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HK HOSTS FIRST WORLD HPB SURGERY CONGRESS

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HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE TO BE THE FIRST VENUE OF THE WORLD CONGRESS ON HEPATO-PANCREATO-BILIARY (HPB) SURGERY OUTSIDE EUROPE AND TO HAVE AN ASSEMBLY OF SO MANY DISTINGUISHED EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF HPB SURGERY FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS, SIR DAVID SAID THE CONFERENCE COINCIDED WITH A TIME OF IMPORTANT CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S MEDICAL SECTOR.

FIRST, HE SAID HONG KONG HAD AT PRESENT ESTABLISHED A NEW INDEPENDENT STATUTORY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND 36 PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAD RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT UNDER ITS CARE.

SECONDLY, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WAS TO BE GIVEN GREATER EMPHASIS AND IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN PREVENTIVE, PROMOTIVE AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND REDUCE OTHER MEDICAL EXPENDITURE IN THE LONGER TERM.

THIRDLY, HE ADDED, AN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE WAS ABOUT TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LOCAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

"THESE ARE MAJOR MILESTONES IN OUR MEDICAL HISTORY - AS IS THE WORLD ASSOCIATION'S DECISION TO HOLD ITS 1992 WORLD CONGRESS HERE IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I AM SURE YOU WILL FIND THAT WE DO HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID APART FROM IMPROVING SERVICES AND FACILITIES, HONG KONG HAD COME A LONG WAY IN DEVELOPING NEW TREATMENTS FOR LIVER AND BILIARY DISEASES.

NASO-BILIARY DRAINAGE PIONEERED BY HONG KONG SURGEONS HAS GAINED WIDE ACCEPTANCE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA TO OBTAIN THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

HE SAID SELECTIVE INTERNAL RADIATION THERAPY, DEVELOPED IN HONG KONG, AT PRESENT GAVE HOPE TO MANY PATIENTS WITH INOPERABLE LIVER CANCERS.

LAPROSCOPIC SURGERY IS CARRIED OUT REGULARLY IN HONG KONG, THIS REDUCES PAIN TO PATIENTS AND SPEEDS UP THEIR RECOVERY.

HE SAID LIVER TRANSPLANT HAD ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED TO BRING NEW LIFE TO MANY WITH PREVIOUSLY INCURABLE LIVER DISEASES.

SIR DAVID SAID THE WORLD CONGRESS EXEMPLIFIED THE INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON TREATMENTS FOR HPB DISEASES.

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"IT ALSO UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY ASIAN TERRITORIES TO THIS FIELD," HE SAID.

"I KNOW THAT OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WILL TREASURE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR KNOWLEDGE, OUR IDEAS AND OUR EXPERIENCE," HE SAID.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF HPB SURGERY ON ITS EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE WORLD CONGRESS HERE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF SIR DAVID AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE BOXED WHILE THE FULL TEXT OF HIS SPEECH, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE FAXED.

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SOUTH-EAST KOWLOON DEVELOPMENT STUDY CONTRACT

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AN \$11 MILLION PLANNING STUDY ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH-EAST KOWLOON, INCLUDING THE SITE OF THE EXISTING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL BE COMMISSIONED TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR PETER PUN, WILL SIGN A CONTRACT WITH A GROUP OF CONSULTANTS, LED BY LLEWELYN-DAVIES LIMITED HONG KONG, FOR THE STUDY WHICH WILL TRANSLATE THE METROPLAN CONCEPT FOR SOUTH-EAST KOWLOON INTO A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT.

THE STUDY WILL COVER A TOTAL POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA OF ABOUT 530 HECTARES INCLUDING THE EXISTING AIRPORT SITE OF ABOUT 230 HECTARES AND THE ADJOINING AREAS OF RECLAMATION AT KOWLOON BAY.

IT WILL TAKE FORWARD THE METROPLAN'S OUTLINE PROPOSALS AND DESIGN PARAMETERS TO PRODUCE FOR THE AREA AN OPTIMAL PATTERN OF LAND USE AND AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

IT WILL ALSO IDENTIFY PACKAGES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH ASSOCIATED MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL SYSTEMS (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, STORM WATER DRAINAGE, SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES) AND THE BROAD SEQUENCE OF WORKS.

THE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

NEWS MEDIA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5/F, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL AT 3 PM, TUESDAY (JUNE 9).

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WOMEN STATUS IN HK

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WOMEN IN HONG KONG ENJOY A HIGHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS THAN IN MOST ASIAN COUNTRIES, THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INSTALLATION OF ZONTA CLUB HONG KONG EAST, HE SAID EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR WOMEN IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN IMPROVING MUCH FASTER THAN FOR MEN.

"THE NUMBER OF FEMALE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UPPER FORMS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRENTLY EXCEEDS THAT OF MALE STUDENTS. THIS IS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MORE MALES IN THAT AGE GROUP," HE SAID.

AMONG STUDENTS RECEIVING TERTIARY EDUCATION, 20,000 OR 37% ARE FEMALE.

MR SZE SAID THE NUMBER OF WORKING WOMEN HAD INCREASED BY 20.7% DURING THE LAST DECADE AND NOW COMPRISED 38% OF THE WORKFORCE.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS IN THE 20-29 AGE GROUP WHERE OVER 80% WERE EMPLOYED.

"HOWEVER, IT IS IN THE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT THAT WE SUSPECT THAT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX EXISTS AND GOVERNMENT ATTENTION IS REQUIRED," HE SAID.

"IN RECOGNITION OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF JOHN CHAN, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM AND TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS," MR SZE SAID.

"OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE DESIRABLE BUT ITS ACHIEVEMENT DOES NOT HINGE ON GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION MUST THEREFORE BE ACCORDED LOWER PRIORITY," MR SZE ADDED.

MR SZE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CAUTIOUS IN ITS RESPONSE TO CALLS TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND THE SETTING UP OF A WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

THIS WAS BECAUSE WOMEN IN HONG KONG ALREADY ENJOYED A HIGHER DE FACTO STATUS THAN WOMEN IN MOST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENT RESOURCES MUST BE CONCENTRATED ON IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION TO ENSURE THAT THE WAY OF LIFE REMAINED UNCHANGED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES BY PROVIDING EQUAL TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR WOMEN AND MEN.

"PARITY OF PAY WAS ACHIEVED TOTALLY IN 1973 AND EQUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL BENEFITS IN 1981," HE SAID.

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REGISTRATION OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANK REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF MIDDLE EAST BANK LIMITED AS A RESTRICTED LICENCE BANK HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 2, 1992 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 32(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE TO OVERSEAS UK ELECTORS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS FOR REGISTRATION AS AN OVERSEAS ELECTOR IN UK PARLIAMENTARY AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

"BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING IN HONG KONG MAY CONTACT THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT 2ND FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG BY WRITING OR IN PERSON TO OBTAIN THE FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT OF 1989, THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR PEOPLE LIVING ABROAD HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM FIVE TO TWENTY YEARS.

THAT MEANS IF A BRITISH CITIZEN LEFT THE UK AS LONG AGO AS OCTOBER 1972, HE CAN STILL VOTE.

HE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO DECLARE AN INTENTION TO RETURN TO THE UK AND THE VOTE WILL BE CAST IN THE CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE OR HIS FAMILY WERE REGISTERED BEFORE LEAVING THE UK.

PEOPLE WHO LEFT THE UK BEFORE THEY WERE OLD ENOUGH TO BE INCLUDED ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER MAY REGISTER AS OVERSEAS ELECTORS.

"IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, POTENTIAL ELECTORS WILL HAVE TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT DIRECT TO THEIR ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICE BY OCTOBER 10, 1992 (SEPTEMBER 15 IF THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO BRITISH CITIZENS FOR HELP IN INFORMING ANYONE THEY KNOW LIVING ABROAD ABOUT THIS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 60.8% OF CAPACITY OR 356.027 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 129.090 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 22% OF CAPACITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO CONSERVE WATER AND AVOID WASTAGE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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8 JUNE 1992

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,068 MN
REVERSAL OF LAF	-80 MN *
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	988 MN
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	988 MN

\* LATE O/N ASST PROVIDED ON 4/6

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 111.2 \*-0.1\* 8.6.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.99 PCT	18 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.36	4.59
1 MONTH	2.90 PCT	21 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.06	4.89
3 MONTHS	2.91 PCT	24 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.81	5.12
6 MONTHS	3.27 PCT					
12 MONTHS	3.96 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 6,536 MN

CLOSED 8 JUNE 1992

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