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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED STABLE IN SEPTEMBER AS COMPARED TO A YEAR EARLIER, WHILE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO RISE MARKEDLY.

RETAINED IMPORTS ALSO SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THESE WERE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1990, AT \$19,525 MILLION, SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE OVER SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, HOWEVER, INCREASED BY \$4,665 MILLION OR 15.3 PER CENT TO \$35,100 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE BY \$4,648 MILLION OR 9.3 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$54,625 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS GREW BY \$6,944 MILLION OR 14.8 PER CENT OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$53,852 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$773 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

THIS COMPARES WITH A SURPLUS OF \$3,069 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.5 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER 1989.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1990 WAS \$454,294 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$161,600 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$292,694 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1989, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$35,578 MILLION OR 8.5 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS FALLING BY \$2,328 MILLION OR 1.4 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS RISING BY \$37,906 MILLION OR 14.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$35,578 MILLION OR 8.5 PER CENT, TO \$455,869 MILLION.

A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1,575 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.3 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1990.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$1,514 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.4 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

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COMMENTING ON THE SEPTEMBER FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PERFORMANCE OF RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO BE ROBUST, WHILE THE DECLINES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SEEMED TO HAVE MODERATED OR STABILISED IN RECENT MONTHS.

THE STRONG GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A RAPID INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA ALSO PICKED UP IN RECENT MONTHS.

AS REGARDS RETAINED IMPORTS, A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN SEPTEMBER. THEY HAD ALREADY SHOWN POSITIVE GROWTH FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. THIS MIGHT SUGGEST SOME IMPROVEMENT IN DOMESTIC DEMAND.

THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS STEMMING FROM THE GULF CRISIS WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME DAMPENING EFFECT ON THE DEMAND FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS, DEPENDING ON THE IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON HONG KONG'S MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$19,525 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$35,100 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$54,625 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$53,852 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$773 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	JUL 90 TO	JUL 89 TO	INCREASE	
	SEP 90	SEP 89	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	61,062	61,870	-808	-1.3
RE-EXPORTS	109,597	93,692	15,905	17.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	170,659	155,562	15,097	9.7
IMPORTS	164,036	143,607	20,429	14.2
TRADE BALANCE	6,623	11,955	-5,332	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	INCREASE	
	1990	1989	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,525	19,542	-17	-0.1
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(35.7%)	(39.1%)		
RE-EXPORTS	35,100	30,435	4,665	15.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	54,625	49,977	4,648	9.3
IMPORTS	53,852	46,908	6,944	14.8
TRADE BALANCE	773	3,069	-2,296	

/LAST MONTH

LAST MONTH	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	INCREASE	
	1990	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,525	21,128	-1,603	-7.6
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(35.7%)	(35.5%)		
RE-EXPORTS	35,100	38,304	-3,204	-8.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	54,625	59,432	-4,807	-8.1
IMPORTS	53,852	55,704	-1,852	-3.3
TRADE BALANCE	773	3,728	-2,955	

CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-SEP	JAN-SEP	INCREASE	
	1990	1989	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	161,600	163,928	-2,328	-1.4
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(35.6%)	(39.2%)		
RE-EXPORTS	292,694	254,788	37,906	14.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	454,294	418,716	35,578	8.5
IMPORTS	455,869	420,230	35,639	8.5
TRADE BALANCE	-1,575	-1,514	-61	

LAST 12 MONTHS	OCT 89 TO	OCT 88 TO	INCREASE	
	SEP 90	SEP 89	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	221,776	225,219	-3,443	-1.5
RE-EXPORTS	384,311	337,245	47,066	14.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	606,087	562,464	43,623	7.8
IMPORTS	598,419	564,426	33,993	6.0
TRADE BALANCE	7,668	-1,962	9,630	

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990.

THE CPI(A) (OCT. 84 - SEP. 85 = 100) FOR SEPTEMBER 1990, AT 145.5, WAS 9.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1989 WHILE THE CPI(B), AT 144.9, WAS 9.9 PER CENT HIGHER.

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE IN JULY AND AUGUST WERE 9.4 PER CENT FOR BOTH MONTHS FOR CPI(A), AND 9.5 PER CENT AND 9.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY FOR CPI(B).

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FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1990, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED BY 9.4 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN CPI(A) IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION), TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES, FUEL AND LIGHT, AND SERVICES AT 18.2 PER CENT, 13.9 PER CENT, 13.2 PER CENT AND 13.0 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN THE CPI(B) WERE 18.0 PER CENT, 14.8 PER CENT, 12.0 PER CENT AND 12.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST WEIGHTING IN THE OVERALL INDEX, INCREASED BY 9.1 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 9.5 PER CENT IN CPI(B).

THESE FIVE COMPONENTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 76 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND 70 PER CENT OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI(B).

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH AUGUST 1990, THE CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT AND THE CPI(B), BY 1.6 PER CENT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF INCREASES IN SCHOOL FEES AND PRICES OF TEXTBOOKS, HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS, INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED IN SEPTEMBER 1990, AT 138.4 AND 138.0 RESPECTIVELY, WERE 9.5 PER CENT AND 9.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1989.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 1990, 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 SEPTEMBER 1990 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1989, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

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

SECTION	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR SEP. 90	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 90	% CHANGE OVER SEP. 89	INDEX FOR SEP. 90	% CHANGE OVER AUG. 90	% CHANGE OVER SEP. 89
FOODSTUFFS	147.3	+1.4	+9.1	149.0	+1.3	+9.5
HOUSING	136.6	+2.5	+10.3	130.8	+1.6	+10.4
FUEL AND LIGHT	108.4	+3.9	+13.2	107.6	+3.2	+12.0
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	158.0	+0.3	+18.2	159.1	+0.4	+18.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	145.5	-0.0*	+7.8	148.6	+0.0*	+7.7
DURABLE GOODS	126.4	+0.4	+3.5	125.4	+0.6	+3.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	139.0	+0.6	+5.0	139.7	+1.0	+5.5
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	157.0	+0.4	+13.9	156.9	+0.6	+14.8
SERVICES	168.6	+5.9	+13.0	166.6	+4.4	+12.2
ALL ITEMS	145.5	+1.8	+9.7	144.9	+1.6	+9.9

* LESS THAN 0.05 PER CENT

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH AUGUST 1990, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.3 PER CENT IN CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND MOONCAKES AND IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 2.5 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.6 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND FOR SOME FLATS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 3.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 3.2 PER CENT IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF KEROSENE AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS WELL AS THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 0.6 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 1.0 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 5.9 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 4.4 PER CENT IN CPI(B) DUE TO INCREASES IN SCHOOL FEES AND PRICES OF TEXTBOOKS, AND HIGHER NURSERY CHARGES.

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FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN 1 DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR SEPTEMBER 1990, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$5.0 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; 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.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 154.7 IN SEPTEMBER 1990, UP BY 1.7 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1990 AND BY 11.4 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1989.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$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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GOVT TEAM TO ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING ON REHABILITATION

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A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, LEFT FOR BEIJING TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ATTEND A REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON REHABILITATION.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS THE NINTH ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL, WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 26) TO NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30).

MRS WONG IS TO GIVE A SPEECH AT A PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE HONG KONG EXPERIENCE IN THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE "SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT" SCHEME.

THE SCHEME IS A NEW MODEL OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED NOW BEING EXPERIMENTED IN HONG KONG UNDER THE COORDINATION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING BEFORE HER DEPARTURE FOR BEIJING, MRS WONG SAID SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT REHABILITATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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"THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN REHABILITATION WILL BE OF GREAT RELEVANCE TO THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW OF REHABILITATION SERVICES IN HONG KONG AND ALSO TO THE DRAFTING OF THE GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION," SHE SAID.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDED THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR ALAN WONG, WOULD ATTEND DISCUSSION SESSIONS ON THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT IN REHABILITATION, THE CREATION OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS, THE ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND IMPROVEMENT TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COMMUNICATIONS ON DISABILITIES.

THE DELEGATION WOULD ALSO VISIT REHABILITATION CENTRES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE IN BEIJING.

REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL IS A FEDERATION OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PROMOTE THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITY, THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE EQUALISATION OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN SOCIETIES.

IN ADDITION TO MRS ELIZABETH WONG AND MR ALAN WONG, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WERE: PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER MR PAUL LAM TIN-SIK, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MR HOUDINI HO HO-TANG, AND SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS MRS KAN CHIK WAI-KWAN AND MRS WAN LEE LAI-MUI.

THE DELEGATION ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AT THE INVITATION OF THE REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL.

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REGISTRATION OF PHILADELPHIA INT'L FINANCE CO
AS DEPOSIT-TAKING CO REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FINANCE COMPANY - HONG KONG LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 25, 1990 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL GAZETTED
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THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WHICH AIMS AT ALLOWING HOLDERS OF FOREIGN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY TO SERVE AS OFFICERS ON SHIPS ON THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING UNDER A LICENSING SYSTEM WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BILL PROVIDES POWER FOR REGULATIONS TO BE MADE TO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TO ISSUE LICENCES TO HOLDERS OF THOSE CERTIFICATES WHICH ARE RECOGNISED AS BEING BROADLY EQUIVALENT TO THE CORRESPONDING CLASS OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATES.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH NEW DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH ALLEGED CASES OF INCOMPETENCE OR MISCONDUCT BY OFFICERS ON SHIPS ON THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE STEERING GROUP ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING RECOMMENDED THAT HOLDERS OF FOREIGN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON SHIPS ON THE NEW HONG KONG REGISTER UNDER A LICENSING SYSTEM WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT MANNING STANDARDS COMPLIED WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REQUIREMENTS.

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THREE GOVERNMENT LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION
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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 22.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT YEN CHOW STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,198 SQUARE METRES.

IT 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 OTHER TWO LOTS ARE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE IS LOCATED IN AREA 37A, SHA TIN, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 16,305 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA NOT LESS THAN 9,960 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1994.

THE THIRD LOT IS LOCATED IN AREA 29A, FANLING, AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 12,670 SQUARE METRES FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 25,087 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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APPLICATION TO CLOSE A KOWLOON BUILDING

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY INTENDS TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN RESPECT OF THE EXTERNAL REAR STAIRCASE AND STRUCTURES IN THE OPEN YARD AND AT COCKLOFT AND ROOF LEVEL AT 106 SOY STREET, KOWLOON.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (THURSDAY), THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THE BUILDING WAS A FOUR-STOREY POST-WAR BUILDING SERVED BY TWO STAIRCASES.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, AN ORDER WAS ISSUED REQUIRING THE OWNERS TO MAKE THE BUILDING SAFE BY CARRYING OUT REPAIRS AND DEMOLITION OF THE REAR STAIRCASE. THIS ORDER HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND WAS NOW IN DEFAULT.

THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT, ON BEHALF OF THE OWNERS, WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF THE OCCUPANTS CONCERNED.

THE REAR STAIRCASE IS IN A SEVERELY DILAPIDATED CONDITION AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE DANGEROUS AND BEYOND REPAIR AND SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED.

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THE DEMOLITION OF THE REAR STAIRCASE WILL RENDER THE STRUCTURES IN THE YARD AND AT COCKLOFT AND ROOF LEVELS DANGEROUS DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT AND THESE SHOULD ALSO BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS BEING LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 27 WERE POSTED TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE AUTHORITY ALSO SEEKS TO CLOSE SOME UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT THE FLAT ROOF (FACING THE REAR LANE) ADJACENT TO WORKSHOP I, FIFTH FLOOR, 110 HOW MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON IN ORDER THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 3, 1991 HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

THE CLOSURE IS PART OF AN EXERCISE TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE SAID UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL BEGIN ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDER IS GRANTED.

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TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY INDUSTRY NEEDED
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THE EMERGENCE OF A TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL LINKAGE INDUSTRY.

THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN AWARD CATEGORY OF THE 1990 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY.

MR BARMA SAID AS HONG KONG MOVED AHEAD INTO THE 1990S, THE STRENGTH OF THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY WOULD BE A VITAL FACTOR IN ITS EXPORT PERFORMANCE.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S LINKAGE INDUSTRY MUST DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF MODERN MANUFACTURING.

"I AM SURE THAT ALL INDUSTRIALISTS HERE TODAY FULLY APPRECIATE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER MUST BRING TO HIS MANUFACTURING OPERATION A BLEND OF HARD-HEAD MANAGEMENT AND CREATIVE IMAGINATION," HE SAID.

/MR BARMA

MR BARMA SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE EXCELLENT RESPONSE IN THE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT CATEGORY OF THE 1990 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY.

"NOT ONLY WERE THERE TWICE AS MANY ENTRIES AS LAST YEAR, BUT THE QUALITY OF ENTRIES WAS ALSO VERY HIGH. THE WINNERS OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT IN THIS AWARD CATEGORY CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT," HE SAID.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 32 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, SIX WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. OF THEM, FIVE WERE CAUGHT BY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS DURING IDENTITY CHECKS AT FACTORIES AND THE OTHER ONE WAS CAUGHT BY LABOUR OFFICERS IN A SIMILAR OPERATION.

THE REMAINING 26 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED THIS MORNING, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTITY SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 6,660 PERSONS AND 545 VEHICLES WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTITY CHECKS.

NINE PERSONS WERE SUMMONSED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. A FURTHER THREE PERSONS WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 3,624 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 13,952 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

TWENTY-NINE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF THE EASTERN ROOM AT QUEEN'S PIER, HONG KONG.

THE ROOM, MEASURING ABOUT 12 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE (EXCLUDING STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS) PURPOSE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 16.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND TENANCY AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, MEZZANINE FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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STUDENTS' VIEW ON HK'S FUTURE IN DRAMA FORM

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A STUDENT DRAMA NIGHT, THE "HONG KONG IN THE 90'S VARIETY SHOW - THE STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE", WILL BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 27), STARTING AT 7 PM.

DRAMA TEAMS FROM SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS - CMA PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, NG WAH COLLEGE, SAM YUK MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, ST PAUL'S COLLEGE AND ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE - WILL PLAY THEIR OWN SCRIPTS.

THE DRAMA NIGHT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HARBOUR JAYCEES TO PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON HONG KONG IN THE FORM OF DRAMAS AND TO AROUSE THEIR CONCERN ON LOCAL AFFAIRS.

YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HARBOUR JAYCEES, MR YIP SING-KEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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