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Governor presents insignia and commendations to 87

The Governor, the Rt Hon Christopher Patten, presented insignia and commendations to 87 people at a ceremony at Government House this (Monday) evening.

Of them, 64 were decorated by the Queen for services to the public and 23 the Governor's Commendations.

Following is the list of recipients:

CBE

Mr CHAU Tak-hay

Professor Edward CHEN Kwan-yiu

Professor CHENG Yiu-chung

OBE

Mr CHAU How-chen

Professor LEUNG Chi-keung

Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun

MBE

Mr CHAN Hon-yiu

Mr CHENG Cho-yem

Mr CHONG Chan-yau

Mr CHU Hak-kong

Mr Alfred CHUI Wing-man

Mr Joseph FUNG Kwok-him

Mr Raymond HO Chau-cheung

Mr LEUNG Yau-yam

Ms LI Fung-ying

Mr Johnny WAN Chung-yiu

Miss Nora WONG Pui-ha

MBE (Military)

Warrant Officer Class 2 KRISHNADHOJ Sahi

QPM

Mr Benjamin William MUNFORD

QFSM

Mr WONG Man-chiu

ISM

Mr LAI Kam-fat

Mr NG Yuen-keung

CPM

Police

Mr CHEUNG Chi-shum

Mr Gordon FUNG Siu-yuen

Mrs Christine LEE HUI Ngan-fun

Mr Morgan Alan Philip MAJUREY

Mr Peter CHAN Wai-chi

Mr Robert LEE Chi-yuen

Mr Kerry Stanton PEARCE

Mr TSE Chan-fai

Mr David Graham THOMAS

Mr Jeremy Clive SKINNER

Mr Steven FORD

Mr Stephen LEE Man-yick

Mr CHAN Po-kwong

Mr David Wilfred Frederick O'BRIEN

Mr LEUNG Ka-hung

Mr LAU Wah-on

Mr LO Chi-wa

Mr LIU Si-yung

Mr KAI Wing-hoi

Fire

Mr KWOK Jing-keung

Mr LEE Mui-lam

Mr LUI Kwok-fai

Mr HO Kwok-yui

Mr FUNG Fai-ming

Mr CHOY Lim-lai

Badges of Honour

Mr FOK Kwan-wing

Ms Daisy FUNG Kit-har

Ms Junia HO Suk-yin

Dr JIM Chi-yung

Miss Helen LAI

Mr LAM Choi

Mr LAM Tak-leung

Mr LAU Kok-keung

Mr LEUNG Yat-chiu

Mr MAN Mo-leung

Dr Gordon PEI Yaw-liang

Mr POON Huen-wai

Mr SUM Yuk-biu

Mr TANG Kwong-wing

Mr WONG Kwok-chan

Mr WONG Po-ming

Mr WU Man-yung

Governor's Commendations for Community Service

Mr CHAN Ming-sang

Mr CHEUNG Yiu-tak

Mr CHOU Wing-ping

Mr CHOW Ching-lam

Mr CHU Kwok-wai

Mr FANG Kwong-chung

Mr FUNG Bing-hau

Mr HO King-on

Mr HOU Chun-kau

Ms LEUNG Kim-yee

Mr LIU Wai-tung

Mr Michael LO Shiu-wah for the late Mr LO Chin-fat

Mr LOK Kam-kau

Mr MA Hing-fung

Mr MA Yat-cheung

Mr POON Fat-lam

Mr PONG Kar-lin

Mr TAM Po-wah

Mr TONG Chu-yue

Mr TONG Man-yiu

Mr WONG Kai-wai

Ms WU Kwai-kuen

Mr YIP Tak-lam

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Positive reaction to Consultation Paper on Legal Services

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The initial reaction to the Consultation Paper on Legal Services was very positive with almost all commentators, including members of the legal profession, welcoming it, the Attorney General, Mr Jeremy Mathews, said today (Monday).

Briefing district board members on the Paper today, Mr Mathews said comments to date, noted in the media or obtained through the Government's community links, had tended to concentrate on four areas.

They are:

- * the proposed abolition of scale fees in conveyancing, which has been welcomed by the Consumer Council, several political parties and many members of the community, but which is opposed by some solicitors;
- * the proposal to prohibit joint representation in respect of all conveyancing transactions, which has been welcomed by the Consumer Council, estate agents and many members of the community, but which is opposed by some solicitors;
- * the proposal to allow solicitors to acquire extended rights of audience, which (not surprisingly) solicitors have welcomed but some barristers oppose; and
- * the proposed introduction of contingency fees, which has so far drawn mixed responses.

Mr Mathews said in drawing up the Consultation Paper the guiding principle had been: what is in the public interest?

"We have been at pains in addressing that question to look at it not only from the view-point of the Administration and the legal profession, but also from the community - those who use and pay for legal services," he said.

In the respect of obtaining the views of members of the community, said Mr Mathews, the administration would have to rely upon District Boards to reflect the views of residents in their districts.

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Board of Investigation to investigate ship collision

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The Director of Marine, Mr Ian Dale, has ordered a Board of Investigation under the Pilotage Ordinance to further investigate the circumstances surrounding the collision of two container ships on April 16.

The Director of Marine, who is the Pilotage Authority, ordered the Board of Investigation following recommendations made by a Board of Discipline set up on April 18.

The Board of Investigation will investigate the causes of the collision and in particular the actions of the pilots.

Two container ships, the inward bound M V Tanghe and the outward bound M V California Luna, were both piloted by licensed pilots and collided about one and a half nautical miles north-west of Green Island at about 7.30 pm on April 16.

There was no loss of life or injuries caused by the collision. Both vessels sustained relatively minor damage, but a fire broke out on the California Luna.

A total of 13 containers, four loaded with fireworks and the others with general cargo, were damaged in the fire. The fire was extinguished at about 1.30 pm on the following day.

The Marine Department began an investigation immediately after the collision and interviewed the masters and senior officers of both ships.

Based on the findings of the initial investigation, Mr Dale appointed a Board of Discipline to take the matter further.

The Board of Discipline completed and submitted its report to the Director last week.

The Director of Marine has accepted its recommendations that a Board of Investigation be appointed to further consider the circumstances surrounding the collision.

The Board of Investigation, when it has completed its work, will make recommendations to the Pilotage Authority.

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Guidelines for setting up arts council sent

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A set of guidelines for representative arts organisations and for their nominees for membership of the statutory Hong Kong Arts Development Council has been sent to some 350 arts groups today (Monday).

A spokesman for the Recreation and Culture Branch said the Council would be set up as a statutory body on June 1 this year under the Hong Kong Arts Development Council Ordinance which was enacted by the Legislative Council last Wednesday.

Under the ordinance, he said, the Council shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, 16 non official members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and four ex-officio members.

The 16 non official members will include persons drawn from each of nine specified categories of arts interests, namely: literary arts, music, dance, drama, visual arts, film arts, arts administration, arts education and arts criticism.

The ordinance, he noted, also allows for the introduction of a mechanism whereby organisations representing each of those interests may each nominate one person for consideration by the Governor for appointment as a member of the Council.

"In this connection, the guidelines are to help the arts community to organise themselves, put forward organisations for specification to represent them and select their nominees," he said.

"The guidelines provide information on some of the criteria that will be taken into account when consideration is given to the specification of the representative organisations by the Governor under the ordinance and to consideration by the Governor of the appointment of the nominees selected by these specified organisations."

It will take some time for the arts community to form organisations and process nominations. The Government will also need time to evaluate the results. It has therefore been decided that for the first term of office of the Council, the 16 non official members should all be appointed directly by the Governor for a period of seven months with effect from June 1.

"Such appointments will nevertheless include at least one person drawn from each of the nine arts interests specified in the Ordinance.

"And the second term of office will be for two years starting January 1, 1996. At that time, it is intended to include up to nine members who will have been nominated by each of up to nine specified organisations," the spokesman said.

The Recreation and Culture Branch will be holding an open forum on May 23 to answer questions on the guidelines from organisations interested in seeking specification and nominating representatives. Details will be announced in due course.

Copies of the guidelines and the implementation timetable are now available at the Culture Division, Recreation and Culture Branch, 40th floor, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

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Relocation of outlying islands ferry services piers

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The Transport Department announces that in connection with the Central Reclamation Phase 1, the existing pier in Central for ferry services to Lamma Island will be relocated to the pier on the west bund of the new reclamation area from tomorrow (Tuesday), for a period of about two years.

At the same time, the existing pier in Central for ordinary ferry services to Mui Wo, Peng Chau and Cheung Chau will be relocated to the new pier on the east bund of the new reclamation area.

Hoverferry services to Mui Wo, Peng Chau and Cheung Chau will continue to operate from the existing Government Pier on Pier Road until further notice.

Also with effect from May 9, CMB routes no 3A plying between Central and Felix Villas, nos 11 and 511 plying between Central and Jardines's Lookout, no 25 plying between Central and Tin Hau Temple Road, no 91 plying between Central and Ap Lei Chau Estate and no 94 plying between Central and Lei Tung Estate will be extended to terminate at the bus terminus on the east bund of the new reclamation area, which is currently observed by CMB route nos 4, 7, 37 and 71.

Appropriate directional signs will be provided in the vicinity of the concerned piers to guide passengers.

Members of the public may also make use of the enquiries hotline to obtain information on changes of ferry and bus services. The HYF enquiry hotline number is 2542 3082 and the CMB enquiry hotline number is 2565 8556.

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Gross Domestic Product for the 4th quarter of 1994

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In the fourth quarter of 1994, Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 5.1% in real terms over the same quarter in 1993. For 1994 as a whole, GDP grew by 5.5% in real terms, same as the estimate released in March this year. These are shown in the estimates released today by the Census and Statistics Department.

Among the main components of the GDP estimates, Private Consumption Expenditure grew by 4.9% in real terms in the fourth quarter of 1994 over the same quarter in 1993. There was a moderating trend in the growth rate of Private Consumption Expenditure over the course of last year.

Over the same period, Government Consumption Expenditure (defined in national accounts terms) increased only modestly, by 2.6% in real terms.

Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation, on the other hand, continued to grow significantly, by 13.9% in real terms in the fourth quarter of 1994 over the same quarter in 1993. Within this component, expenditure on construction showed an increase of 14.2%, while expenditure on machinery and equipment recorded a substantial growth of 20.0%.

Regarding external trade in goods, total exports grew by 11.3% in real terms in the fourth quarter of 1994 over a year earlier. Within these, re-exports continued to provide the main impetus to growth, and registered a year-on-year growth rate of 13.8% in real terms. Domestic exports also recovered to show an increase of 1.8% in real terms. Imports rose by 17.1% in real terms in the fourth quarter of 1994 over a year earlier.

On exports of services, the growth rate in real terms was 8.2% in the fourth quarter of 1994 over the same quarter in 1993. The corresponding growth rate for imports of services was 9.0%.

The implicit price deflator of GDP, as a broad measure of overall inflation in the economy, rose by 6.9% in the fourth quarter of 1994 over the same quarter in 1993. For the year as a whole, it rose by an average of 7.7%.

Summaries of the latest GDP figures for the period from the first quarter of 1993 to the fourth quarter of 1994 are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

More detailed quarterly estimates of GDP are published in a report entitled "Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product, 4th Quarter 1994".

This bilingual report is now on sale at \$6.5 per copy at the Government Publications Centre, Queensway Government Offices, Low Block, ground Floor, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong; and at the Publications Section of the Census and Statistics Department, 19th Floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Telephone enquiries may be directed to the National Income Branch (1) of the Census and Statistics Department on 2582 5077.

Table 1 Expenditure-based GDP Estimates
first quarter of 1993 to fourth quarter of 1994

<u>Year/quarter</u>	<u>GDP at Current Market Prices</u>		<u>GDP at Constant (1990) Market Prices</u>	
	<u>HK\$ Mn</u>	<u>% change over same period of the preceding year</u>	<u>HK\$ Mn</u>	<u>% change over same period of the preceding year</u>
1993	897,748	15.2	688,449	5.9
1994	1,018,980	13.5	725,987	5.5
1993 Q1	204,113	17.2	159,327	6.3
Q2	214,130	15.0	163,847	5.4
Q3	237,274	14.7	181,979	5.9
Q4	242,231	14.2	183,296	5.9
1994 Q1	233,822	14.6	168,394	5.7
Q2	245,928	14.8	172,737	5.4
Q3	266,992	12.5	192,140	5.6
Q4	272,240	12.4	192,716	5.1

Table 2 Expenditure-based GDP Estimates
Year-on-year Growth Rates, first quarter of 1993 to fourth quarter of 1994

Expenditure Components of GDP	% change over same period of the preceding year																			
	At current market prices										At constant (1990) market prices									
	1993					1994					1993					1994				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Private consumption expenditure	13.8	14.9	12.0	15.8	14.1	19.0	16.0	14.5	15.1	16.1	7.7	9.1	6.4	7.8	7.7	12.1	7.1	5.6	4.9	7.3
Government consumption expenditure	11.5	14.5	12.7	12.9	12.9	15.4	15.4	14.5	13.7	14.7	0.8	3.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	4.4	4.1	3.2	2.6	3.6
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	18.0	16.9	15.4	11.5	15.3	28.4	20.5	15.7	19.2	20.7	6.3	5.0	3.9	-0.3	3.6	16.3	10.8	11.3	13.9	13.0
of which : Construction	9.7	14.2	17.9	10.4	12.9	29.3	14.5	17.8	18.7	20.2	8.0	13.3	12.7	4.2	9.3	22.6	8.0	15.7	14.7	15.1
Machinery and equipment	21.6	17.4	8.8	3.5	11.9	15.3	16.5	15.9	25.6	18.4	16.8	8.8	1.4	-2.4	5.2	8.4	13.9	14.7	20.0	14.5
Total exports of goods	18.4	12.4	14.3	8.8	13.1	8.6	11.3	12.6	14.1	11.8	19.1	11.8	14.6	9.8	13.5	7.7	11.3	10.8	11.3	10.4
Imports of goods	17.7	11.8	14.7	6.3	12.2	9.8	15.8	17.4	22.3	16.6	19.1	11.4	15.1	7.0	12.7	8.3	15.1	14.7	17.1	14.0
Exports of services	15.4	15.5	15.3	13.2	14.8	14.5	13.1	14.1	15.2	14.2	9.2	8.6	8.8	7.9	8.6	8.9	7.2	8.0	8.2	8.1
Imports of services	8.3	15.4	10.2	9.4	10.8	13.3	12.2	14.9	18.5	14.7	7.5	12.9	9.2	6.9	9.1	9.0	6.9	7.4	9.0	8.1
Gross Domestic Product	17.2	15.0	14.7	14.2	15.2	14.6	14.8	12.5	12.4	13.5	6.3	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.5

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Employees urged to register as electors

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The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) today (Monday) appeals to all working persons who have yet to register as electors to do so before June 1.

"If you have already been notified by the REO of the new functional constituency (FC) you belong to, and if you agree with the registration arrangement, you need not do anything further," a REO spokesman said.

"If you haven't been notified, you may have already received an appeal letter and a registration form from the REO sent through your employer's address. Please fill in the form and return it to the REO before June 1."

In the September Legislative Council Elections, all eligible working persons will have the right to vote in one of the nine new FC s representing them in their workplace.

To educate the public about the registration procedure and the main trades and services covered by the nine new FCs, extensive and intensive publicity campaigns have been launched since January. Electronic and printed media are widely used to publicise the voter registration message.

So far, more than 218,000 employers have returned information on their 1.55 million employees.

To qualify as electors in a new FC, employees must first be qualified as electors of a geographical constituency.

The spokesman said notifications had been sent to more than 647,000 employees who were on the General Electoral Roll (GER).

More than 500,000 appeal letters and registration forms had been sent to those employees not yet registered.

He reminds employees who have not received the appeal letter to take the initiative to pick up a registration form from one of 1,500 outlets where forms are freely distributed. These outlets include district offices, public housing estates, post offices and banks.

He also said if those employees who were unsure of which new functional constituency they belong to, they may call 2891 1001 for advice.

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HK Regiment's last border operation

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The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) is carrying out its last anti-illegal immigration duties on the border as from last Saturday until the coming Sunday (May 14).

The Volunteers have deployed into six operation areas in pursuit of illegal immigrants and operated closely with and, in support of, the Royal Hong Kong Police. Duties undertaken include patrols, day/night ambushes, intelligence collecting and sweep operations.

The 550 part-time soldiers execute all duties of guarding the areas including Sha Tau Kok, Lok Ma Chau, Sai Kung, Wu Kau Tang, Pak Hok Chau and Pak Fu Shan.

The Regiment, established in 1854 and has served the Hong Kong community for the past 141 year, is set to disband at midnight on September 3.

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Attention News Editors:

Members of the media are invited to visit them on the border on Friday (May 12) afternoon until Saturday morning to see their operations there.

A press coach will be arranged to take reporters from Central Government Offices (CGO) at 2.00 pm sharp on Friday to Gallipoli Camp, Sha Tau Kok where they will be given a briefing on border operations by the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Kestrel Simson.

Reporters will split into groups to see how soldiers carry out their duties along the border. Transport will be provided to take those who do not wish to stay overnight back to the urban area at 6 pm. The overnight group will, after dinner, spend the night with the Volunteers in different parties at various locations. They will be ferried to the nearby railway station at about 7.30 am the following day.

As border permits will have to be arranged, reporters wishing to take part must give their names and identity card numbers to the Duty Officers, Newsroom, GIS on 2842 8747 or 5227 662 before 3 pm on Thursday (May 11).

Reporters wishing to stay overnight are advised to bring sufficient clothing and raincoat. Meals and drinks will be provided.

GIS officers will be on hand to assist.

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Early registration of optometrists urged

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People practising as optometrists but have not yet applied for registration are reminded to do so without delay.

A spokesman for the Secretariat of the Optometrists Board said all practising optometrists were required by law to be registered by April 1, 1996.

"Although applications for registration will continue to be accepted, the Optometrists Board may not have sufficient time to complete the registration procedures before April 1, 1996, if applications are submitted at too late a stage," the spokesman said today (Monday).

As for provisional registration, the spokesman said this was a one-off exercise and applications would only be accepted until May 31 this year.

"Late applications for provisional registration will not be considered and those who have applied for provisional registration are deemed to be registered until the results of their applications are known," he added.

Application forms and a "guide to applicants" booklet which contains details on the required qualifications and application procedures are obtainable from the Secretariat of the Optometrists Board at Wu Chung House, 17th floor, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai.

Enquiries can be made on 2961 8656 or 2961 8646.

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Water storage figure

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Storage in Hong Kong's reservoirs at 9 am today (Monday) stood at 65.3 per cent of capacity or 382.609 million cubic metres.

This time last year the reservoirs contained 386.112 million cubic metres of water, representing 65.9 per cent of capacity.

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Fresh water cuts in Sham Shui Po and Sheung Shui

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Fresh water supply to some premises in Sham Shui Po and Sheung Shui will be temporarily suspended from 11 pm on Wednesday (May 10) and Thursday (May 11) respectively to 6 am the following day to facilitate water mains leakage detection.

The suspension will affect all the premises at Cheung Fat Street, Po On Road, Wing Hong Street, Kwong Shing Street and Castle Peak Road in Sham Shui Po.

In Sheung Shui, the affected areas will include San Fung Avenue, Fu Hing Street, San Shing Avenue, San Tsoi Street, Tsun Fu Street, Shek Wu Hui Old Street, Man Shang Street, Wing Shang Street, San Hong Street, San Kin Street, San Kung Street and San Wing Street.

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Tender for ninth issue of 2-year Exchange Fund Notes

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announces that the tender for the ninth issue of two-year Exchange Fund Notes will be held on next Monday (May 15) for settlement the following day (May 16).

Similar to the previous issue, an amount of HK\$500 million two-year notes will be on offer.

In addition to that, another HK\$100 million will be held as reserve by the HKMA for supply to Market Makers in the secondary market.

The notes will mature on May 16, 1997 and will carry interest at the rate of 6.40 per cent per annum payable semi-annually in arrears.

Members of the public who wish to tender for the notes may do so through any of the Market Makers or Recognised Dealers on the published list which can be obtained from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority on 30th floor, 3 Garden Road, Hong Kong (or telephone 2878 8150).

Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000 or integral multiples thereof.

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
EXCHANGE FUND NOTE PROGRAMME
TENDER INFORMATION

Tender information for the ninth issue of 2-Year Exchange Fund Notes :-

- Issue Number : 2705
- Tender Date and Time : Monday 15 May 1995, 9.30 am to 10.30 am
- Issue and Settlement Date : Tuesday 16 May 1995
- Amount on Offer : HK\$500 million plus an additional HK\$100 million as reserve stock for the Monetary Authority
- Maturity : Two years
- Maturity Date : 16 May 1997
- Interest Rate : 6.40% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears
- Interest Payment Dates : 16 Nov 1995, 16 May 1996
18 Nov 1996, 16 May 1997
- Tender Amount : Each tender must be for an amount of HK\$50,000 or integral multiples thereof. Members of the public who wish to tender for the Notes may approach Market Makers or Recognised Dealers on the published list.
- Other details : Please see Information Memorandum published or approach Market Makers or Recognised Dealers.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

	<u>\$ million</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative change (\$million)</u>
Opening balance in the account	1,205	0930	+1323
Closing balance in the account	1,371	1000	+1323
Change attributable to :		1100	+1323
Money market activity	+1,286	1200	+1294
LAF today	-1,120	1500	+1294
		1600	+1286

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 117.9 *-0.4* 8.5.95

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes/Hong Kong Government bonds				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.56	19 months	2611	6.90	101.01	6.29
1 month	5.64	22 months	2702	7.50	102.03	6.37
3 months	5.73	30 months	3710	7.25	101.65	6.62
6 months	5.83	36 months	3804	6.90	100.56	6.80
12 months	6.04	59 months	5003	7.75	102.28	7.31

Total turnover of bills and bonds - \$ 13,708 million

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