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Planning Department to study leisure habits

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The Planning Department today (Tuesday) signed an agreement to commission a firm to conduct a "Study of Leisure Habits/Recreation Preferences and Review of Chapter 4 of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines".

"The objective of the study is to review the present planning standards and guidelines on recreational facilities and open space to meet the changing needs of the community," a spokesman for the department said.

"The study will identify the broad pattern and the usage of existing and planned recreational facilities and open space."

Sample surveys will be carried out to examine recreational preferences of households and commercial/industrial workers and derive the likely future trends on leisure habits.

"Interviews with developers and recreation authorities and organisations will also be conducted to collect their views on the provision of recreational facilities in the territory.

"The findings of these tasks will provide input for reviewing and revising the present planning standards and guidelines," the spokesman added.

Starting today, the study will be completed in nine months.

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Over 6,500 agreements lodged with Land Registry in September

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A total of 6,506 sale and purchase agreements for building units, which include both residential and non-residential properties, were lodged with the Land Registry last month (September 1995).

The figure represents a decrease of 3.8 per cent from that of August 1995 and a 15 per cent decrease compared with September last year.

The total consideration of these agreements is \$17.36 billion, down 6.3 per cent and 25.2 per cent as compared with the amounts for August 1995 and September 1994 respectively.

The figures are contained in the monthly statistics released today (Tuesday) by the Land Registry on deeds relating to property transactions received for registration in the Urban and New Territories Land Registries last month.

Relevant statistics for August 1995 and September 1994 were provided for comparison.

Figures on sale and purchase agreements received for the past 12 months and the year-on-year rate of change were also released.

The statistics generally relate to land transactions executed up to four weeks prior to their submission for registration, as there is usually a time lag between the execution of deeds and their lodgement for registration.

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#### 85 VMs depart on orderly repatriation flight

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A group of 85 Vietnamese migrants (VMs) returned to Vietnam today (Tuesday) on the 25th flight under the Orderly Repatriation Programme (ORP).

The returnees, comprising 35 men, 20 women, 16 boys and 14 girls, were mainly from High Island Detention Centre. The oldest is 49 years old and the youngest six months. Most of them arrived in Hong Kong in 1988 and 1989, with six in 1991 and one this year.

The group brought the total number repatriated on ORP flights since November 1991 to 1,541.

The returnees were transported to the airport early this morning for pre-departure security checks before boarding their flight for Hanoi.

The Refugee Co-ordinator, Mr Brian Bresnihan, stressed that the Government was determined to repatriate all screened-out VMs to Vietnam.

"There is no future for them in Hong Kong and the best option for them is to volunteer to go back to Vietnam," he said.

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Monitors' report submitted to the Chief Secretary

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The monitors appointed to observe the Orderly Repatriation Programme operation this (Tuesday) morning have submitted their report to the Chief Secretary.

The monitors were Mr William Wan Hon-cheung, a Justice of the Peace; and Mr Chow Wing-hang from Oxfam.

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A total of 48 convictions for pollution in September

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A total of 48 convictions were made in the courts last month (September) for breaching anti-pollution legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department.

Among them, 18 were made under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO), 18 under the Noise Pollution Control Ordinance (NCO), 10 under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (APCO) and two under the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

The fines ranged from \$1,000 to \$40,000. Kent Yick Recreation Club Limited was fined \$40,000 for failing to comply with the requirement of a Noise Abatement Notice.

The list of convicted cases and the associated fines imposed by the courts during September will be faxed.

Enquiries on specific cases can be directed to the following officers:

Case -----	Officer -----	Tel. -----
Cases 18, 29-32, 45	Mr Eddie Tse	2707 7501
Cases 16, 17, 36, 46, 48	Mr Murray Luo	2411 9601
Cases 1-8, 35, 47	Mr Patrick Lei	2685 1133
Cases 9-12, 33-34, 37-40	Mr Franklin Chung	2417 6074
Cases 25-28, 41-44	Ms Betty Cheung	2402 5201
Cases 13-15, 19-24	Mr Steven Ho	2516 1800

Enquiries on general issues should be directed to the department's Media Relations Unit.

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#### Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

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Tender date	17 OCT 95
Paper on offer	EF bills
Issue number	Q542
Amount applied	HK\$8,510 MN
Amount allotted	HK\$1,500 MN
Average yield accepted	5.48 PCT
Highest yield accepted	5.49 PCT
Pro rata ratio	About 21 PCT
Average tender yield	5.51 PCT

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Tenders to be held in the week beginning 23 OCT, 1995

Tender date	23 OCT 95	24 OCT 95	24 OCT 95
Paper on offer	EF Notes	EF bills	EF bills
Issue number	3810	Q543	H576
Issue date	24 OCT 95	25 OCT 95	25 OCT 95
Maturity date	26 OCT 98	24 JAN 96	24 APR 96
Tenor	3 Years	91 days	182 days
Amount on offer	HK\$500+100 MN	HK\$1,500+300 MN	HK\$800+160 MN
Coupon	6.15 PCT		

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	\$ million	Time (hours)	Cumulative change (\$million)
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Opening balance in the account	1,564	0930	+1,608
Closing balance in the account	2,174	1000	+1,608
Change attributable to :		1100	+1,608
Money market activity	+1,610	1200	+1,615
LAF today	-1,000	1500	+1,610
		1600	+1,610

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 122.0 \*+0.0\* 17.10.95

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EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.34	2 years	2708	6.06	100.61	5.78
1 month	5.41	3 years	3807	6.16	100.45	6.07
3 months	5.51	5 years	5009	6.95	101.35	6.73
6 months	5.56	5 years	M501	7.90	103.32	7.16
12 months	5.58					

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$11,632 million

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