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BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS HK NOT AFFECTED
BY UK LEADERSHIP CONTEST: GOVERNOR
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WHATEVER EMERGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP CONTEST IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY WILL NOT MEAN ANY CHANGE AT ALL TO BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) IN RESPONSE TO THE RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER.

"IT IS SOMETHING WHICH IS AN INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTER IN THE UK AND NOT SOMETHING I WOULD EXPECT TO AFFECT POLICY TOWARDS HONG KONG AT ALL," HE SAID.

"POLICY IS A MATTER FOR A GOVERNMENT AND IT IS NOT JUST A MATTER FOR ONE SINGLE PARTY, THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT POINT AS ONE LOOKS TOWARDS THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

"POLICY IS ESTABLISHED AND THAT CONTINUES AND IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF THAT POLICY CONTINUING WHOEVER THE LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN OFFICE IS.

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE POLICY ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND I WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT TO CHANGE AT ALL," SIR DAVID SAID.

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DIRECTION UNDER NATIONALITY SCHEME ISSUED
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THE HOME SECRETARY HAS ISSUED A DIRECTION TO THE GOVERNOR UNDER SECTION 1(3) OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990 TO SPECIFY THE TIMESCALE AND THE NUMBER OF HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE BRITISH NATIONALITY SCHEME.

UNDER THIS DIRECTION, THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SCHEME WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1, 1990 AND END ON JANUARY 1, 1994.

"DURING THIS PERIOD, THE GOVERNOR MAY RECOMMEND FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP NOT MORE THAN 32,700 APPLICANTS IN THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS, OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN 400 ARE TO BE FOR APPLICANTS IN APPROVED OCCUPATIONS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE GOVERNOR MAY RECOMMEND NOT MORE THAN 6,200 APPLICANTS IN THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES CLASS, AND NOT MORE THAN 3,850 IN THE SENSITIVE SERVICE CLASS.

"THE HOME SECRETARY HAS MADE NO DIRECTION FOR THIS PERIOD IN RELATION TO THE ENTREPRENEURS CLASS AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNOR MAY RECOMMEND UP TO 500 APPLICANTS IN THIS CLASS FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP DURING THIS PERIOD OR ANY LONGER PERIOD AS HE SEES FIT," HE SAID.

THE REMAINING PLACES IN THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS, DISCIPLINED SERVICES CLASS AND SENSITIVE SERVICE CLASS WILL BE RESERVED FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT PHASE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT DETAILS OF QUOTAS FOR THE 20 OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS AND APPROVED OCCUPATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 PUBLISHED

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THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY MRS RITA FAN, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REPORT COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL ISSUES CONNECTED WITH NINE YEARS FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

THE COMMISSION MADE 74 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT ON VARIOUS TOPICS INCLUDING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROVISION, ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS, LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, AND MIXED MODE SCHOOLING.

ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT A CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CDI), A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL BODY WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SHOULD BE CREATED TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCESS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IS MORE EFFECTIVE AND INNOVATIVE.

THE COMMISSION ENVISAGED THAT THE CDI SHOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO EMPLOY THOSE PROFESSIONALS, BOTH FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE, BEST ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORK.

TWO CHAPTERS OF THE REPORT WERE DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROVISION IN HONG KONG, ONE ON SUPPORT SERVICES IN SCHOOLS AND THE OTHER ON EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT MEASURES.

ON SUPPORT SERVICES IN SCHOOLS, THE COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT THESE BE SCHOOL-BASED AND THAT THE "WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH" SHOULD BE ADOPTED. THE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES PROVIDED IN SCHOOLS SHOULD BE IMPROVED, SINCE ALL STUDENTS MAY REQUIRE SUCH SUPPORT AT SOME TIME DURING THEIR SCHOOLING.

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IT ALSO RECOMMENDED MEASURES TO HELP STUDENTS WHO HAVE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, STUDENTS WHO ARE UNMOTIVATED, OR WHO HAVE SEVERE LEARNING PROBLEMS. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE IMPROVEMENT OF REMEDIAL TEACHING AND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNMOTIVATED AND THOSE WHO HAVE SEVERE LEARNING PROBLEMS.

FOR GIFTED CHILDREN, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT A PILOT PROJECT FOR DEVELOPING THEIR POTENTIAL BE CONDUCTED.

THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THOSE FOR WHOM SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS ARE BEING PROPOSED WILL BECOME MORE SELF-CONFIDENT AND REGAIN THEIR INTEREST IN LEARNING BY BEING IN AN ENVIRONMENT MORE APPROPRIATE TO THEIR INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

HAVING LOOKED AT CURRENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS IN HONG KONG, THE COMMISSION PROPOSED THAT A FRAMEWORK OF ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG, COVERING ENGLISH, CHINESE AND MATHEMATICS, UP TO SECONDARY 3 LEVEL. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THESE ASSESSMENTS MAY REPLACE SOME EXISTING INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS.

PUT SIMPLY, THIS MEANS THAT BROAD TARGETS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS ARE DRAWN UP FOR EACH AREA OF A SUBJECT AND STUDENTS WORK TOWARDS THESE TARGETS. BY ASSESSING THEIR PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE TARGETS AT KEY STAGES IN THE EDUCATION PROCESS, THE PROGRESS THAT THEY HAVE MADE AND THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN DIFFERENT AREAS ARE REVEALED.

THIS NEW SYSTEM OF TARGETS AND ASSESSMENT COULD HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM. IT WILL ENABLE THE MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE LEARNT TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND MAY WELL ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.

ANOTHER ISSUE ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT BY THE COMMISSION IS THAT OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION. THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED THE REFORMS PROPOSED IN ECR 1 AND ECR 2 AND ALSO THE FINDINGS IN THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP SET UP TO REVIEW LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND IT PROPOSED A FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE FRAMEWORK HAS THREE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES, TWO OF WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED POLICY.

THE FIRST IS THAT SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO USE CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, SINCE ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE GENERALLY MORE EFFECTIVE IF THE MOTHER TONGUE IS USED.

THE SECOND IS THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD THEMSELVES DECIDE WHICH MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION TO USE.

THE NEW THIRD PRINCIPLE, DRAWN UP BY THE COMMISSION, IS THAT THE USE OF MIXED-CODE IN SCHOOLS SHOULD BE REDUCED IN FAVOUR OF THE CLEAR AND CONSISTENT USE OF ONE MEDIUM IN CLASS IN RESPECT OF TEACHING, TEXTBOOKS AND EXAMINATIONS.

MIXED-CODE IS THE PRACTICE WHERE TEXTBOOKS, WRITTEN WORK AND EXAMINATIONS ARE IN ONE LANGUAGE BUT TEACHERS USE ANOTHER TO EXPLAIN LESSON MATERIAL TO STUDENTS OR TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM.

THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT WHILST STUDENTS CAN LEARN BETTER IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE, THOSE WHO HAVE THE PROVEN ABILITY TO LEARN EFFECTIVELY IN ENGLISH SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

FOR HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN HER INTERNATIONAL POSITION, WE WILL NEED TO PRODUCE ENOUGH WELL-EDUCATED PEOPLE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT ITS FRAMEWORK WILL ENSURE THAT THE NEED FOR USERS OF BOTH LANGUAGES IS MET.

THE FRAMEWORK RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT PROVIDES FOR THE GROUPING OF STUDENTS IN TERMS OF THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE AS DETERMINED THROUGH OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENTS AT PRIMARY 6.

THE FRAMEWORK ALSO PROVIDES FOR SCHOOLS TO CHOOSE THEIR MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION. STARTING IN 1991-92, SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT ONE OF THREE OPTIONS. THE FIRST IS TO USE CHINESE. THE SECOND IS TO USE ENGLISH. THE THIRD IS TO OPERATE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE GROUPING AND A CHINESE LANGUAGE GROUPING IN THE SAME SCHOOL.

IN 1994-95, SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE INFORMATION FROM THE TARGET RELATED ASSESSMENTS AT PRIMARY 6 TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY HAVE CHOSEN THE APPROPRIATE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION OR PROPORTION OF CLASSES IN EACH MEDIUM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR STUDENTS.

STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOCATED THEIR PLACES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION. USING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PRIMARY 6 ASSESSMENTS, PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT SCHOOLS BEST SUITED FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

IN 1989 THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT MIXED MODE SCHOOLING SHOULD BE INTRODUCED. UNDER THIS SYSTEM, STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 1 TO PRIMARY 4 ATTEND SCHOOL FOR HALF A DAY AND STUDENTS AT PRIMARY 5 AND PRIMARY 6 LEVELS ATTEND SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE DAY.

THE COMMISSION'S ADVICE ON THE BEST MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY WAS SOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS REPORT. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH SCHOOLING BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 1992.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BUILD 33 NEW SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE JUST OVER 700 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT MIXED MODE SCHOOLING.

THE COMMISSION RECOGNISES THAT DESPITE THE LACK OF EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMATIC PENETRATION OF SCHOOLS BY TRIAD SOCIETIES, THERE ARE OTHER NON-TRIAD RELATED GANG ACTIVITIES. IN CHAPTER 8, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THE POLICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO COMBAT ALL GANG ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS WHETHER TRIAD RELATED OR NOT.

THE COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS BE ABOLISHED.

IN THE LAST CHAPTER OF THE REPORT, THE COMMISSION URGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE ITS PROPOSALS AS A PACKAGE AND FUND THEM ACCORDINGLY.

EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 WILL COST A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO IMPLEMENT. ANNUAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WILL RISE FROM AROUND \$27 MILLION IN 1991-92 TO AROUND \$408 MILLION IN 2000-01, WHILE AGGREGATE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OVER THE SAME PERIOD WILL BE AROUND \$1,159 MILLION.

COMMENTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE REPORT ARE WELCOMED DURING THE TWO-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDING ON JANUARY 31. ALL VIEWS RECEIVED WILL BE CONSIDERED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT TAKES DECISIONS ON THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT OFFICES, MARKETING OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SEND THEIR VIEWS ON THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY, EDUCATION COMMISSION, C/O EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, 12TH FLOOR, WEST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

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BRIEFINGS ON EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4
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TO ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4, A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD FOR DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DECEMBER 1.

THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MRS RITA FAN, AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

DETAILS OF THE BRIEFINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* BRIEFING FOR NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1990

TIME: 10 AM

VENUE: REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING

* BRIEFING FOR URBAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1990

TIME: 10 AM

VENUE: CONFERENCE ROOM, 30TH FLOOR, CNTA HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI

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* BRIEFING FOR THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1990

TIME: 2.30 PM

VENUE: ROOM 608, SIXTH FLOOR, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND
EXHIBITION CENTRE, WAN CHAI

* BRIEFING FOR PARENTS

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1990

TIME: 2.30 PM

VENUE: ROOM 608, SIXTH FLOOR, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND
EXHIBITION CENTRE, WAN CHAI

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LAW REFORM COMMISSION STUDY ON INSOLVENCY

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THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REVIEW THE LAW OF INSOLVENCY.

A SUB-COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
COMMISSION MEMBER, PROFESSOR TED TYLER, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ARE DRAWN FROM THE ACCOUNTANCY
AND LEGAL PROFESSIONS, BANKING, GOVERNMENT, TRADE UNIONS AND BUSINESS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY)
THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE LAW AND PRACTICE RELATING TO
THE INSOLVENCY OF BOTH INDIVIDUALS (BUSINESS AND NON-BUSINESS) AND
CORPORATE BODIES IN HONG KONG AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISIONS OF THE
BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE AND THE WINDING UP PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES
ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS MR JEREMY GLEN, TO WHOM
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE ISSUE SHOULD WRITE:
THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, FIRST FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK,
QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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RECONSTITUTION OF JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

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FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IN JULY, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED NOVEMBER 26 AS THE DAY ON WHICH THE ORDINANCE SHALL COME INTO OPERATION.

THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN JUDICIAL OFFICES, REPRESENTATIONS FROM A JUDICIAL OFFICER CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AS MAY BE REFERRED TO IT BY THE GOVERNOR AND ANY MATTER AFFECTING JUDICIAL OFFICERS WHICH MAY BE PRESCRIBED OR WHICH THE GOVERNOR MAY REFER TO THE COMMISSION.

THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM SIX TO NINE, CONSISTING OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUSTICE AS CHAIRMAN, TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, THREE LAY MEMBERS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECONSTITUTED COMMISSION, WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 26:

JUDGES

- THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE JOHN JAMES RHIND, JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.
- THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SYED KEMAL BOKHARY, JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR

- MR ANDREW LI KWOK-NANG, A BARRISTER AND A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION.
- MR LARRY KO SAI-KIT OF LO AND LO, A SOLICITOR AND A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION.

LAY MEMBERS

- MR ROBERT KWOK CHIN-KUNG OF JARDINE MATHESON HOLDINGS LIMITED. MR KWOK WAS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FROM 1984 UNTIL LAST MONTH.
- MR JOSEPH E. HOTUNG, A PRIVATE INVESTOR AND A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG COUNCIL.
- MR YEUNG KA-SING OF WARDLEY LIMITED, A PERSONNEL MANAGER AND A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OF THREE TRIBUNALS.

ALL THE MEMBERS WILL SERVE A TERM OF TWO YEARS EXCEPT MR ANDREW LI, WHO WILL SERVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1991, WHEN BUT FOR THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE JSC HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT WOULD HAVE EXPIRED.

GOVT LAND SOLD FOR \$641M

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THREE PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$641 MILLION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY).

TOPPING THE LIST IS A LOT AT YEN CHOW STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, WHICH WAS BOUGHT BY FOTOSKY INVESTMENT LIMITED FOR \$280 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$190 MILLION.

THE LOT, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 7,198 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS, MULTI-STOREY CARPARK AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT EXCEEDING 77,738 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

THE SECOND LOT, WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IS LOCATED IN AREA 29A, FANLING.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$180 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY YENISEY COMPANY LIMITED FOR \$256 MILLION.

THE LOT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 12,670 SQUARE METRES, AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 25,087 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE THIRD LOT, ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, IS IN AREA 37A, SHA TIN, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 16,305 SQUARE METRES.

BIDDING OPENED AT \$85 MILLION AND THE LOT WAS BOUGHT BY TASUDI INVESTMENT LIMITED FOR \$105 MILLION.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT LESS THAN 9,960 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR TIM MILLS, WHO CONDUCTED THE AUCTION, DESCRIBED THE BIDDING AS ACTIVE AND WAS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS.

THE AUCTION WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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SEMINAR ON TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL

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PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (TDD) WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT A SEMINAR ON THE RECENTLY OPENED TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS, WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 70 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE'S PREMISES ON THE NINTH FLOOR, ISLAND CENTRE, 1 GREAT GEORGE STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

HEADING THE TDD TEAM WILL BE DR Y.L. CHOI, PROJECT MANAGER OF THE SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL AND TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES INTERESTED IN INTERVIEWING DR CHOI ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS AROUND NOON ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

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HONG KONG MAY NEED A DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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HONG KONG MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATUTORY DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY AND TO DEVISE PROVISIONS TO REGULATE CERTAIN TRANS-BORDER FLOWS OF DATA, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A DINNER MEETING OF THE HONG KONG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEDERATION, HE SAID THE WORKING GROUP ON DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION WAS STUDYING ON THESE ISSUES.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JULY 1988 TO EXAMINE THE LAWS AND EXPERIENCES OF SOME SELECTED COUNTRIES, AND ON THE BASIS OF THIS STUDY, TO FURTHER EXAMINE THE DIRECTION TO BE TAKEN IN DRAFTING HONG KONG'S DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION.

"SO FAR, THE WORKING GROUP HAS COMPLETED ITS STUDIES OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF DELIBERATING THE BASIC FEATURES WHICH HONG KONG'S LEGISLATION SHOULD ENSHRINE," MR TSAO SAID.

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"THE MAJOR PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN CONFRONTING POLICY-MAKERS AND LEGISLATORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HOWEVER, IS HOW TO ENSURE THAT THE RESULTING PRODUCT DOES NOT OVER-REGULATE OR UNDER-REGULATE DATA USER ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

AS FAR AS HONG KONG WAS CONCERNED, HE SAID, WE HAD TAKEN HEED OF THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND WERE PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO BALANCE, ON THE ONE HAND, THE NEED OF ORGANISATIONS TO ENJOY A FREE FLOW OF THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS AND, ON THE OTHER, THE RIGHTS OF THOSE PEOPLE ABOUT WHOM SUCH DATA WAS COLLECTED TO EXPECT A PROPER DEGREE OF PROTECTION AND PRIVACY.

"OUR AIM IS TO DEVISE LEGISLATION WITH MINIMUM COMPLEXITY AND WITH NO GREATER BURDEN ON OUR RESOURCES THAN IS NECESSARY WHICH WILL NONETHELESS BALANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE DATA USER, THE DATA SUBJECT AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE," MR TSAO SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ALTHOUGH HONG KONG WAS STILL DELIBERATING ON THE FUNDAMENTAL FEATURES OF HONG KONG'S OWN LEGISLATION AND HAD YET TO REACH FIRM CONCLUSIONS, THE WORKING GROUP'S INITIAL VIEW AT THIS STAGE WAS THAT DATA PROTECTION FOR HONG KONG SHOULD COVER COMPUTERISED PERSONAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO PHYSICAL PERSONS AND APPLY TO ALL USERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

"ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON, AND LIMITED TO, REGULATING ORGANISATIONS WHO HOLD DATA IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR DATA SUBJECTS TO BE PROTECTED AND WHO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO COPE WITH THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS.

"GREATER VISIBILITY OF THE USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED AND A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION MAY HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED," HE SAID, ADDING THAT HONG KONG MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR A STATUTORY DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY," THE SECRETARY SAID.

MR TSAO ALSO SAID THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAD BEEN ASKED TO CONSIDER THE LAW OF PRIVACY IN GENERAL AND ITS REFERENCE COVERS THE FIELD OF DATA PROTECTION IN PARTICULAR. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE WORKING GROUP AND THE PRIVACY COMMITTEE WERE COOPERATING CLOSELY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

TURNING TO THE IMPACT OF DATA PROTECTION ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, HE RECALLED THAT IN MARCH 1988, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED A SET OF DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS SETTING OUT STANDARDS ON THE USE OF COMPUTERS FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL INFORMATION.

HE SAID A SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED SHORTLY TO ASSESS FROM DATA USERS' EXPERIENCE THE APPLICABILITY AND RELEVANCY OF THESE PRINCIPLES TO LOCAL DATA PROCESSING PRACTICES.

"SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, IT IS HOPED THAT THESE PRINCIPLES, WITH MODIFICATIONS WHERE NECESSARY, WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL BASIS FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO FORMULATE HONG KONG'S LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS," HE SAID.

IN BROAD OUTLINE, THE PRINCIPLES STATE THAT PERSONAL DATA MUST BE OBTAINED FAIRLY AND LAWFULLY, BE ACCURATE, RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE DATA ARE COLLECTED AND NOT EXCESSIVE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THEY SHOULD BE HELD NO LONGER THAN IS NECESSARY, AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY.

IN PARTICULAR, THE PRINCIPLES STATE THAT THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH PERSONAL DATA ARE USED MUST BE SPECIFIED AND THAT THE DISCLOSURE MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THOSE PURPOSES.

THEY ALSO SUGGEST THAT A PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF WHETHER OR NOT HIS PERSONAL DATA ARE HELD, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SUCH DATA CORRECTED OR ERASED.

CONCEDING THAT THE MEASURES NEEDED TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION WOULD ENTAIL SOME COSTS FOR SOCIETY, MR TSAO SAID HIS INTENTION WAS THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO ENSURE NEITHER THE LEGISLATION NOR THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER IT WOULD IMPOSE UNNECESSARILY COSTLY REQUIREMENT.

"DESPITE MY PROMISE, AN EFFECTIVE DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, HOWEVER SIMPLE, IS GOING TO MEAN THAT SOME USERS WILL NEED TO INCUR INCREASED CAPITAL COSTS FOR DEVELOPING THEIR HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS TO INCORPORATE THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS.

"BUT THIS ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE HAS TO BE BALANCED AGAINST THE POTENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM CONTROL," HE SAID.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OBSERVANCE OF DATA PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG CAN BE MADE WITHOUT GIVING RISE TO MAJOR PROBLEMS OR HUGE INCREASES IN COSTS FOR THEM.

"FURTHERMORE, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG'S SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN INFORMATION, AND ITS ROLE AS A CROSSROAD ON THE INTERNATIONAL DATA HIGHWAY, ARE NOT COMPROMISED," HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID, DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE NEW RIGHTS FOR ALL PERSONS WHOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PROCESSED IN HONG KONG, AND WOULD PLACE CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS ON THE USERS OF THAT INFORMATION.

"I HAVE, THEREFORE, TENDED TO TREAD WARILY BEFORE PUTTING LEGISLATION OF THIS SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE.

"THE VARYING INTERESTS OF DATA USERS AND DATA SUBJECTS HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY BALANCED TO ENSURE THAT WE WILL NOT UNDULY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF DATA USERS NOR THE INTEREST OF DATA SUBJECTS.

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WITH OUR FINE TRADITION OF PRAGMATISM, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DESIGN A PIECE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BEST SUIT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES," MR TSAO SAID.

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY DEALT WITH AS THEY POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF BOTH TENANTS AND PASSERS-BY, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR BARCLAY SAID THIS WHEN VISITING THREE TARGETTED BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

HE NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT COORDINATING TEAM HAD GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO IDENTIFYING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES DURING REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF TACKLING THE PROBLEMS ARE THEN DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE, HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, MR BARCLAY SAID THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HAD ISSUED 252 ENFORCEMENT ORDERS REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TARGETTED BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

"DEMOLITION WORKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON SMOOTHLY WITH ONLY 120 ORDERS STILL OUTSTANDING, THANKS TO THE COOPERATION OF THE OWNERS," HE SAID.

APART FROM UNAUTHORISED EXTENSIONS, OTHER COMMON PROBLEMS FACING THE 100 BUILDINGS INSPECTED BY THE TEAM IN THE PAST YEAR INCLUDED THE LACK OF MAINTENANCE IN COMMON AREAS, OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE EXITS AND HYGIENE PROBLEMS.

MANY OF THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN TACKLED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, HE SAID.

MR BARCLAY SAID OWNERS OF ANOTHER 11 TARGETTED BUILDINGS WOULD GET HELP FROM THE TEAM THIS YEAR.

STRESSING THAT OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR PREMISES, HE SAID A MAJOR TASK OF THE TEAM WAS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO FORM OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN PROPERTIES.

TO ENHANCE OWNERS' AWARENESS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, THE TEAM REGULARLY ORGANISES EDUCATIONAL TALKS, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS AND TRAINING COURSES.

A LARGE-SCALE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON DECEMBER 8.

"A WELL-KEPT BUILDING NOT ONLY RAISES ITS MARKET VALUE, BUT ALSO PROVIDES A SAFE, PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE RESIDENTS," HE STRESSED.

ACCOMPANYING MR BARCLAY IN HIS VISIT TODAY WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS, POLICE, FIRE SERVICES AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

TREES PLANTED TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT LOOKED A LITTLE GREENER TODAY (THURSDAY) AFTER THE PLANTING OF 20 HIBISCUS TILIACEUS ALONG FAT TSEUNG STREET.

THESE TREES WERE PLANTED BY 13 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO AN APPEAL BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

THE TREE PLANTING WAS ALSO PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S YEAR-LONG EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENT.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED MORE THAN \$650,000 SO FAR THIS YEAR FOR VARIOUS MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MORNING WALKERS, CONSTRUCTION OF RAINSHELTERS, IMPROVEMENTS TO RECREATIONAL GROUNDS, INSTALLATION OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND THE PAINTING OF MURAL.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY ON LANTAU

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A TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO, LANTAU, ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THERE WILL BE SINGING PERFORMANCE, GAME STALLS, TRAFFIC SAFETY QUIZ AND AN EXHIBITION. THE FUNCTION WILL START AT 2 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY AIMS AT ALERTING ISLANDERS, BOTH DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS, TO THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

A CALENDER CARD WITH FERRY SERVICES TIMETABLE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOUVENIRS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD; AND ISLANDS POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR WILLIAM WORRAL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO, LANTAU ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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ABOUT 3,000 YAU TSIM RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW AT THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY CONCOURSE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 25). IT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

ENTITLED "FERRY POINT NITE", THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE FERRY POINT AREA COMMITTEE AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ENHANCE THE SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THERE WILL BE A LION DANCE, PERFORMANCES BY TV ARTISTES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, TSIM SHA TSUI.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND ICAC REGIONAL OFFICER (KOWLOON WEST), MRS ANITA LEE.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL WINS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE THEIR PERSONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITMENTS BY HANGING LEAVES ON THE COMMITMENT TREE OF THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC).

AS A RESULT OF ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES, THE ECC HAD TO ORDER AN ADDITIONAL OF 3,000 NEW LEAVES. THIS IS DESPITE THE PREPARATION OF THE FIRST BATCH OF MORE THAN 15,000 LEAVES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WRITE THEIR COMMITMENTS ON.

AN ECC SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE COMMITMENT TREE HAS BEEN ON A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THOUSANDS OF COMMITMENT LEAVES WERE TURNED IN AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL AT VICTORIA PARK ON NOVEMBER 10.

"POPULARITY OF THE TREE GREW WHEN IT TOURED AROUND TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY AND NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN. LAST SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17) ALONE, OVER 2,500 LEAVES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING THE DISPLAY AT NEW TOWN PLAZA," HE SAID.

THE FORTNIGHTLY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL, DURING WHICH MORE THAN 70 ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, WILL CONCLUDE WITH A CLOSING CEREMONY AT CHATER GARDEN AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

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SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN, IS EXPECTED TO OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY. BARONESS DUNN WILL HANG THE LAST BLOSSOM ONTO THE COMMITMENT TREE AS A SYMBOL TO END THE FESTIVAL.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING THE COMMITMENT TREE SHOULD COME TO THE CHATER GARDEN BEFORE THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL," THE SPOKESMAN URGED.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL'S CLOSING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT CHATER GARDEN.

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MORE PARKING SPACES AT AIRPORT CARPARK

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AN ADDITIONAL 342 PARKING SPACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL MULTI-STOREY CARPARK WITH THE COMPLETION LAST WEEK OF THREE ADDITIONAL FLOORS ON THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE CARPARK BUILDING.

THE PARKING SPACES WERE HANDED OVER TO THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ON THURSDAY AND ENTERED INTO SERVICE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE NEW ADDITIONS BRING TO 888 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES SERVING THE PASSENGER TERMINAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO MEETING THE INCREASING DEMANDS OF AIRPORT USERS, AND THAT A FURTHER TWO FLOORS WOULD BE ADDED TO THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE CARPARK BUILDING.

WHEN COMPLETED IN MID-1991, AN ADDITIONAL 190 PARKING SPACES WOULD THEN BE PROVIDED, HE SAID.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN DECEMBER
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 16 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE		TIME
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DECEMBER 1	(SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 3	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 4	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 5	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 6	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 7	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 10	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 11	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 12	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
DECEMBER 13	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 14	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 17	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 18	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 19	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 20	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
DECEMBER 21	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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SUPPLY OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 350,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SERVE MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR VARIOUS ECONOMIC SURVEYS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

A SAMPLE LISTING CONTAINING 20 PER CENT OF THE RECORDS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTER WILL BE CREATED FOR USE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THEIR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEYS AND BUSINESS OR PRODUCT PROMOTION.

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS 20 PER CENT SAMPLE LISTING CAN BE MADE TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * \$3.20 PER PAGE OF PHOTOCOPY; AND
- * A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$400 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNITS) PLUS \$20 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S, IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES. THE MAGNETIC TAPES ARE TO BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANTS.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 823 4760.