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GOVERNMENT POLICY PROGRESS REPORT READY ON MONDAY

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUBLISH A PROGRESS REPORT ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 3) DETAILING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNDERTAKINGS MADE IN THE 1992 AND 1993 POLICY ADDRESSES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN.

THE TWO POLICY ADDRESSES SET OUT A COMBINED TOTAL OF 221 SPECIFIC POLICY PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WHILE SOME OF THESE PLEDGES WERE TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, OTHERS IN THE LONGER TERM.

COPIES OF THE PROGRESS REPORT IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES FROM 2 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO COLLECT COPIES BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM AT SIX MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AT CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG.

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NEW CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 691 TO SERVE HANG HAU RESIDENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 3), A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 691 WILL BE INTRODUCED TO SERVE BETWEEN HANG HAU (NORTH) AND CENTRAL (MACAU FERRY).

IT WILL REPLACE THE SPECIAL MORNING TRIPS OF ROUTE 690P.

ROUTE 691 WILL TRAVEL VIA PO NING ROAD, PO LAM NORTH ROAD, TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL, EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, KING'S ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

IT WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 6.40 AM TO 9 AM AND FROM 3.25 PM TO 8.10 PM DAILY FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ITS FULL FARE IS \$13 AND SECTION FARES OF \$9.50 AND \$8 FOR PASSENGERS BOARDING AFTER TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL AND AT EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TOLL PLAZA RESPECTIVELY ON JOURNEY TO CENTRAL.

A SECTION FARE OF \$4.5 WILL BE CHARGED FOR PASSENGERS BOARDING AFTER EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ON BOTH JOURNEYS TO HANG HAU AND CENTRAL.

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS LOOK AT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

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THREE INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE WATER DISPOSAL HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A VISIT TO HONG KONG TO UPDATE THEMSELVES ON THE PROGRESS OF A REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR STAGE II OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THEY WERE PROFESSOR POUL HARREMOES FROM THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK, PROFESSOR QIAN YI FROM TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSOR DONALD HARLEMAN FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

THE REVIEW OF STAGE II OPTIONS IS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY PYPUN ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LIMITED. THE PANEL OF EXPERTS ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT INDEPENDENT VIEWS ON THE ALTERNATIVES OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY CONSULTANTS.

DURING THE VISIT OF THE EXPERTS, THE CONSULTANTS PROVIDED A DETAILED UPDATE OF THEIR PROGRESS IN SHORTLISTING THE TYPES OF TREATMENT PROCESSES THAT ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR HONG KONG. THE INITIAL REACTION OF THE EXPERTS TO THE CONSULTANTS' WORK IS THAT THE LIST IS COMPREHENSIVE.

DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG, THE EXPERTS ALSO MET REPRESENTATIVES OF INTEREST GROUPS INCLUDING FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, WORLD WIDE FUND AND THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THE EXPERTS WILL REVISIT HONG KONG EARLY NEXT YEAR WHEN THE REVIEW REPORT IS COMPLETED.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED

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MR KO TAM-KAN WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE; TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE WENT TO MR TENNY HUNG, MS MAR YUET-HAR, MR WONG KING-CHEUNG AND MR CHAN YAU-YUE RESPECTIVELY.

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CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY ON OCTOBER 13 (THURSDAY) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR WAGE LEVELS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AN EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A FULL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 AND 31 DAYS, BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE OF THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TEL 717 1771.

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AIRPORT PROJECT EXHIBITION DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

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MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE YESTERDAY ATTENDED THE FIRST DAY OF AN EXHIBITION THAT SHOWS THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECTS IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

ORGANISED BY THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE (NAPCO), THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD AT THE CENTRAL BRIDGE, SECOND FLOOR, CITYPLAZA, TAI KOO SHING. IT FEATURES MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO SHOWS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR NAPCO SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE EXHIBITION, AIMED AT KEEPING THE PUBLIC ABREAST OF THE RAPID PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE ON THE 10 AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PROJECTS, HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AND HAS DRAWN LARGE CROWDS.

THE PROJECTS HAVE PROGRESSED WELL WITH FORMATION OF THE AIRPORT PLATFORM ABOUT 70 PER CENT COMPLETE.

THE RECLAMATION WORK FOR THE TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN HAS BEEN FULLY COMPLETED AND THAT FOR THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION IS OVER 80 PER CENT COMPLETE; SPINNING FOR THE TSING MA BRIDGE'S MAIN SUSPENSION CABLES BEGAN IN JULY; AND THE FIRST CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL UNIT FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY WAS IMMERSERD TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE EXHIBITION WILL CONTINUE TODAY AND TOMORROW AND IS OPEN FROM 10.30 AM TO 8.30 PM

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,113	0930	+180
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,126	1000	+180
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+180
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+180	1200	+180
LAF TODAY	-167	1500	
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.7	**+0.1*	1.10.94

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