10   | + 4   |
| . Plastic products                   | -20   | -21   |
| . Printing and publishing            | - 2   | - 3   |

\* Changes within +/-0.5%

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**Applications open for recreation grants**

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The Sir David Trench Fund Committee is inviting applications for grants from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (the Fund) and the Jockey Club Grant for Permanent Recreational Facilities for Youth (the Grant).

The Fund aims at providing recreational, sporting, cultural and social activities facilities to promote personal development, purposeful use of leisure and community involvement, particularly of young people; while the Grant is mainly for the construction of recreational facilities to meet the needs of young people.

Applications for capital works projects under both the Fund and the Grant can be made by the same form, and for non-capital works projects under the Fund, a separate form is required.

All these forms are obtainable from District Offices, the Education Department, the Social Welfare Department, the Department of Health, Urban Services and Regional Services Departments as well as the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

They are also available at the Recreation and Sport Division of the Broadcasting, Culture and Sport Branch and the Secretariat of the Sir David Trench Fund Committee.

Completed forms should be returned to the Secretariat of the Sir David Trench Fund Committee at Room 4015, 40th Floor, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, which administers both the capital and non-capital works projects.

The deadline for applications for capital works projects is May 20. Enquiries can be made on 2594 5659.

Applications for non-capital works projects are open throughout the year. Enquiries can be made on 2594 5660.

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#### Establishment particulars recorded in the Central Register

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The Census and Statistics Department maintains a comprehensive and up-to-date computerised Central Register of Establishments which contains information relating to some 350,000 active establishments in Hong Kong.

The Register serves mainly as the sampling frame for various economic surveys conducted by the department. Besides, many other government departments and private organisations also make use of the records kept in the Register in their publicity, business promotion, survey and research work.

Information kept in the Central Register of Establishments is updated on a quarterly basis. Updated information in respect of the fourth quarter of 1996 is now available.

A sample listing containing 20 per cent of the records randomly selected from the Register is accessible by prospective users. Application for the supply of non-confidential particulars (including the name, address, major type of economic activity and employment size class) of all or part of the listed records can be made to the Central Register of Establishments Section of the department. The information can be supplied in the form of photocopies, specially-run magnetic tapes or floppy diskettes. A charge will be levied for this service, at the following rates:-

- \* \$6.1 per page of photocopy for the first 20 pages and \$1.4 for each additional page thereafter; or
- \* a charge of about \$1,000 for a job requiring special computer run (exact amount depending on the complexity of the job concerned), if the information is required on magnetic tapes or floppy diskettes. The magnetic tapes and floppy diskettes can be provided by the applicant, or by the department at a charge of \$143 per tape and \$3 per diskette respectively.

Further details about the provision of this service can be obtained from the Central Register of Establishments Section of the department on telephone 2582 4760.

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#### Prompt collection of BN(O) passports

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Applicants who have been notified to collect their British National (Overseas) passports should pick up their passports promptly from the date when the passports are ready for collection at their chosen immigration offices, a spokesperson of the Immigration Department appealed to them today (Monday).

Currently, there are around 26,000 prepared BN(O) passports ready for collection by applicants at various immigration offices.

Hong Kong Immigration Department ceased taking the above applications from Tuesday April 1, 1997. The Immigration Department, however, will continue to issue BN(O) passports which have been prepared until Saturday April 26, 1997. Thereafter, all uncollected passports will be passed to the British Trade Commission.

But Hong Kong permanent identity cards prepared for children under 11 years of age in connection with their BN(O) passports will continue to be issued at the original immigration offices.

For their convenience, applicants are reminded to pick up their passports in time at the immigration offices which have been chosen by them upon application. They will be required to collect their passports at the British Trade Commission if they do not do so before the transfer of the uncollected passports.

For BN(O) passports issued to children under 11 years of age, applicants will also be required to collect their children's Hong Kong permanent identity cards at the original immigration offices after they have collected their passports.

For enquiries, members of public may telephone 2824 1177 (English), 2824 1717 (Chinese) or use fax line 2877 7711.

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#### Codes of Practice Committee open meeting

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Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the fifth Codes of Practice Committee meeting of the Broadcasting Authority this Thursday (April 24).

The meeting, chaired by Mr Clement Tao Kwok-lau, will discuss amendments to the Codes of Practice on Advertising Standards so as to bring them in line with the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance.

It will also discuss the principles in the regulation of indirect advertising in TV and radio programmes.

The meeting will take place at 2.30 pm in the Conference Room of the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority, 39th floor, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai.

As seating capacity is limited, members of the public should ring 2594 5707 to reserve a seat.

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Entries for Summer Youth Programme logo design competition

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To help promote this year's Summer Youth Programme, entries for a logo design competition are being invited before April 30 from youths under the age of 25.

Organised by the 1997 Wan Chai Summer Youth Programme District Co-ordinating Committee, the competition is a prelude to the commencement of the programme which will run from July to September, a Home Affairs Department spokesman said.

"We hope the logo design competition would help stimulate local youth's interest and their participation in a wide variety of social, recreational and other wholesome community activities during their summer vacation.

"As the logo design must reflect the district's unique characteristics, we expect that the competition would also engender a stronger sense of belonging and understanding of their district among contestants.

"The submissions must be presented in a maximum of two colours on A4-size white card paper, with brief notes on the design concepts. Each participant would be limited to only one entry, which must be submitted in coloured as well as black and white version," the spokesman added.

Awards will be given to the first three winners.

The entries should be sent to the Co-ordinating Committee via Wan Chai District Office at 21st floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Enquiries can be made on 2835 1990.

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Tender for the third issue of 10-year Exchange Fund Notes

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority announces that the tender for the third issue of 10-year Exchange Fund Notes will be held on next Monday (April 28) for settlement on April 29 (Tuesday).

An amount of HK\$500 million 10-year Notes will be offered. Another HK\$100 million will be held as reserve by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority for supply to Market Makers in the secondary market. The Notes will mature on April 30, 2007 and will carry interest at the rate of 7.45% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears. Terms and conditions of the issue are described fully in the Information Memorandum.

Members of the public who wish to tender for the Notes may do so through any of the Market Makers or Recognised Dealers on the published list which can be obtained from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority at 30/F, 3 Garden Road, Hong Kong (or telephone 2878 8150). Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000 or integral multiples thereof.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Note Programme tender information

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Tender information for the third issue of 10-year Exchange Fund Notes:-

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|---------------------------|--|
| Issue Number              | : 1704   |
| Tender Date and Time      | : Monday 28 April 1997,<br>9:30 am to 10:30 am   |
| Issue and Settlement Date | : Tuesday 29 April 1997  |
| Amount on Offer           | : HK\$500 million plus an additional HK\$100 million as reserve stock for the Monetary Authority |
| Maturity                  | : Ten years  |
| Maturity Date             | : 30 April 2007  |
| Interest Rate             | : 7.45% per annum payable semi annually in arrears   |

- Interest Payment Dates** : 29 Oct 1997, 29 Apr 1998,  
29 Oct 1998, 29 Apr 1999,  
29 Oct 1999, 28 Apr 2000,  
30 Oct 2000, 30 Apr 2001,  
29 Oct 2001, 29 Apr 2002,  
29 Oct 2002, 29 Apr 2003,  
29 Oct 2003, 29 Apr 2004,  
29 Oct 2004, 29 Apr 2005,  
31 Oct 2005, 28 Apr 2006,  
30 Oct 2006, 30 Apr 2007
- Tender Amount** : Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000  
or integral multiples thereof. Members of the  
public who wish to tender for the Notes may  
approach Market Makers or Recognised Dealers  
on the published list
- Other details** : Please see Information Memorandum published  
or approach Market Makers or Recognised  
Dealers
- End**

Water cut in Sai Kung and Tai Po

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Fresh water supply to some premises in Sai Kung will be suspended from 11 pm on Thursday (April 24) to 6 am the following day for waste detection work on watermains.

The suspension will affect all premises in Pak Kung Au, Fei Ngo Shan Road, Anderson Road, Lung Wo Tsuen, Tan Shan, Siu To Yuen Village, Sam Long, Sun Tei Village, Au Tau, Denon Terrace, Man King Terrace, Tseng Lan Shue Upper and Lower Village, Pak Shek Wo, Pak Shek Terrace, Pik Uk Correctional Institution, Pik Uk Tsuen, Pik Uk Au and Razor Hill.

Meanwhile, fresh and flushing water supply to some premises in Tai Po will also be suspended during the same period.

The suspension will affect all premises in the area bounded by a section of Kwong Fuk Road between Pak Shing Street and Po Heung Street, Pak Shing Street, a section of the Kowloon Canton Railway between Pak Shing Street and Po Heung Street, and Po Heung Street.

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#### Water storage figure

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Storage in Hong Kong's reservoirs at 9 am today (Monday) stood at 78.9 per cent of capacity or 462.463 million cubic metres.

This time last year the reservoirs contained 471.662 million cubic metres of water, representing 80.5 per cent of capacity.

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