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AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM ENCOURAGES VOLUNTARY RETURN OF NON-REFUGEES

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THE AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM ON THE NEXT STAGE IN THE PROCESS OF RETURNING THE NON-REFUGEE VIETNAMESE WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO GO BACK VOLUNTARILY, THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, LORD WILSON SAID: "I AM VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE GOT AN AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM ABOUT THIS NEXT STAGE IN THE WHOLE PROCESS OF GETTING BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN VIETNAM PEOPLE WHO ARE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

"AN IMPORTANT PART OF DOING THIS IS THAT IT WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO GO BACK. WHAT WE REALLY WANT IS THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES AND I HOPE THAT THIS NEW STAGE IN THE PROCESS OF REACHING AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM WILL ENCOURAGE THAT," HE ADDED.

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AGREEMENT ON RETURN OF VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE BRITISH, HONG KONG AND VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE TODAY (TUESDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON THE REPATRIATION OF THOSE VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE OCTOBER 29, 1991, AND WHO FOLLOWING SCREENING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED NOT TO BE REFUGEES.

IN A JOINT STATEMENT, THE THREE PARTIES SAID:

"WORKING TOGETHER IN CLOSE COOPERATION, THE GOVERNMENTS OF VIETNAM, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG. AS A FURTHER STAGE IN THIS COOPERATION THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED ON THE REPATRIATION OF THOSE VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE NOT QUALIFIED FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES. THE REPATRIATION OF THESE VIETNAMESE CITIZENS WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER CONDITIONS OF ORDER, SAFETY AND DIGNITY."

MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID THE ACCORD PAVED THE WAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL STAGE OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON OCTOBER 29, 1991. THIS FOLLOWS THE RETURN OF THE SO-CALLED DOUBLE-BACKERS AND THOSE NON-REFUGEES WHO HAD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG AFTER OCTOBER 29.

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Statistics on Vietnamese Migrants/Refugees  
Tuesday, 12 May 1992

Population

Screened-out VMs :	22 466
Pending screening:	29 562
Screened-in VRs :	1 301
Pre-June 1988 VRs:	2 133
Total population :	55 462
Total at Sept 91 :	64 129

Arrived

Since 29.10.91 agreement :	65
So far this year	7
(of the 7 arrived in 1992, 4 returned voluntarily, 2 screened in, 1 screened out and pending return to Vietnam)	

Arrivals same period last year : 3 920  
(i.e. down 99.8%)

Arrivals whole of 1991 : 20 207

Departed

Voluntarily so far this year:	3 704
Voluntarily since March 1989:	17 683

Orderly return :	123
1st flight ( 9.11.91)	59
2nd flight (10.12.91)	28
3rd flight (12. 2.92)	36

(Of these 123 returnees, 72 were double backers, 24 accompanying family members, and 48 post-agreement arrivals)

Assistance

Pre-26 September 1991 arrivals :  
US\$50 (children US\$25) + US\$30x12 months  
plus EC assistance

Post-26 September 1991 arrivals :  
US\$50 (children US\$25) + up to US\$50 after  
return plus indirect EC community-based  
assistance

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STATEMENT ON MAN-MADE SLOPES

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKS BRANCH SAID IT WAS GROSSLY MISLEADING TO DESCRIBE THE CATALOGUE OF ABOUT 10,000 MAN-MADE SLOPES HELD WITHIN GOVERNMENT AS "DANGEROUS SLOPES".

"THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE HAS STUDIED THE 4,300 HIGHEST-RANKED SLOPES LISTED IN THE CATALOGUE. OF THESE, ABOUT 3,400 SLOPES DO NOT REQUIRE PREVENTIVE WORK, AND THE REMAINING 880 SLOPES REQUIRE STABILISING.

"SO FAR, WE HAVE COMPLETED IMPROVEMENT WORK ON OVER 750 SLOPES.

"THE SLOPES REMAINING FOR STUDY IN THE CATALOGUE ARE OF A LESSER RISK AND IT IS PLANNED TO COMPLETE A FURTHER 1,000 STUDIES EACH YEAR FROM NOW," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR MARCH RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN MARCH THIS YEAR, AT \$142,147 MILLION, INCREASED BY 34% IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH MARCH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14% TO \$17,052 MILLION WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 51% TO \$51,222 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 40% TO \$68,274 MILLION. MEANWHILE, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 30% TO \$73,873 MILLION.

FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 AS A WHOLE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, AT \$386,274 MILLION, INCREASED BY 22% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED marginally BY 0.4% TO \$48,707 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 34% TO \$139,611 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23% TO \$188,318 MILLION WHILE THAT OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 22% TO \$197,956 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

/COMPARING MARCH .....

COMPARING MARCH 1992 WITH MARCH 1991, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN (BY 43%), SINGAPORE (BY 40%), CHINA (BY 30%), CANADA (BY 25%), THE UNITED STATES (BY 20%) AND JAPAN (BY 12%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY (-24%), FRANCE (-18%), THE NETHERLANDS (-17%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (-4%).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA AND CHINA BOTH INCREASED BY 16%.

THOSE TO SINGAPORE, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN INCREASED BY 8%, 6% AND 4% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE DECREASED, BY 30%, 14%, 14% AND 13% RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$345 MILLION OR 2%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$337 MILLION OR 7%); ELECTRIC CURRENT (BY \$177 MILLION OR 96%); MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$172 MILLION OR 32%); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$163 MILLION OR 4%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$766 MILLION OR 22%); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$488 MILLION OR 11%); TEXTILES (BY \$314 MILLION OR 9%); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$194 MILLION OR 5%).

CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING MARCH 1992 WITH MARCH 1991, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS: THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY 38%), CHINA (BY 37%), TAIWAN (BY 32%), ITALY (BY 31%), JAPAN (BY 28%), GERMANY (BY 24%), SWITZERLAND (BY 18%), THE UNITED STATES (BY 17%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY 15%) AND SINGAPORE (BY 12%).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM GERMANY, JAPAN, CHINA, ITALY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 28%, 27%, 26%, 25%, 24% AND 22% RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES AND SWITZERLAND ALSO INCREASED, BY 8%, 7% AND 4% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE DECREASED BY 1%.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$4,130 MILLION OR 40%); CLOTHING (BY \$3,276 MILLION OR 25%); ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$3,240 MILLION OR 101%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,984 MILLION OR 24%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,069 MILLION OR 12%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,600 MILLION OR 9%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1,694 MILLION OR 38%); AND OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$800 MILLION OR 65%).

CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING MARCH 1992 WITH MARCH 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED: THE UNITED STATES (BY 81%), ITALY (BY 79%), FRANCE (BY 57%), CHINA (BY 55%), TAIWAN (BY 54%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY 52%), JAPAN (BY 35%), SINGAPORE (BY 33%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY 8%) AND GERMANY (BY 6%).

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, CHINA, ITALY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 50%, 42%, 42%, 38%, 30%, 24% AND 18% RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 9% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO GERMANY DECREASED BY 6%.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE SAME QUARTER IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$6,326 MILLION OR 55%); CLOTHING (BY \$3,305 MILLION OR 25%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$2,697 MILLION OR 56%); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,468 MILLION OR 65%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,703 MILLION OR 16%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$242 MILLION OR 11%); AND BEVERAGES (BY \$135 MILLION OR 23%).

FROM JANUARY THIS YEAR, THE THIRD REVISION OF THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC REV. 3) HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN HONG KONG IN PLACE OF THE SECOND REVISION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF TRADE STATISTICS BY COMMODITY.

TO ACHIEVE COMPARABILITY, THE COMMODITY TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1991 PRESENTED HERE HAVE BEEN RE-CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE NEW SYSTEM.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MARCH 1992 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY JUNE.

DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE MARCH 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN MARCH 1992 WILL BE ON SALE AT \$52 PER COPY AROUND MAY 22.

THE REPORT CAN BE PURCHASED EITHER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS 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 STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 582 4915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
UNITED STATES	4,086	+ 20	12,346	+ 6
CHINA	4,656	+ 30	11,898	+ 16
GERMANY	1,004	- 24	3,424	- 30
JAPAN	1,081	+ 12	2,732	+ 4
UNITED KINGDOM	825	- 4	2,651	- 14
SINGAPORE	849	+ 40	2,207	+ 8
TAIWAN	645	+ 43	1,432	- 1
NETHERLANDS	356	- 17	1,203	- 14
CANADA	333	+ 25	1,201	+ 16
FRANCE	219	- 18	757	- 13

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,212	+ 15	15,229	+ 2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	1,955	+ 17	5,146	+ 7
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	1,860	+ 39	4,434	+ 4
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,461	- 10	4,130	- 11
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,543	+ 11	4,013	- 5
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,329	+ 4	3,305	- 9

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
CHINA	26,167	+ 37	72,297	+ 26
JAPAN	12,916	+ 28	34,548	+ 27

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TAIWAN	7,199	+ 32	17,901	+ 22
UNITED STATES	5,049	+ 17	13,956	+ 7
REP OF KOREA	3,736	+ 38	9,434	+ 24
SINGAPORE	2,722	+ 12	7,766	- 1
GERMANY	1,698	+ 24	4,593	+ 28
UNITED KINGDOM	1,513	+ 15	4,366	+ 8
ITALY	1,300	+ 31	3,138	+ 25
SWITZERLAND	1,035	+ 18	2,774	+ 4

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8,797	+ 20	19,968	+ 9
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	6,977	+ 24	18,641	+ 12
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,686	+ 35	16,559	+ 25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,647	+ 26	15,568	+ 24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	5,085	+ 50	14,356	+ 40
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,463	+ 15	9,888	+ 18

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
CHINA	15,987	+ 55	41,083	+ 42
UNITED STATES	9,890	+ 81	28,470	+ 50
JAPAN	2,888	+ 35	7,971	+ 24
GERMANY	2,254	+ 6	7,383	- 6
TAIWAN	2,962	+ 54	6,276	+ 9
UNITED KINGDOM	1,194	+ 52	3,561	+ 30
REP OF KOREA	1,252	+ 8	3,207	+ 2
SINGAPORE	1,189	+ 33	3,057	+ 18
FRANCE	872	+ 57	2,493	+ 38
ITALY	892	+ 79	2,444	+ 42

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	MAR 92 OVER MAR 91 ( % )	JAN-MAR 1992 (HKD MN.)	JAN-MAR 92 OVER JAN-MAR 91 ( % )
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6,504	+ 92	17,906	+ 55
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,013	+ 36	16,744	+ 25

/TEXTILE YARN .....

TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,447	+ 34	12,617	+ 16
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,121	+ 46	10,488	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,793	+ 35	10,466	+ 22
FOOTWEAR	2,488	+ 86	7,512	+ 56

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VIEWS ON REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER URGED  
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THE THREE-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD OF THE GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION POLICIES AND SERVICES WILL END ON JUNE 10.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SEND IN THEIR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF REHABILITATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (RDCC) AT A SPECIAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

AT THE MEETING, RDCC MEMBERS HAD A DETAILED DISCUSSION ON THE GREEN PAPER AND EXPRESSED THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS ON IT.

THEY LEARNED THAT SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DOCUMENT, 33 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBMISSIONS REVEALED THAT AREAS THAT DRAW MOST CONCERN WERE PREVENTION, IDENTIFICATIONS AND ASSESSMENT, MEDICAL REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED PERSONS AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.

SUGGESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALSO INCLUDED:

- \* PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SUBSEQUENT WHITE PAPER SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED;
- \* THE PROJECTED ANNUAL INCREASE OF 2.95% FOR IMPROVING REHABILITATION SERVICES SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 6% BECAUSE THERE ARE ALREADY SHORTFALLS IN EXISTING SERVICES AND A WIDE RANGE OF MAINSTREAM SERVICES IS INADEQUATE;

/\* THE GOVERNMENT .....

- \* THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MEET THE EXISTING SHORTFALLS WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, INSTEAD OF 10 YEARS; AND
- \* THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SET OUT CLEARLY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE GREEN PAPER.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING, COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR ALLAN CHOW, SAID THE CONSULTATION PERIOD OF THE GREEN PAPER WOULD END ON JUNE 10.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL, HAVING REGARD TO PUBLIC RESPONSE, ADJUST THE RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER THE CONSULTATION PERIOD AND SET OUT LONG-TERM STRATEGIES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICE," HE SAID.

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NEW PENSION SCHEME DEADLINE EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE WITHIN WHICH PENSIONABLE CIVIL SERVANTS MUST DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH TO JOIN THE NEW PENSION SCHEME (NPS).

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THAT THE DEADLINE WAS BEING EXTENDED FROM JUNE 30 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992.

"THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT MANY STAFF ARE STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER TO OPT FOR THE NPS AND HAVE ASKED US FOR A FINAL EXTENSION," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE REQUEST AND HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO IT.

"BUT FURTHER EXTENSION BEYOND THE END OF THIS YEAR WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION.

"STAFF HAVE ALREADY HAD A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS," HE SAID.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EXTENSION OFFICERS WILL HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1992 OR THEIR 50TH BIRTHDAY, WHICHEVER IS THE SOONER, TO DECIDE WHETHER TO OPT FOR THE NPS.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE ALREADY OPTED HOWEVER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REVOKE THEIR OPTIONS AS THIS IS NOT PERMISSIBLE UNDER PENSIONS LEGISLATION.

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TWO BUILDINGS IN TAI PO DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED THE BUILDING AT 20 ON FU ROAD IN TAI PO TO BE DANGEROUS AND THE BUILDING AT 18 OF THE SAME ROAD TOGETHER WITH THE ANNEXES AT THE REAR OF THE TWO BUILDINGS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (TUESDAY), THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) SAID THE STRUCTURES AT 18 AND 20 ON FU ROAD WERE TWO-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOFS ON LOAD BEARING BRICK WALLS.

AT THE REAR OF EACH BUILDING IS A SINGLE-STORY ANNEX MADE OF TIMBER RAFTERS WITH ASBESTOS COVERINGS ON LOAD-BEARING BRICK/RUBBLE WALLS.

THE BUILDING AT 20 IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DILAPIDATION WITH A NUMBER OF CRACKS IN THE EXTERNAL FLANK WALL AND DEFECTIVE RAFTERS AT THE REAR.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE BUILDING SHOULD BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS BEING DANGEROUS.

WHEREAS THE BUILDING AT 18 IS IN DILAPIDATED CONDITION WITH CRACKS IN THE PARTY WALL COMMON WITH THE BUILDING AT 20 AND HAS DEFECTIVE FLOOR JOISTS AS WELL AS DECAYED ROOF RAFTERS.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE BUILDING AT 18 CANNOT SAFELY WITHSTAND THE EFFECT OF DEMOLITION OF NUMBER 20 AND IT SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS BEING LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PGBS ALSO SAID THE ANNEXES AT THE REAR OF 18 AND 20 ON FU ROAD ARE IN POOR CONDITION WITH DEFECTIVE ROOF RAFTERS AND BADLY DETERIORATED LOAD BEARING BRICK/RUBBLE WALLS.

THE ANNEXES HAVE DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND VIABLE REPAIR AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS BEING LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIVES AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 23 WERE POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS TODAY.

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WEATHER OF APRIL

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PROLONGED HEAVY DOWNPOURS AFFECTED HONG KONG LAST MONTH.

AS A RESULT OF TORRENTIAL RAIN, THE MONTHLY RAINFALL TOTAL ROSE TO A RECORD HIGH OF 492.2 MILLIMETRES, MAKING THE MONTH THE WETTEST APRIL SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO 917.4 MILLIMETRES, BREAKING THE RECORD FOR THE PERIOD LAST SET IN 1983 WHEN 916.4 MILLIMETRES WERE RECORDED.

MOST OF THE RAIN FELL IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH.

RAIN WAS HEAVIEST ON APRIL 10, WITH A TOTAL OF 160.7 MILLIMETRES, WHICH WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR A SINGLE DAY IN APRIL.

THERE WERE ONLY A FEW BRIEF GLIMPSES OF THE SUN IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH AND THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE IN APRIL WAS LESS THAN 70% OF NORMAL.

BROADLY SPEAKING, THE RAIN EPISODE LASTING FROM APRIL 3 TO 11 OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN TWO DIFFERENT AIR MASSES, A COOLER ONE FROM INLAND CHINA AND A WARMER ONE WITH MARITIME ORIGIN, MET ALONG THE COAST OF GUANGDONG NEAR HONG KONG.

THE MONTH STARTED OFF FOGGY WITH LIGHT RAIN ON APRIL 1.

THE VISIBILITY FELL TO 100 METRES INSIDE THE HARBOUR IN THE MORNING AND LED TO THE DISRUPTION OF HOVER FERRY SERVICES TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE ONSET OF EASTERLIES GRADUALLY LIFTED THE FOG THE FOLLOWING DAY BUT OVERCAST SKIES PERSISTED.

AFTER THE FRESHENING OF THE COOLER EASTERLIES OVERNIGHT, THE MORNING MINIMUM ON APRIL 3 DROPPED TO 17.4 DEGREES, THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

THE PASSAGE OF AN AREA OF THUNDERSTORMS THEN BROUGHT HEAVY RAIN TO HONG KONG THAT EVENING, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A PROLONGED WET SPELL.

AFTER A BRIGHT START ON APRIL 4 (CHING MING FESTIVAL), HEAVY DOWNPOURS AND THUNDERSTORMS RETURNED IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

HAIL WAS REPORTED AT CAUSEWAY BAY AND POKFULAM VILLAGE ABOUT 5 PM.

ANOTHER FOUR RAINY DAYS FOLLOWED WITH TWO REPLENISHMENTS OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON REACHING THE TERRITORY ON APRIL 5 AND 8.

/FLOODS, LANDSLIPS .....

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FLOODS, LANDSLIPS AND TOPPLED TREES WERE REPORTED OVER VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY BETWEEN APRIL 5 AND 7.

ON APRIL 6, THE RESIDENTS OF A BUILDING IN HAPPY VALLEY NEAR A SCENE OF LANDSLIDE HAD TO BE EVACUATED.

AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A RAIN BAND AND THE MODERATION OF THE WINDS, RAIN BECAME LESS FREQUENT ON APRIL 9 AND A LITTLE SUNSHINE MANAGED TO PENETRATE THROUGH THE CLOUDS IN THE MORNING.

HOWEVER, RAINSTORM RETURNED THE NEXT DAY WITH EVEN GREATER RAINFALL INTENSITY. MOST OF THE RAINFALL WAS RECORDED DURING THE EVENING AND MORE THAN 45 MILLIMETRES WERE RECORDED BETWEEN 8 AND 9 PM THAT NIGHT.

THE HEAVY DOWNPOURS CAUSED ADDITIONAL MUDSLIPS AND FLOODS OVER HONG KONG. SOME RESIDENTS IN MOUNT DAVIS AND RENNIE'S HILL WERE EVACUATED AS A RESULT AND A HUT IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND WAS DAMAGED BY A FALLEN BOULDER.

IN THE SMALL HOURS OF APRIL 11, THE COLLAPSE OF A RETAINING WALL AT TSIM SHA TSUI BLOCKED THE WAY LEADING TO ESCOLA CAMOES PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

THEN FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE, A NORTHERLY AIRSTREAM ARRIVED IN HONG KONG DURING THE DAY, PUTTING AN END TO THE RAIN SPELL.

IT REMAINED CLOUDY ON APRIL 12 AND 13. AS THE NORTHEAST MONSOON MODERATED, COASTAL MIST RETURNED ON APRIL 13.

HOWEVER, CLOUDS THINNED AND THERE WERE SOME BRIGHT PERIODS THE NEXT DAY. WITH FURTHER DISPERSION OF CLOUDS, HONG KONG ENJOYED TWO FINE AND WARM DAYS ON APRIL 15 AND 16.

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGAN WITH INCREASING CLOUD AMOUNT ON APRIL 17. ON APRIL 18 AND 19, MIST THICKENED AND RAIN SET IN AS THE EASTERLIES GAVE WAY TO A WARMER MARITIME AIRFLOW.

A TAIWANESE CARGO SHIP AND A LIGHTER COLLIDED NEAR TSING YI ISLAND ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 19, BEFORE THE WEATHER TURNED FINE AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON.

HOWEVER, IN THE NEXT FOUR DAYS, SUCCESSIVE OUTBREAKS OF COOL EASTERLIES ALONG THE COAST OF SOUTHEASTERN CHINA BROUGHT CLOUDY WEATHER AND LIGHT RAIN TO HONG KONG.

AS THE ANTICYCLONE OVER EAST CHINA WEAKENED, THE EASTERLIES AFFECTING THE TERRITORY MODERATED AND THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE AND WARM APART FROM PATCHES OF FOG AND DRIZZLE IN THE MORNING FROM APRIL 24 TO 26.

WITH PROLONGED SUNSHINE, TEMPERATURES WERE ON THE RISE DURING THE LAST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH AS A SOUTH TO SOUTHWESTERLY AIRFLOW ESTABLISHED ITSELF ALONG THE SOUTH CHINA COAST. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 29.6 DEGREES RECORDED ON APRIL 30 AFTERNOON WAS THE HIGHEST IN THE MONTH.

/NO TROPICAL .....

NO TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH.

THIRTEEN AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER IN APRIL.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE IN EFFECT ON APRIL 3-11, 18 AND 21-22. FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 5, 6, 8, 10 AND 11. NO SIGNALS WERE HOISTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	75.5 HOURS; 33.4 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	9.50 MJ/SQM; 3.64 MJ/SQM BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	492.2 MM; 330.7 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	85%; 7% MORE THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	87%; 4% HIGHER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	24.3 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	21.9 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.3 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	20.3 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	19.5 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.5 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	57.9 MM; 49.0 MM BELOW NORMAL

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REGIONAL SECRETARY TO OFFICIATE AT BUN FESTIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO CHEUNG CHAU NEXT MONDAY (MAY 18) WHEN THE ISLANDERS HOLD A GRANT PROCESSION TO CELEBRATE THE WEEK-LONG BUN FESTIVAL.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR ALBERT LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EVENT ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU 'TA CHIU' 1992 COMMITTEE.

THE TWO-HOUR PARADE, INVOLVING SOME 2,000 PEOPLE AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN, WILL START AT 2 PM FROM PAK TEI TEMPLE AND MAKE ITS WAY THROUGH THE BUSTLING ALLEYWAYS TO FUNG SHUI LANE IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHEK HAU.

/THE PROCESSION .....

THE PROCESSION WILL THEN MAKE A CIRCUIT OF CHEUNG CHAU TOWN AND RETURN TO PAK TEI TEMPLE.

THERE WILL BE 13 FLOATS, LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLAG PARADES, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND FESTIVAL MUSIC FEATURING DRUMS AND GONGS.

SHRINES OF DEITIES AND THE FAMED SWORD OF THE GOD, PAK TEI, WILL ALSO BE FEATURED.

THE BUN FESTIVAL, HELD TO APPEASE THE WANDERING SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY PIRATES ON THE ISLAND IN THE EARLY DAYS, HAS BEEN ORGANISED ANNUALLY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE FESTIVAL, FEATURING DAILY CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS, EYE-DOTTING CEREMONIES FOR LIONS AND UNICORNS, A GHOST-WORSHIPPING CEREMONY, A SMALLER SCALE PARADE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BUNS, WILL START ON FRIDAY (MAY 15) WITH THE PROCESSION ON MONDAY BEING THE CLIMAX.

AS A TOKEN OF SINCERITY AND HUMILITY, THE ISLANDERS WILL NOT TAKE MEAT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS BEGINNING FROM SATURDAY. NO ANIMALS WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 18).

PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISIONS OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 30TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ORGANISATION WILL BE GIVEN ONLY ONE BADGE.

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#### EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING VITAL TO WORK SAFETY

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ENSURE SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING CONDITIONS.

THE REMARK WAS MADE BY SENIOR EXPERT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) DR KARI KURPPA AT THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT-TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR TRAINERS THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL TO TRAIN THE TRAINERS WHO CAN IMPLEMENT FLEXIBLE TRAINING PROGRAMMES," DR KURPPA SAID.

/"POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS .....

"POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS AT WORKPLACES MUST BE ENCOURAGED DURING TRAINING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES THROUGH DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF MANAGERS AND WORKERS," HE SAID.

THE SYMPOSIUM IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC OF THE ILO AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MORE THAN 100 INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISORS AND SAFETY OFFICERS TOOK PART.

"THE SYMPOSIUM IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE ILO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROJECT AS IT IS THE FIRST TRAINING ACTIVITY FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY A LONG-TERM ILO PROJECT NOW LAUNCHED TO ADVANCE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN ASIA," DR KURPPA SAID.

HE SAID THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS CALLED THE ASIAN REGIONAL PROGRAMME ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, WOULD HAVE PARTICIPANTS FROM 20 ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES OR AREAS, INCLUDING HONG KONG.

ONE OF THE MAIN STRATEGIES OF THE PROGRAMME IS THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COST-EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL LAST FOR FOUR YEARS, BUT THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO RUN 20 YEARS.

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YAN OI TONG DIRECTORS VISIT SWD

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THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN OI TONG TODAY (TUESDAY) PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CASEY HO KWAN-CHU, OUTLINED THE EXISTING SERVICES BY YAN OI TONG AND THANKED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR OFFERING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO THEIR PLANNED PROJECTS.

MR CARTLAND COMMENDED THE ORGANISATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND ASSURED BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN SAI KUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO MOST PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG A SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM FEI NGO SHAN ROAD TO SHAW'S STUDIO, INCLUDING PIK UK PRISON, CLEAR WATER BAY APARTMENTS AND THOSE AT ANDERSON ROAD AND RAZOR HILL ROAD.

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LEGCO TO MEET TOMORROW

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE TWO SEPARATE MOTIONS ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ONE OF THE MOTIONS, PROPOSED BY THE HON TIK CHI-YUEN, URGES THE GOVERNMENT, IN FORMULATING NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, TO INCREASE THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

THE OTHER MOTION TO BE MOVED BY THE HON ALBERT CHAN IS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD.

MEANWHILE, THE HON TAM YIU-CHUNG WILL RAISE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON CHINESE MEDICINE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO ASK A TOTAL OF 21 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SIX BILLS AT THE MEETING.

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

THEY ARE POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992, EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1992, CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 AND LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992.

DEBATES ON BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 AND STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 WILL BE RESUMED. THE TWO BILLS ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS UNDER THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ORDINANCE AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (INCREASE) ORDINANCE.

ALSO, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

/THE SECRETARY .....

THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY WILL TABLE THE REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1991-92.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL TABLE THE GOVERNMENT MINUTE IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 1992.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS  
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TENDER DATE	12 MAY 92	12 MAY 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q220	H264
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,200 MN	HKD 970 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.60 PCT	3.79 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.60 PCT	3.79 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 87 PCT	ABOUT 95 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.64 PCT	3.84 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDER TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 18 MAY 1992 -

TENDER DATE	18 MAY 92	19 MAY 92	19 MAY 92
PAPER ON OFFER	GOVT BONDS	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	2405	Q221	Y290
ISSUE DATE	19 MAY 92	20 MAY 92	20 MAY 92
MATURITY DATE	19 MAY 94	19 AUG 92	19 MAY 93
TENOR	2 YEARS	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$ 500 + 100 MN	HK\$500 + 100 MN	HK\$200 + 60 MN
COUPON	5.50 PCT	N.A.	N.A.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	11.5.92	988
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	12.5.92	-30
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+30
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.5 \*-0.2\* 12.5.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.47 PCT	18 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.20	4.78
1 MONTH	3.52 PCT	21 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.60	5.20
3 MONTHS	3.57 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.78 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.20 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 8,647 MN

CLOSED 12 MAY 1992

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