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GOVERNOR EXPECTS BRITISH POLICY TO REMAIN CONSTANT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) HE WOULD EXPECT BRITISH POLICY TO REMAIN CONSTANT TOWARDS HONG KONG DESPITE THE RESHUFFLE OF THE CABINET.

"I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY EFFECT ON BRITISH POLICY. IT'S AFTER ALL, A POLICY WHICH COMES FROM THE CABINET AS A WHOLE, AND NOT SIMPLY FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID MADE THE REMARKS AFTER A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHEN HE WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS TO COMMENT ON THE RESHUFFLE INVOLVING SIR GEOFFREY HOWE.

SIR DAVID HOPED THAT THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR JOHN MAJOR, WOULD TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO HONG KONG AND FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

HE NOTED THAT MR MAJOR HAD A GREAT REPUTATION IN PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HAD BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB IN THE POST THAT HE HAD JUST LEFT. BUT UP TO NOW, HE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

"I WOULD HOPE THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HE WILL TAKE A CHANCE TO COME HERE AND SEE THINGS FOR HIMSELF, AND BRIEF HIMSELF VERY THOROUGHLY ON HONG KONG," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THERE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A LEARNING CURVE FOR THE NEW SECRETARY AND HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT MR MAJOR WOULD GO THROUGH THAT LEARNING CURVE VERY QUICKLY.

"THAT'S WHY I WAS SAYING THAT THE SOONER HE DOES IT THE BETTER. BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR HONG KONG. WE DO NEED A SECRETARY OF STATE WHO UNDERSTANDS HONG KONG AFFAIRS AND UNDERSTANDS IT PERSONALLY.

"SO THE SOONER HE CAN START THAT PROCESS, THE HAPPIER I SHALL BE," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE RESHUFFLE WOULD HOLD UP THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE AFFECTED BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A CABINET QUESTION AND NOT SIMPLY ONE FOR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, WHICH WAS GENEROUS, TO BE MADE AS SOON AS THEY COULD POSSIBLY DO IT.

/SIR DAVID .....

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SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT SIR GEOFFREY WAS LEAVING HIS PRESENT POST.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SIR GEOFFREY HAD BEEN VERY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS AND HAD BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO HONG KONG.

"BUT IT IS FORTUNATE THAT HE WILL BE THERE AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. SO THERE WILL BE SIR GEOFFREY HOWE IN THE BACKGROUND KNOWING ABOUT OUR AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

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FS CONFIDENT HK CAN CONTINUE TO PROSPER

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF MANY PROBLEMS, HE REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG CAN CONTINUE TO PROSPER IN FUTURE AS IT HAS DONE SO IN THE PAST.

HE SAID HIS CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM WAS BASED ON HONG KONG'S HEALTHY ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, ITS LEGENDARY RESILIENCE AND THE FACT THAT HONG KONG WAS, IN ITS OWN RIGHT, A TRADING CENTRE FOR THE WIDER ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

"WE HAVE PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AND THIS HAS BEEN SO DESPITE ANYTHING THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN CHINA OVER THE YEARS.

"THERE IS NO REASON WHY HONG KONG SHOULD NOT IN FUTURE PLAY ITS PART IN THE CONTINUING DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE PACIFIC RIM," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE BIMONTHLY LUNCHEON OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, SIR PIERS NOTED THAT HE DID NOT, FOR A MOMENT, PRETEND THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE WAS WITHOUT PROBLEMS.

"NOR AM I SUGGESTING THAT THE RECENT DRAMATIC GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY WILL CONTINUE, COME WHAT MAY.

"WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN CHINA RECENTLY MUST HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG IN TERMS OF ITS TRADE, AND THIS IS A FACT WE CANNOT IGNORE.

"BUT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT OVER-REACT TO SINGLE EVENTS OR CHANGES IN DIRECTION," HE SAID.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS, SIR PIERS SAID HONG KONG HAD ALWAYS EXPERIENCED VOLATILITY.

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"WE HAVE SEEN SOME VERY DIFFICULT TIMES OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS. BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH, AND INDEED WE HAVE USUALLY EMERGED STRONGER THAN BEFORE.

"HONG KONG'S RESILIENCE IS LEGENDARY. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS INNATE ABILITY TO EXPLOIT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES SUCCESSFULLY WILL SEE US THROUGH AGAIN," HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, SIR PIERS SAID: "WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPERTISE AS WELL AS SOUND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

"HONG KONG IS, AND WILL REMAIN, CHINA'S BEST SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, HER BEST ENGINE OF GROWTH, AND THE BEST PROMOTER OF WEALTH.

"I BELIEVE THAT WE IN HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURAL LINKS WITH CHINA WHILE DOING EVERYTHING TO PRESERVE OUR SEPARATE IDENTITY WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION," HE SAID.

ON THE TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA, SIR PIERS POINTED OUT THAT CHINA HAD SINCE 1985 OVERTAKEN THE UNITED STATES AS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS.

"FURTHERMORE, IT IS NOW THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, JUST AFTER THE UNITED STATES, AND IT IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF OUR IMPORTS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT TWO-WAY MERCHANDISE TRADE GREW BY AN AVERAGE 39 PER CENT EVERY YEAR IN HONG KONG DOLLAR TERMS BETWEEN 1978 AND 1988.

WHILE MANY HAD QUESTIONED WHETHER ALL THIS GROWTH COULD BE SUSTAINED IN THE YEARS TO COME, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY DID NOT BELIEVE THE OUTLOOK FOR CHINA TRADE WAS AS BLEAK AS THE PESSIMISTS WOULD HAVE IT.

"CHINA HAS REITERATED ITS DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO TRADE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND I FOR ONE BELIEVE THAT THE TIDE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO ENSURE THAT IN THE MEDIUM TO LONG TERM BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

"IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE, OF COURSE, CONCERNED ABOUT SUGGESTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT THE MOST FAVOURED NATION TARIFF STATUS BE WITHDRAWN FROM CHINA," HE POINTED OUT, NOTING THAT THIS WOULD VERY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE TARIFFS ON MOST CHINA-MADE PRODUCTS.

"MUCH OF HONG KONG'S BUSINESS WOULD NATURALLY BE AFFECTED. AND SO WE ARE TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS HOW DAMAGING SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND TO THE CASE OF ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION IN CHINA," HE SAID.

TURNING TO TRADE IN THE REGION, SIR PIERS SAID HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH EAST ASIA HAD BEEN GROWING, WITH ASIA'S PORTION OF OUR TOTAL TRADE RISING FROM 45 PER CENT 10 YEARS AGO TO 58 PER CENT NOW.

"SINCE 1970, OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE RISEN 17 TIMES, TO JAPAN 22 TIMES AND TO SOUTH KOREA 66 TIMES. IMPORTS FROM THESE COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN SIMILAR DRAMATIC GROWTH.

"THERE IS EVERY SIGN THAT REGIONAL TRADE WILL GROW FURTHER IN THE YEARS TO COME. HONG KONG MUST GRASP THE OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY MANIFEST THEMSELVES, AND SECURE ITS MARKET SHARE," HE SAID.

ON TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID THE U.S. WAS STILL OUR LARGEST AND BEST MARKET.

"THERE ARE, HOWEVER, WELCOME INDICATIONS THAT OUR RELIANCE ON THE UNITED STATES AS A MARKET HAS GRADUALLY DECLINED IN RECENT YEARS, MAINLY AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS IN MARKET DIVERSIFICATION.

"NEVERTHELESS, HONG KONG'S CLOSE TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES. THIS RELATIONSHIP IS REINFORCED BY A MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO OPEN UP MARKETS AND BY THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN UNITED STATES EXPORTS TO HONG KONG," HE SAID.

AS FOR TRADE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC), HE SAID IN 1988, THE EC AS A GROUP REMAINED OUR THIRD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, AFTER CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

SPEAKING OF THE SUDDEN SPATE OF EC ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING HONG KONG PRODUCTS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE LATE 1988, SIR PIERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANIES CONCERNED WERE RESPONDING ROBUSTLY.

"WE HAVE ASKED FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF GATT. THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW IN GENEVA," HE SAID.

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VIEWS ON APPOINTMENT SYSTEM SOUGHT

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1991.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAN SAID THERE WERE TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON THIS ISSUE.

"ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT FAVOURED ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED AND THEREFORE THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM COULD BE SCRAPPED AFTER 1991 SO AS TO MAKE DISTRICT BOARDS 100 PER CENT REPRESENTATIVE," HE SAID.

/MR LAN .....

MR LAN ADDED THAT THOSE WHO ADVOCATED A FULLY ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD BELIEVED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD BE ABLE TO PRODUCE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THE ELECTORATE WAS DISCERNING.

THE OTHER SCHOOL OF THOUGHT, HOWEVER, ADVOCATED RETAINING THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM ON THE GROUND THAT IT WOULD ENSURE A BALANCED VIEW ON THE BOARDS, PARTICULARLY WHEN TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES OF A POLICY NATURE WERE BEING LOOKED AT DURING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS.

"I, THEREFORE, WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE QUESTIONS WHETHER ALL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY DIRECT ELECTIONS AFTER 1991, WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM SHOULD BE RETAINED, AND WHETHER THE EXISTING RATIO OF TWO ELECTED MEMBERS TO ONE APPOINTED MEMBER IS APPROPRIATE," MR LAN TOLD THE MEETING.

ON THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE 1988 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, 10 DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL IN 1991. THEY WOULD REPLACE THE 10 MEMBERS CURRENTLY ELECTED BY THE GEOGRAPHICAL (DISTRICT BOARD) CONSTITUENCIES OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

"HOWEVER, RECENTLY SOME PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SPEEDED UP BEFORE 1997," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS POINT.

THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, WOULD RE-EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS OF THE 1988 WHITE PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AS TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991.

"IN CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE FULL SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC VIEWS EXPRESSED," MR LAN SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, HAD TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IT WAS IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN THE CLEAR SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY BEFORE ANY PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE WOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

"THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, HOPES THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH A CLEAR DIRECTION ON WHICH TO BASE ITS DECISION," MR LAN SAID.

EARLIER, MR LAN TOLD THE MEETING THAT FOLLOWING ON THE SUCCESS OF A SERIES OF "A STEP CLOSER" SEMINARS FOR AREA COMMITTEES, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WAS ORGANISING A SIMILAR SERIES FOR OTHER DISTRICT BODIES SUCH AS KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS DISTRICT SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS.

THE NEXT SEMINAR WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 3, TO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM 65 KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS. MR LAN SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE TURNOUT WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE.

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SHEK KONG SECURITY FENCE TO BE STRENGTHENED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY FENCE AT THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE AND WORKS WILL START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES BY THE CAMP MANAGEMENT, AN IMPROVED SECURITY FENCE WILL BE BUILT AT THE CAMP TO PREVENT BREAK-IN OR ESCAPE FROM THE CAMP," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"WORKS WILL START ONCE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN FINALISED.

"THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE NEW FENCE INSTALLATION WILL BE IN THE REGION OF ABOUT \$7 MILLION. IT WILL TAKE ABOUT A FEW WEEKS TO COMPLETE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SHEK KONG CAMP WAS QUICKLY PUT INTO USE LAST MONTH WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS FAST RUNNING OUT OF EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION AND OVERWHELMED BY THE CONTINUING LARGE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"IN MAY AND JUNE, WE HAD ALTOGETHER 18,860 BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVALS," HE SAID.

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GRANT OF SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) CONSIDERED THE FORMAL APPLICATION BY THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO. LTD. (COMMERCIAL RADIO) FOR A NEW LICENCE WHEN ITS CURRENT LICENCE EXPIRES ON AUGUST 25 THIS YEAR.

COMMERCIAL RADIO'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE.

A FINAL DRAFT OF THE LICENCE DOCUMENT INCORPORATING PRIMARILY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPROVED IN GENERAL TERMS IN APRIL WAS ALSO SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY.

"THE NEW LICENCE CONDITIONS WILL ENSURE THAT THE AIRWAVES ARE PROPERLY USED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. ENHANCE THE EFFICACY OF THE REGULATORY SYSTEM, AND IMPROVE FURTHER THE QUALITY OF COMMERCIAL SOUND BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT, UNDER THE NEW LICENCE CONDITIONS, COMMERCIAL RADIO WOULD BE GRANTED A 12-YEAR LICENCE VALID FROM AUGUST 26, 1989 TO AUGUST 25, 2001, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON OR AFTER AUGUST 26, 1995.

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"THE NEW LICENCE RESTRICTS COMMERCIAL RADIO'S BUSINESSES TO RADIO BROADCASTING AND DIRECTLY CONNECTED OR ASSOCIATED BUSINESSES APPROVED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY," HE SAID.

"COMMERCIAL RADIO MAY NOT HOLD INTERESTS IN OTHER COMPANIES UNLESS THE HOLDING IS APPROVED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE BUSINESSES OF THOSE COMPANIES BEING DIRECTLY CONNECTED OR ASSOCIATED WITH RADIO BROADCASTING AND TO THE LICENSEE (OR A SUBSIDIARY) HOLDING AT LEAST 51 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF THOSE COMPANIES AND TO THE LICENSEE HAVING CONTROL OVER THEIR MANAGEMENT.

"THE LICENCE REQUIRES COMMERCIAL RADIO TO BROADCAST ONE ENGLISH SERVICE AND TWO CHINESE SERVICES. COMMERCIAL RADIO IS ALSO REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT WHICH FORMED PART OF ITS APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENCE.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN, TOGETHER WITH OTHER LICENCE CONDITIONS, IS TO ENSURE AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF BROADCASTING IN FUTURE.

"COMMERCIAL RADIO IS REQUIRED UNDER THE NEW LICENCE TO LIMIT ADVERTISING TO 12 PER CENT OF DAILY BROADCAST TIME.

"COMMERCIAL RADIO IS ALSO DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT A COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE AND KEEP A RECORD OF ALL COMPLAINTS.

"WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 26, 1989, TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS AND SPONSORSHIP WILL BE PROHIBITED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 PM AND 10.30 PM.

"THERE WILL BE A TOTAL BAN ON TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS/SPONSORSHIP COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 1990. CONSISTENT WITH RULES APPLICABLE TO THE TELEVISION LICENSEES, ALCOHOL ADVERTISEMENTS/SPONSORSHIP WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED ON RADIO BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 PM AND 8.30 PM."

FOR ITS PRIVILEGED USE OF THE AIRWAVES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, COMMERCIAL RADIO IS REQUIRED TO PAY A ROYALTY ON ITS GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ADVERTISING ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ADVERTISING	RATE
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ON THE FIRST \$20 MILLION	1 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$20 MILLION	2 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$20 MILLION	3 PER CENT
ON THE NEXT \$20 MILLION	4 PER CENT
EXCEEDING \$80 MILLION	5 PER CENT

SUBJECT TO A CEILING RATE OF 4 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ADVERTISING.

"AFTER THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1989 HAS COMMENCED (SCHEDULED FOR MID-AUGUST 1989) AND COMMERCIAL RADIO HAS INDICATED COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL WILL BE FORMALLY ASKED IN AUGUST TO GRANT THE NEW LICENCE TO COMMERCIAL RADIO," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES' SALARIES,  
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT HAD MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING THE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BY THE GOVERNOR, FOLLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE BY GOVERNMENT OF THE FINAL REPORT BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE (THE RENNIE COMMITTEE).

AMONG ISSUES WHICH THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY WERE DRIVING AND DIVING ALLOWANCES, THE QUESTION OF PAY GROUPINGS WITHIN THE GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND PARITY IN PAY FOR FIREMEN AND AMBULANCEMEN.

WHEN IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, FIRE SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

SINCE THEN, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ASKED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVISING ON THE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE (RHKAAF).

WHILST THE ICAC HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN ITS OWN PAY SCALE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE ON THE SALARY SCALES FOR THE RHKAAF.

ADDITIONALLY, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS ADVISED ON TWO SPECIFIC ISSUES PUT FORWARD BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD BEEN DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A WORK PROGRAMME WHICH IT HAD AGREED WITH THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES IN APRIL.

STAFF ASSOCIATIONS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROGRAMME, BUT, GIVEN THE CONCERN OF SOME ABOUT ALLOWANCES AND PARITY, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAD MADE IT CLEAR IN APRIL THAT THESE ISSUES WOULD BE DEALT WITH BY MID-JULY.

TO DATE ALL OF THE DEADLINES SET OUT IN THE WORK PROGRAMME HAVE BEEN MET OR BETTERED. THE STANDING COMMITTEE WISHED TO THANK ALL CONCERNED FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO ADHERE TO THE PROGRAMME AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

/THE CHAIRMAN .....

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS MR JOHN SWAINE. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE : MR M.G. BARROW, MR PAUL CHENG, MR WILFRED CHAN, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, MRS NELLIE K.M. FONG, MRS MIRIAM LAU, MR ANTHONY NEOH, MR BRIAN RENWICK AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG.

MR M.G. BARROW AND MR PAUL CHENG ARE ALSO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE RESPECTIVELY.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE 1989.

THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) (OCT. 84/SEP. 85 = 100) FOR JUNE 1989 WERE 129.9 AND 129.3 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 11.0 PER CENT AND 10.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER JUNE 1988. THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE HIGHER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN MAY 1989, AT 10.6 PER CENT AND 10.1 PER CENT.

COMPARING JUNE WITH MAY 1989, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 0.9 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF MOST FOODSTUFFS.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1989, AT 123.4 AND 123.1 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.1 PER CENT AND 8.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 1988.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 1989, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.9 PER CENT PER MONTH.

THE CPI(A) AND THE CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. THE CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2,000 AND \$6,499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6,500 AND \$9,999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR JUNE 1989 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1989 AND JUNE 1988, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)  
CPI(A) CPI(B)

SECTION	INDEX FOR JUNE 89	%CHANGE OVER MAY 89	%CHANGE OVER JUNE 88	INDEX FOR JUNE 89	%CHANGE OVER MAY 89	%CHANGE OVER JUNE 88
FOODSTUFFS	132.2	+2.0	+14.8	133.0	+1.8	+14.7
HOUSING	121.4	+0.4	+7.4	116.9	+0.4	+5.8
FUEL AND LIGHT	96.0	+0.3	+1.8	96.4	+0.2	+1.5
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	133.4	+0.3	+7.3	134.4	+0.4	+7.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	137.3	-0.1	+9.3	140.4	-0.1	+9.7
DURABLE GOODS	122.3	-0.1	+3.1	121.6	-0.1	+3.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	131.5	-0.2	+6.4	131.3	-0.1	+6.0
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	134.5	+0.2	+11.6	133.7	+0.3	+11.6
SERVICES	139.3	+1.4	+10.8	139.6	+1.1	+11.0
ALL ITEMS	129.9	+1.1	+11.0	129.3	+0.9	+10.3

COMPARED WITH MAY 1989, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.0 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.8 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY AND SALT-WATER FISH AS A RESULT OF A TEMPORARY DISRUPTION IN SUPPLY IN THE EARLY PART OF JUNE.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR SUCH ITEMS AROUND TUEN NG FESTIVAL ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE PRICE INCREASE. CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES WERE ALSO HIGHER.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES, CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

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MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JUNE 1989. WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 135.7 IN JUNE 1989, UP BY 0.8 PER CENT OVER MAY 1989 AND UP BY 11.0 PER CENT OVER JUNE 1988. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-\$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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#### COMMITTEE TO PUSH AHEAD WORK PROGRAMME

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THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL PUSH AHEAD ITS WORK PROGRAMME IN THE COMING MONTHS, WITH THE AIM OF HELPING HONG KONG TO MOVE CONFIDENTLY INTO A FUTURE WHERE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL PLAY AN EVER LARGER ROLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR POON CHUNG-KWONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION AND TO ANNOUNCE ITS WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, PROFESSOR POON SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS FOCUSSED ON TWO MAJOR AREAS - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) AND THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WAS A TOP PRIORITY AS ECONOMIES WORLDWIDE BECAME MORE KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE.

"WE RECENTLY PUT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) FOR TRADE AND TRADE RELATED ACTIVITIES. WE ADVISED ON WHY HONG KONG SHOULD MOVE TOWARDS ADOPTING EDI AND ON HOW EDI MIGHT BE DEVELOPED," HE SAID.

PROFESSOR POON SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE FURTHER ON HOW EDI MIGHT BE PROMOTED TO POTENTIAL USERS.

"IN OUR FIRST YEAR, WE ALSO IDENTIFIED SUPERCOMPUTING AS A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE 'IT' INFRASTRUCTURE OF HONG KONG AND WE ARE PLANNING TO CARRY OUT A DETAILED CONSULTANCY STUDY ON HOW NEEDS FOR VERY HIGH-SPEED COMPUTING COULD BE MET.

"IN 1989-90 OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE 'IT' MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN HONG KONG AND, MORE WIDELY, AT THE 'IT' ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE," HE SAID.

PROFESSOR POON SAID THE SECOND MAJOR AREA THE COMMITTEE WAS STUDYING WAS THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG, WHICH WAS AN AREA OF GROWING INTEREST WORLDWIDE.

"WE HAVE PRODUCED A REPORT FOR GOVERNMENT MAPPING OUT THE BROAD OPPORTUNITIES. BIOTECHNOLOGY HOLDS FOR HONG KONG. WE NOW PLAN TO USE A DONATION FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB TO CARRY OUT AN IN-DEPTH CONSULTANCY STUDY," HE SAID.

PROFESSOR POON SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO LOOKING AT SOME IMMEDIATE CONCERNS.

"WE SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY THE USE OF LASERS IN HONG KONG AND TO RECOMMEND HOW TO ENSURE PROPER SAFETY, AND HAVE SUBMITTED A PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"WE ARE ALSO FUNDING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING DNA PROFILING TECHNOLOGY - WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED IN FORENSIC WORK OVERSEAS - IN HONG KONG."

PROFESSOR POON SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF HONG KONG IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"FOR THAT REASON, WE ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF STAGING AN INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE FAIR IN THE EARLY 1990'S WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING HONG KONG AS A REGIONAL CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE." HE SAID.

PROFESSOR POON SAID THE RAPID PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE MEANT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP LOOKING AHEAD AND IDENTIFYING NEW IDEAS WHICH COULD BENEFIT HONG KONG.

"THAT IS THE TASK THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS SET UP TO DO. IT IS A CHALLENGING ONE. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COVERS AN IMMENSELY WIDE AND COMPLEX FIELD.

"DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES RISK AND UNCERTAINTY. MUCH OF THE GROUND IS NEW FOR HONG KONG. AND WE MUST BE SURE THAT IT IS FIRM." PROFESSOR POON SAID.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE'S ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT MUST THEREFORE NOT ONLY COVER THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MOVING FORWARD IN A PARTICULAR AREA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BUT ALSO ADDRESS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT ITSELF.

"WE MUST IDENTIFY SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION, AND WEIGH UP THEIR COSTS AND BENEFITS.

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"THAT MEANS OUR ADVICE MUST BE BASED ON SERIOUS, IN-DEPTH STUDY, BRINGING TOGETHER A LONG-TERM VISION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WITH FACTS AND STATISTICS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION.

"WE MUST DRAW ON A RANGE OF EXPERT OPINION AND EXPERIENCE IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

"WE HAVE MADE A STRONG CASE TO GOVERNMENT FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ENABLE US TO MEET OUR TARGETS AS QUICKLY AND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SHORT-CUTS WHEN DEALING WITH MAJOR, LONG-TERM ISSUES," PROFESSOR POON SAID.

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#### MORE YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS TO HELP SPREAD HEALTH MESSAGES

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THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE ARE OVER 1,200 YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS FROM 64 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY SPREADING HEALTH MESSAGES AT HOME, IN SCHOOL AND IN THE SOCIETY, IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE HEALTH EDUCATION.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 10TH YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS TRAINING COURSE AT THE CITY HALL.

A TOTAL OF 250 HEALTH LEADERS FROM 45 SCHOOLS GRADUATED FROM THE COURSE THIS MONTH, BOOSTING THE NUMBER OF YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS TO 1,240.

DR LEE RECALLED THAT THE YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS TRAINING COURSE WAS STARTED IN 1983 TO TEACH YOUTHS WAYS OF KEEPING FIT, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, SO THAT THEY COULD PASS ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT, THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, TO THEIR SCHOOLMATES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND HELP THEM TO ENJOY GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

"YOUTHS ARE GREGARIOUS AND ARE EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE CONDUCT AND BELIEF OF PEOPLE OF THE SAME AGE GROUP," HE SAID.

"THEREFORE, THE SPREADING OF HEALTH MESSAGES BY THESE TRAINED YOUNG HEALTH LEADERS WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELP BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY."

THE WEEK-LONG TRAINING COURSE COVERS SUBJECTS LIKE THE CONCEPT OF HEALTH AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN SCHOOL. IT ALSO TOUCHES ON GOOD HABITS OF HEALTHY LIFE, MENTAL HEALTH, ADOLESCENCE AND SEX, IN ADDITION TO TEACHING PARTICIPANTS COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

DR LEE SAID IT HAD BEEN PROVED THAT HEALTH LEADERS HAD THE ABILITY TO ACTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE, AT HOME, IN SCHOOL AND IN THE SOCIETY, ALL FORMS OF HEALTH EDUCATION, WHICH WAS BENEFICIAL TO AND WELCOMED BY STUDENTS.

"HEALTH STATIONS, WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPPLY OF HEALTH INFORMATION TO STUDENTS AND ORGANISATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, HAVE BEEN SET UP IN 34 SCHOOLS WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS AND YOUNG LEADERS," HE SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, AN INTER-SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION NETWORK WAS FORMED EARLY THIS YEAR, RESULTING IN THE USEFUL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND BETTER DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES, A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN HEALTH EDUCATION."

DR LEE SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME RECRUITMENT WAS DONE THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SUCCESS SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

HE THANKED THE HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS INVOLVED IN THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR THEIR UNRESERVED SUPPORT.

THE DIRECTOR CONGRATULATED THE GRADUATES AND HOPED THEY WOULD HELP PROMOTE HEALTH EDUCATION AT HOME, IN SCHOOL AND AMONG FRIENDS.

"WITH YOUR CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, I TRUST WE WILL HAVE A NEW AND HEALTHY GENERATION FULL OF VITALITY, THUS ACHIEVING THE TARGET OF HEALTH FOR EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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#### ANTI-TRIAD MEASURES AT FMO FISH MARKET

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A THREE-PRONGED ATTACK ON ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S (FMO) SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET - ONE OF THE SEVEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS IN THE TERRITORY.

EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1, THE SORTING FLOOR OF THE SHAU KEI WAN FISH MARKET WILL BE CLOSED TO FISH BUYERS AND LABELLING OF FISH BEFORE AUCTION WILL BE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

THESE MEASURES WILL BE BACKED UP BY STRICT ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE AND THE MARINE POLICE'S HARBOUR DIVISION TO COVER NOT ONLY THE SHAU KEI WAN FISH MARKET BUT ALSO THE LEI YU MUN AREA TO CURTAIL ILLEGAL FISH MARKETING ACTIVITIES, BOTH ON LAND END AT SEA.

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT STRINGENT CONTROLS ARE INTRODUCED IN FMO MARKETS. THESE CONTROL MEASURES WERE FIRST IMPLEMENTED AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IN JULY LAST YEAR AND EXTENDED TO THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR WITH ENCOURAGING RESULTS.

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ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE, SAID THE STRINGENT MEASURES WOULD BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY WITH THE POLICE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON GANGS.

HE SAID THESE MEASURES WERE DESIGNED TO ROOT OUT VARIOUS MALPRACTICES DISCOVERED IN THE MARKET INCLUDING THE INFILTRATION OF TRIAD MEMEBERS ON THE SORTING FLOOR, RESULTING IN GOOD-QUALITY FISH BEING PRE-SELECTED, MARKED AND MANIPULATED THROUGH THE SALE PROCESS.

"THESE MALPRACTICES HAVE MADE IT VERY UNFAIR TO THE MAJORITY OF THE FISH BUYERS WHO ARE IN FACT BARRED FROM TAKING PART IN A FAIR AUCTION OF THE FISH.

"IN VIEW OF THIS AND SINCE ALL FISH BUYERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE FISH FROM THE AUCTION FLOOR, WE HAVE DECIDED TO PROHIBIT BUYERS FROM ENTERING THE SORTING FLOOR AND FROM MARKING THE FISH BEFORE AUCTION," HE SAID.

DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT ACCESS TO THE SORTING FLOOR WOULD BE STRICTLY RESTRICTED TO FISHERMEN, THEIR AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, ALL OF WHOM WOULD BE ISSUED WITH A PERMIT.

AS A STRENGTHENED MEASURE TO IMPROVE MARKETING ORDER, HE SAID, THE SALE OF PRE-SORTED FISH IN BOXES WOULD BE STREAMLINED IN ALL FMO MARKETS WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE.

"FISH IN BOXES WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION ONLY NO MATTER THEY ARE IN SMALL LOT OR IN BULK.

"THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE FAIR MARKETING AND SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING MONOPOLISTIC MANIPULATION OF FISH CATCHES BY TRIAD ELEMENTS," DR LEE ADDED.

THE FISH MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD, THE FISHERMEN'S FEDERATION OF SHAU KEI WAN AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT FISH MERCHANTS' SOCIETY HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THESE MEASURES.

THE SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IS THE FOURTH LARGEST OF THE SEVEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS IN HONG KONG. ITS DAILY THROUGHPUT IS ABOUT 30 TONNES, CATERING MAINLY FOR THE POPULATION IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

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CLEARANCE OPERATION IN TYPHOON SHELTER

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AN OPERATION WAS JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO CLEAR THE DWELLING BOATS STILL REMAINING IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE TYPHOON SHELTER WAS DECLARED A CLOSED AREA FOR DWELLING BOATS AND A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON JULY 7.

WHEN THE OPERATION BEGAN IN THE MORNING, THERE WERE 16 LICENSED AND 29 UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS REMAINING IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

OF THOSE VESSELS, 10 (COMPRISING EIGHT LICENSED AND TWO UNLICENSED) HAD BEEN VACATED BY THE OCCUPANTS AFTER THEY HAD MOVED INTO PUBLIC HOUSING AND 22 (COMPRISING FIVE LICENSED AND 17 UNLICENSED) WILL BE SURRENDERED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AFTER THE OCCUPANTS MOVE INTO PUBLIC HOUSING.

OCCUPANTS OF THE REMAINING 13 VESSELS (COMPRISING THREE LICENSED AND 10 UNLICENSED) HAD NOT ACCEPTED REHOUSING OFFERS BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE OPERATION, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT REMOVED THE 10 VACANT DWELLING BOATS, WHILE STAFF FROM THE THREE DEPARTMENTS MADE A FURTHER EFFORT TO TRY TO HELP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE FEW DWELLING-BOAT FAMILIES WHO WERE NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH THEIR REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORT, EIGHT FAMILIES EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED REHOUSING OFFERS BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, AND UNDERTOOK TO SURRENDER THEIR BOATS TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THEY LATER REQUESTED, AND WERE ALLOWED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, TO REMAIN IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER FOR A GRACE PERIOD UNTIL THEY MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES.

DURING THE OPERATION, STAFF FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WERE ON HAND TO ASSIST THOSE FAMILIES HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN PAYING RENT FOR THEIR NEW ACCOMMODATION, AND THOSE REQUIRING COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING.

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SALE OF THREE SITES FETCHES \$133.4 MILLION

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THE SALE OF THREE GOVERNMENT LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (TUESDAY) FETCHED A TOTAL OF \$133.4 MILLION.

THE LOTS INCLUDED TWO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ONE OF THEM IS LOCATED IN AREA 29A, FANLING, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,330 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$64 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY HAKEA DEVELOPMENT CO LTD AND LEMATON LTD FOR \$88 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 14,513 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

THE SECOND LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 64, YIM TIN TSAI, TAI PO.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$6 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY SPRINGDALE INVESTMENT CO LTD FOR \$10.4 MILLION.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,906 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1,395 SQUARE METRES BEFORE JULY 31, 1992.

THE THIRD LOT, WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE), IS LOCATED IN AREA 4B, SHEUNG SHUI.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$23 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY PARK'N SHOP LTD FOR \$35 MILLION.

IT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,041 SQUARE METRES AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 9,123 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR JIM HUGHES.

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TWO MORE AIDS CASES CONFIRMED

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TWO MORE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME), AND ONE HAD SINCE DIED. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT SAID BOTH PATIENTS WERE MALE AND HAD CONTRACTED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY.

THIS BRINGS TO 24 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES REPORTED IN THE TERRITORY. FOURTEEN OF THE PATIENTS HAVE DIED WHILE THE OTHER 10 ARE UNDER TREATMENT AND COUNSELLING.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE LATEST MALE VICTIM HAD BEEN ONE OF TWO PERSONS WHO TESTED POSITIVE IN THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND THESE TWO ADDITIONS HAD BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CARRIERS RECORDED TO 147.

THE MAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DIAGNOSED IN JULY AS HAVING AIDS, AND RECORDED AS THE TERRITORY'S 23RD CASE.

THE OTHER NEW CARRIER WAS ALSO A MAN, WHO HAD CONTRACTED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY.

OF THE 147 CARRIERS, 54 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, ONE WAS AN INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSER, 15 WERE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 44 WERE PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND 33 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED BY THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 131,871 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAD ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 580,747 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND NINE WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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愛滋病抗體檢驗  
AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

衛生局  
Department of Health

病毒組  
Virus Unit

	Apr 85 - May 89		June 89		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
由政府醫院及診所可思 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	8 409	43	121	1	8 530	44
由私家醫生及補助醫院可思 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented Hospitals	1 761	32	10	1	1 771	33
到社會衛生科求診人士 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	114 554	15	2 412	0	116 966	15
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	376	54	1	0	377	54
注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	3 446	1	49	0	3 495	1
由家庭計劃指導會可思 Referrals from Family Planning Association	164	0	7	0	171	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	559	0	2	0	561	0
總數 TOTAL	129 269	145	2 602	2	131 871	147

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\*This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals

	Aug 85 - May 89		June 89		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	565 363	8	15 384	1	580 747	9

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DB TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 27).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TRANSPORT POLICY GREEN PAPER ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (SPECIAL DUTIES) OF THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, MR PETER PANG, AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIVISION), MR RICHARD MEAKIN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

A MEMBER WILL PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION A PAPER ON THE NEED FOR REASSESSING THE IMPORTATION OF OVERSEAS LABOUR, AND ANOTHER PAPER ON A REVIEW OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL 1989 AND PROGRESS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMPETITIONS  
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A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR WINNERS OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC AND A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ON CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY WAS HELD AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE TODAY (TUESDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL CONTAINER HANDLING SAFETY COMMITTEE, THE COMPETITIONS FORMED PART OF AN ONGOING CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE WORK SAFETY AMONG WORKERS OF THE CONTAINER HANDLING INDUSTRY.

THE COMMITTEE IS A BIPARTITE ORGANISATION COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEADING CONTAINER HANDLING COMPANIES AND THE LABOUR AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE TERMINAL OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE MODERN TERMINALS LTD., MR A. MILLIKEN, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

THE CHAMPION OF THE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, MR LO KAI-CHEE, WAS AWARDED \$5,000 IN CASH, WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP, MR WONG CHI-SING AND MR CHAN CHING-YEE, WERE AWARDED \$1,500 AND \$1,000 IN CASH RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$300 EACH.

FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, SIX CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$300 EACH WERE PRESENTED.

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TSUEN WAN 'YOUTH AMBASSADORS' TO TOUR JAPAN  
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TEN NEWLY SELECTED "YOUTH AMBASSADORS" FROM TSUEN WAN WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (JULY 28) FOR A GOODWILL VISIT TO JAPAN.

THE YOUNG AMBASSADORS, COMPRISING FOUR BOYS AND SIX GIRLS, WERE CHOSEN BY A SELECTION BOARD OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE DISTRICT.

DURING THEIR SEVEN DAY TOUR OF KAGOSHIMA, THEY WILL VISIT A UNIVERSITY, HIGH-SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, MUSEUMS, A SPACE OBSERVATORY, AND SPORTS AND CULTURE CENTRES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, CALLED ON THE YOUNGSTERS TO SHARE WITH THEIR PEERS IN JAPAN THEIR EXPERIENCES IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO PROJECT THE IMAGE OF YOUTH IN HONG KONG TODAY.

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"THESE BOYS AND GIRLS WILL HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CULTURE AND CUSTOMS IN JAPAN," MR SHIU SAID.

"NO DOUBT, THE EXPERIENCE THEY GAINED IN THEIR TRIP WILL BETTER EQUIP THEM FOR FUTURE VENTURES IN LIFE," HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ADDED THAT ON THEIR RETURN, THE YOUNG AMBASSADORS WOULD REPORT TO THE MAJOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND SHARE WITH THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS THE EXPERIENCES OF THEIR TOUR.

THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH AMBASSADOR SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN 1985 IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

THE SCHEME WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND HAS WON ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP FROM ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, AT PRESENT LOCATED AT HING WAH ESTATE, WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES AT NEW JADE GARDEN, LEVEL 1, 233 CHAI WAN ROAD, CHAI WAN, ON THURSDAY (JULY 27).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SUB-OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 5-8962542, WHILE OTHER OFFICERS CAN BE CONTACTED ON THE NEW MAIN EXCHANGE AT 5-8966968.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A SECTION ABOUT 250 METRES IN LENGTH OF THE FAST LANE ON THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR THREE NIGHTS BETWEEN 8 PM AND 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON JULY 26, 27 AND 28.

THE CLOSURES ARE TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF FALSEWORK OVER SHA TIN ROAD NEAR THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON NT CIRCULAR ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 27), NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN CHAU TAU (NEAR PAK SHEK AU INTERCHANGE) AND SHEK WU WAI WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

THIS ROAD SECTION WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 80 KILOMETRES PER HOURS.

IN ADDITION, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

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WATER CUTS IN TSUEN WAN AND POK FU LAM

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND POK FU LAM WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN CONNECTION.

IN TSUEN WAN, WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 27) TO 7 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WO YI HOP ROAD, FROM NGONG HOM ROAD TO CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, LO WAI ROAD, HILLTOP ROAD, YI PEI CHUN ROAD, CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, ROUTE TWISK, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE, CHEUNG SHAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KWU HANG CHUEN, HILL TOP COUNTRY CLUB, SAM TUNG UK, LO WAI, HOI PA CHUEN, PAK TIN PA CHUEN, MA SIN PAI CHUEN, SAI LAU KOK CHUEN, MUK MIN HA CHUEN, TUNG PO TO, FU YUNG SHAN, CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, YUEN YUEN HOK YUEN AND SAN CHUEN.

IN POK FU LAM, WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED ON SUNDAY (JULY 30) FROM 1 AM TO 7 AM.

ALL PREMISES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED:

- \* ALONG POK FU LAM ROAD, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH POK FU LAM RESERVOIR ROAD TO THE JUNCTION WITH VICTORIA ROAD, INCLUDING POK FU LAM VILLAGE, CHI FU FA YUEN, POK FU LAM GARDENS, YAR CHEE VILLAS, UPPER BAGUIO VILLA;
- \* WAH HING HOUSE, WAH SANG HOUSE, WAH TAI HOUSE AND WAH CHEUNG HOUSE OF WAH FU ESTATE;
- \* ALONG SASSOON ROAD, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (FACULTY OF MEDICINE), NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND TELEGRAPH BAY VILLAGE;
- \* ALONG MOUNT DAVIS ROAD FROM HOUSE NO. 23 TO THE JUNCTION OF POK FU LAM ROAD, INCLUDING HO TUNG SHAN SQUATTER AREA; AND
- \* ALONG POK FU LAM ROAD, FROM HOUSE NO. 131 TO THE JUNCTION OF MOUNT DAVIS ROAD INCLUDING QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL BLOCK K.

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