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COMMUNITY HAS GREAT FAITH IN ELECTORAL SYSTEM

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THE RECORD NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS GREAT FAITH IN THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE PRE-CONGRESS CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, MRS CHAN SAID: "IN PARTICULAR, I THINK THE COMMUNITY RECOGNISES THE VALUABLE ROLE THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS PLAY IN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT."

SHE BELIEVED THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES WOULD BE WORKING OUT TO A PEAK AND REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD BE LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE MANIFESTO AND PLATFORM OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES.

"I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT ON THE ACTUAL DAY OF ELECTIONS, WHICH, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IS ON SEPTEMBER 18, ALL THE REGISTERED VOTERS WILL TURN OUT IN FORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING AS IT'S THEIR RIGHT AND DUTY AS A CIVIC-MINDED CITIZEN," SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE ON AVERAGE TWO CANDIDATES FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR SAID THE VOTERS COULD VOTE FOR THE PERSON OF THEIR CHOICE.

"WHAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ENSURE IS THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN A FAIR AND OPEN MANNER," SHE SAID.

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TRANSCRIPT OF ACTING GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MRS ANSON CHAN, AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE PRE-CONGRESS CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS TODAY (TUESDAY):

MRS CHAN: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WHICH CLOSED YESTERDAY. OVERALL, WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS. WE'VE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS AND I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN CANDIDATES WHO ARE STANDING FOR ELECTION. CLEARLY, THE COMMUNITY HAS GREAT FAITH IN THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND, IN PARTICULAR, I THINK THE COMMUNITY RECOGNISES THE VALUABLE ROLE THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS PLAY IN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. I AM SURE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES WILL BE WORKING OUT TO A PEAK AND I AM ALSO SURE THAT REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE MANIFESTO AND PLATFORM OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT ON THE ACTUAL DAY OF ELECTIONS, WHICH, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IS ON SEPTEMBER 18, ALL THE REGISTERED VOTERS WILL TURN OUT IN FORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING AS IT'S THEIR RIGHT AND DUTY AS A CIVIC-MINDED CITIZEN.

QUESTION: WILL YOU HAVE PLANS TO MEET WITH LAU SAN-CHING?

MRS CHAN: NO. I THINK MR LAU SAN-CHING IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE RETURNING OFFICER, FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS LAID DOWN IN THE LAW. THERE IS A PROPER CHANNEL FOR MR LAU TO APPEAL IF HE IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER AND AS MR LAU KNOWS, HE CAN APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT IF HE WISHES WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ELECTION HAS TAKEN PLACE. AND SO, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IF MR LAU WISHES TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, HE WILL USE THE PROPER CHANNELS.

QUESTION: 48 SEATS ARE STILL UNCONTESTED IN THE DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS. HOW DISAPPOINTED ARE YOU THAT THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES....?

MRS CHAN: I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT BOTH THE NUMBER AND THE PERCENTAGE OF UNCONTESTED SEATS, WE ARE, IN FACT, DOING MUCH BETTER THAN IN THE ELECTIONS IN 1991. OF COURSE, IN ANY SORT OF ELECTION, I THINK THERE ARE BOUND TO BE UNCONTESTED SEATS. THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY PECULIAR OR UNIQUE TO HONG KONG. I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE VOTERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE PERSON OF THEIR CHOICE AND ON AVERAGE, WE NOW HAVE TWO CANDIDATES FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY. OF COURSE, THIS YEAR WE ALSO HAVE A RECORD NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES. BUT THERE ARE, AS I SAID, ON AVERAGE, TWO CANDIDATES FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY. SO, I AM SURE VOTERS CAN VOTE FOR THE PERSON OF THEIR OWN CHOICE. WHAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ENSURE IS THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN A FAIR AND OPEN MANNER.

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#### LAND REGISTRY RELEASES STATISTICS FOR JULY 1994

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A TOTAL OF 6,931 SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF BUILDING UNITS, WHICH INCLUDE BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE LAND REGISTRY DURING JULY 1994.

THE TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF THE AGREEMENTS AMOUNTS TO \$24.92 BILLION.

THE NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 2.8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THAT IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND A DECREASE OF 63.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JULY 1993.

THESE JULY STATISTICS ON THE PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE URBAN AND THE NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES WERE RELEASED BY THE LAND REGISTRAR TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR BUILDING UNITS SHOWED A DECELERATION FROM AN INCREASE OF 50.1 PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR AND AN INCREASE OF 18.1 PER CENT IN APRIL, TO A DECREASE OF 5.9 PER CENT IN MAY, A DECREASE OF 44.3 PER CENT IN JUNE, AND A DECREASE OF 63.3 PER CENT IN JULY.

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AS THERE IS USUALLY A TIME LAG BETWEEN THE EXECUTION AND THE LODGMENT OF DEEDS FOR REGISTRATION, STATISTICS RECORDED IN JULY GENERALLY RELATE TO LAND TRANSACTIONS EXECUTED UP TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THEIR SUBMISSION FOR REGISTRATION.

THERE IS AN INCREASE OF 8.3 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS OF BUILDING UNITS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN JULY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THIS IS MAINLY THE RESULT OF THE LODGMENT OF 3,445 ASSIGNMENTS OF PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FLATS IN RESPECT OF YUET WU VILLA IN TUEN MUN.

A COMPARISON TABLE SHOWING THE RELEVANT STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1994 AND FOR JULY 1993 WAS RELEASED.

FOR SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, A CHART SHOWING THE NUMBER RECEIVED FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND ANOTHER SHOWING THE YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF CHANGE WERE ALSO RELEASED.

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SUCCESS OF ELECTION DEPENDS ON  
HONEST ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES  
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION (BEC), MR JUSTICE WOO KWOK-HING, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER DEPENDED ON THE CANDIDATES' STRICT ADHERENCE TO ELECTION REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES.

MR WOO SAID CANDIDATES SHOULD BE CAREFUL IN HANDLING THEIR ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A BRIEFING SESSION ORGANISED BY THE BEC FOR CANDIDATES.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, POST OFFICE AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE WERE ALSO PRESENT.

"OUR COMMON GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE AN OPEN, FAIR AND HONEST ELECTION," HE SAID.

HE SAID MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS THE BEC RECEIVED RELATED TO ELECTION ADVERTISEMENTS. HE URGED CANDIDATES TO HANDLE CAREFULLY THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THESE ADVERTISEMENTS.

"IF A CANDIDATE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT ENTIRELY HEEDING THE BEC'S PROVISIONS, HE SHOULD TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION. THE COMMISSION WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE RELEVANT REGULATIONS AND WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY PRACTICES WHICH ARE VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS," MR WOO STRESSED.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA OF CONCERN IS ELECTION EXPENSES.

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HE SAID THERE WAS NO TIME LIMIT FOR EXPENSES TO BE COUNTED AS ELECTION EXPENSES.

ANY CANDIDATE WHO HAS INCURRED EXPENSES IN ELECTION ADVERTISEMENT BUT HAS DELIBERATELY DISREGARDED IT AS SUCH ADVERTISEMENT, OR HAS ERRONEOUSLY REGARDED IT AS NOT AMOUNTING TO ELECTION ADVERTISEMENT AND THEREFORE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THEM IN HIS RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES AND DONATIONS, HE WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES ORDINANCE.

"IF CONVICTED, HE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AS A BOARD MEMBER, A CANDIDATE AND AN ELECTOR," HE SAID.

THE BEC HAS ALSO SENT LETTERS TO MORE THAN 8,000 OWNERS INCORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMPANIES ADVISING THEM TO TREAT EVERY CANDIDATE FAIRLY AND EQUALLY.

HE SAID THE BEC RESPECTED THE RIGHT OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP. IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE LEGITIMATE DECISION MADE BY THESE ORGANISATIONS TO DENY ACCESS TO ANY CANDIDATE FROM CONDUCTING ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE COMMON AREA OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE BEC ALSO URGED CANDIDATES TO RESPECT THE DECISION MADE BY THESE ORGANISATIONS.

"BUT IF THE BEC IS SATISFIED THAT A COMPLAINT OF UNEQUAL TREATMENT OF CANDIDATES IS JUSTIFIED, IT MAY MAKE A DENUNCIATION OR CENSURE IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE PARTIES CONCERNED," HE ADDED.

THE BEC HAS CONDUCTED FOUR BRIEFING SESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES TODAY ON ELECTION REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

AFTER EACH BRIEFING SESSION, RETURNING OFFICERS OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS AND CANDIDATES ASSEMBLED AT VARIOUS FUNCTION ROOMS FOR BALLOT TO DETERMINE THE ORDER OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT PAPERS AND TO ALLOCATE KEY SPOTS.

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NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR TWO CONSTITUENCIES REVISED  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY) THAT THERE SHOULD BE TWO CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE LEI SHUE CONSTITUENCY AND THREE NOMINATED FOR THE LEI MUK CONSTITUENCY IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FOR THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE FIGURES RELEASED LAST NIGHT FOR THE TWO CONSTITUENCIES HAVE SINCE BEEN REVISED UPON CLARIFICATION FROM ONE CANDIDATE.

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THE CANDIDATES ARE:

LEI SHUE CONSTITUENCY  
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- \* HO MOON
- \* CHAN YUEN-SUM

LEI MUK CONSTITUENCY  
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- \* FUNG CHAN-KI, RICHARD
- \* HUI PO-CHUN
- \* LAM CHIU-LUN

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NEW DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT NAMED  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LEE SHING-SEE AS DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT.

MR LEE WILL SUCCEED MR CHOW CHE-KING WHO WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON AUGUST 28, 1994.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF MR LEE AND MR CHOW:

MR LEE SHING-SEE, JP  
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AGED 52, MR LEE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN SEPTEMBER 1964. HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN JANUARY 1989 AND TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN JANUARY 1992.

MR CHOW CHE-KING, OBE, JP  
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AGED 60, MR CHOW JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ENGINEER IN SEPTEMBER 1957. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN NOVEMBER 1982 AND TO DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY 1993. ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR CHOW WILL HAVE COMPLETED 37 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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270 ELECTION COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 270 COMPLAINTS ON ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES AS AT TODAY (TUESDAY).

OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS, 216 WERE RELATED TO ELECTION ADVERTISEMENTS, 25 ON ELECTIONEERING IN PRIVATE PREMISES AND 29 ON OTHER MATTERS.

OUT OF THE 270 CASES, ACTION FOR 181 CASES HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT  
STATISTICS FOR APRIL - JUNE 1994

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL - JUNE 1994 WAS 1.9%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY - JULY 1994 WAS 2.0%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.2%.

THE LATEST FIGURES SUGGEST THAT THE LABOUR MARKET HAS REMAINED GENERALLY TIGHT IN RECENT MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1994, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 56,200, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 38,600.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR APRIL - JUNE 1994 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 12,300 HOUSEHOLDS OR 42,300 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

RELEVANT DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1994 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER AT \$24 A COPY.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT WELCOMES CLEARER MESSAGE ON  
WORK ARRANGEMENTS IN RAINSTORMS

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE USED WHEN THE RAINSTORM BLACK WARNING IS IN FORCE, THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HOUDINI HO, TODAY (TUESDAY) WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS IT PROVIDES A CLEARER MESSAGE TO BOTH THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ON WORK ARRANGEMENTS.

THE NEW PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT READS "THE RAINSTORM IS NOW BLACK. THIS MEANS THAT MORE THAN 100 MM OF RAIN HAVE FALLEN GENERALLY OVER HONG KONG DURING THE PAST TWO HOURS (OR LESS).

"BECAUSE OF SERIOUSLY FLOODED ROADS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER, YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE SHELTER IN A SAFE PLACE AND STAY THERE.

"EMPLOYERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO REQUIRE THEIR EMPLOYEES TO GO TO WORK UNLESS PRIOR AGREEMENT ON WORK ARRANGEMENTS DURING RAINSTORM HAS BEEN MADE.

"IF YOU ARE ALREADY AT WORK, STAY WHERE YOU ARE UNLESS IT IS DANGEROUS TO DO SO. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TRAVEL UNTIL THE BLACK RAINSTORM WARNING IS NO LONGER IN FORCE AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED.

"PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE RAINSTORM."

MR HO SAID: "AS EMPLOYEES' SAFETY IS THE MAIN CONCERN OF THE DEPARTMENT, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS NOT TO REQUIRE THEIR EMPLOYEES TO GO TO WORK UNLESS PRIOR AGREEMENT ON WORK ARRANGEMENTS DURING RAINSTORM HAS BEEN MADE."

HE POINTED OUT THAT OWING TO THE DIVERSITY IN NATURE AND REQUIREMENTS OF JOB IN VARIOUS TRADES AND INDUSTRIES, STATUTORY REGULATIONS OF WORK ARRANGEMENTS IN TIMES OF RAINSTORMS WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE.

"THEREFORE, EMPLOYERS REQUIRING EMPLOYEES TO WORK DURING RAINSTORMS ARE URGED TO REACH PRIOR AGREEMENT AND DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES' SAFETY IN WORKPLACE AS WELL AS THEIR JOURNEY TO AND FROM WORK."

"SUCH A REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE CLEARLY STATED BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT COMMENCES OR SUFFICIENT NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EMPLOYEES," HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD PUBLISHED A BILINGUAL BOOKLET ENTITLED "CODE OF PRACTICE IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS AND RAINSTORMS". IT SERVES AS A REFERENCE GUIDE TO FACILITATE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO MAKE EARLY WORK ARRANGEMENTS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER.

A TOTAL OF 28,000 COPIES, OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE HAVE BEEN SENT TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATIONS ADVISING THEM OF THE NEED FOR SUCH AGREEMENT.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE AND LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT ARE ALSO ACTIVELY ADVISING EMPLOYERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH AGREEMENT THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS, SUCH AS SEMINARS, TRAINING COURSES AS WELL AS DURING CONCILIATION MEETINGS.

EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO REQUIRE HELP CAN APPROACH THE NEAREST LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE BRANCH OFFICE.

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AFD TO LAUNCH FISHERIES PROJECT WITH JOCKEY CLUB DONATION  
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A \$1.6 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WILL SOON BE USED TO LAUNCH A PILOT AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) PROJECT AIMED AT IMPROVING THE TERRITORY'S MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

THE PROGRAMME, KNOWN AS FISHERIES HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (FISHAB), WILL USE ARTIFICIAL REEFS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL MARINE LIFE IN HONG KONG WATERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL FISHERMEN.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE JOCKEY CLUB FOR THE GRANT OF \$1.6 MILLION.

DR LEE SAID: "THE DONATION WILL BE USED TO SET UP AND EQUIP A FIELD LABORATORY ON KAT O CHAU, AND TO PURCHASE A DIVE BOAT, SCUBA DIVING GEAR, AND UNDERWATER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR MONITORING FISH POPULATIONS."

HE STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE USE OF THE FUND SO AS TO ACHIEVE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME.

INTRODUCING THE PROJECT, AFD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES), MR RICHARD YIP, STATED THAT HONG KONG WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF CENTRES CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A GROWING INTEREST IN THIS FIELD.

MR YIP SAID ARTIFICIAL REEFS WERE NOW USED WORLDWIDE AS A MEANS OF REHABILITATING DAMAGED MARINE ECOSYSTEMS.

"AFD HAS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN A REVIEW OF MARINE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGY BEING USED OVERSEAS AND ITS FISHERIES OFFICERS HAVE MADE STUDY VISITS TO ARTIFICIAL REEFS PROJECTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THE REGION," HE SAID.

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR LARGE-SCALE EFFORTS TO HALT THE DECLINE IN MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND PRODUCTION IN LOCAL WATERS, MR YIP SAID, ADDING THAT THE TERRITORY'S FISHING INDUSTRY WOULD STAND TO BENEFIT.

ON THE TERRITORY'S FIRST ARTIFICIAL REEFS PROJECT IN HOI HA WAN, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FINDINGS OF ONGOING RESEARCH WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF FUTURE FISHAB WORK.

THE RESEARCH PROJECT IS RUN IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SWIRE MARINE LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

AFD'S FISHERIES OFFICERS SPECIALISING IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING MR DAVID COOK, WERE OF THE VIEW THAT SOME FORM OF RESTRICTION OF FISHING WOULD BE REQUIRED ON MOST ARTIFICIAL REEFS INITIALLY DEPLOYED UNDER THE FISHAB PROJECT.

"AS NEW ARTIFICIAL REEFS SERVE TO ATTRACT AND AGGREGATE FISH FROM OTHER AREAS UNTIL THEY BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING, ANY FISHING IN THE VICINITY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SURPASS THE ACTUAL PRODUCTION OF FISH ON THE REEFS AS THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ANY OVERFISHING PROBLEM ALREADY FACING THE REGION," MR COOK SAID.

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HK WILL MAINTAIN EFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A HIGHLY EFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICE TO KEEP PACE WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PRE-CONGRESS CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG WAS NOT COMPLACENT WITH ITS ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE AS THE WORLD REMAINED COMPETITIVE.

"WE ARE WORKING ON PROPOSALS TO TURN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE INTO A TRADING FUND OPERATION," SHE SAID.

UNDER THESE PROPOSALS, THE POST OFFICE WILL BE GIVEN MORE FLEXIBILITY IN MANAGING ITS OWN RESOURCES BUT WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS WHILE REMAINING AS A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE KEY ADVANTAGE IS THAT IT WOULD BE LESS CONSTRAINED BY OVERALL GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS IN EXPANDING ITS SERVICE TO MEET THE MARKET DEMAND, SHE EXPLAINED.

THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSES MANY MAJOR ISSUES WITH FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE. THESE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN SEOUL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

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ARTICLE TELLS HOW GNP IS COMPILED

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE INTRODUCING THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP) STATISTICS AND DESCRIBING THE SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY FOR ITS COMPILATION IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN PREPARED.

IT IS CONTAINED IN THE MAY 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, NOW ON SALE AT \$48 A COPY.

A NEW ANNUAL SURVEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT DATA REQUIRED FOR COMPILING GNP STATISTICS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SURVEY WOULD BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER TO COLLECT DATA FOR COMPILING GNP FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1993.

ABOUT 12,000 COMPANIES IN VARIOUS BUSINESSES WILL BE COVERED, HE SAID.

THE SURVEY WILL COLLECT DATA ON EXTERNAL FACTOR INCOME FLOWS IN HONG KONG.

THE INCOME FLOWS ARE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR COMPONENTS: DIRECT INVESTMENT INCOME, PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT INCOME, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.

"THESE INCOME FLOWS ESTIMATES, WHEN COMBINED WITH THE EXISTING GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, WILL GIVE GNP," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE ARTICLE ALSO DESCRIBES DETAILS OF STATISTICS TO BE COMPILED BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS AND THE TIMING OF PUBLICATIONS.

THE PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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SECONDARY 6 CENTRAL ALLOCATION BEGINS TOMORROW

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A TOTAL OF 255 SECONDARY 6 PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION WHEN STAGE V OF THE S6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE BEGINS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE VACANCIES COMPRISE 92 IN THE ARTS, 26 IN THE SCIENCE AND 30 IN THE COMMERCIAL STREAMS USING ENGLISH AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION; 63 IN THE ARTS AND 10 IN THE SCIENCE STREAMS USING CHINESE AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION; 26 IN ENGINEERING AND EIGHT IN COMMERCIAL STREAMS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID CENTRAL ALLOCATION IN STAGE V WOULD BEGIN AT 9 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR CURRENT YEAR HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) STUDENTS WITH MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO STILL HAVE NOT OBTAINED A SECONDARY 6 PLACE MAY APPLY FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CENTRES BEFORE 3.30 PM TOMORROW:

KOWLOON REGION  
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- HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
8 PERTH STREET, KOWLOON
- KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
332 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON

HONG KONG REGION  
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- TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI

NEW TERRITORIES REGION  
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- TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
70 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN
- SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
11-17 MAN LAI ROAD, SHA TIN

AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, APPLICANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF SCHOOLS WITH VACANCIES AND THEY SHOULD INDICATE THEIR CHOICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID PRIORITY WOULD BE BASED SOLELY ON THEIR HKCEE RESULTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESULTS WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT 9 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 23) AT THE SAME CENTRE WHERE STUDENTS APPLIED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES SHOULD TAKE THEIR ALLOCATION SLIPS TO THEIR CHOSEN SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE 3.30 PM ON AUGUST 23.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ONE MORE SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINT ABOUT SCHOOLS NOT FOLLOWING THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE TODAY. THE CASE HAD BEEN SETTLED AFTER INVESTIGATIONS BY OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THIS BRINGS TO SIX THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS.

UP TO 5.30 PM TODAY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HOTLINE (782 7624, 782 7625, 782 7626 AND 782 7621) AND THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES HANDLED 96 AND 284 ENQUIRIES RESPECTIVELY ON THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 164 VISITORS AND 111 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER STUDIES, LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS, AND CAREERS.

THIS BRINGS TO 2,151 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITED AND 1,307 CALLERS TELEPHONED THE CENTRE SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE HKCEE RESULTS ON AUGUST 9.

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### 100 LUCKY CAR MARKS UP FOR AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 20) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

FIFTY OF THEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT 9.30 AM. THEY ARE:

GA996	GA613	GA915	BB5411
GA3328	GA2280	FL338	GA1681
*EE131	*2263	*GA3	*FY5
CF1955	GA520	GA810	GA782
GA1686	CC302	XX320	GA3380
GA369	GA336	GA106	GA938
AA203	GA850	FY328	ET3339
*FC12	*FY33	*FY18	*GA1000
GA1178	FZ8788	GA7771	GA372
FZ8613	GA3336	GA8256	DA1223
GA3889	GA693	*DD9595	GA927
GA1028	GA4898	GA2618	*DY656
GA7318	GA7298		

IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM, ANOTHER 50 MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

GA129	GA821	GA318	BG7717
GA233	CC360	GA993	GA150
*FG8822	*AW29	*810	*FY3
BH1997	GA448	HK320	GA1812
GA663	GA718	GA168	GA273
GA320	CH1113	GA330	GA930
HK2891	GA8828	GA963	BB8831
*GA6	*GA10	*FY88	*FC36
BB3108	GA3038	GA1800	GA3318
GA2331	GA1668	GA5184	DG8990
GA623	GA1386	*FE2332	FH2160
GA529	GA7366	GA8341	*GA656
GA1275	GA7921		

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTIONS WILL BE THE 236TH AND 237TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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#### POLLUTION CASES RELEASED

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A TOTAL OF 50 CONVICTIONS WERE MADE IN THE COURTS LAST MONTH FOR BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION ENFORCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THEM, 20 WERE CONVICTIONS MADE UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (WPCO), 14 UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (APCO), 11 UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE (NCO), THREE UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE (WDO) AND ONE EACH UNDER THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT (DASO) AND THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE (OLPO) RESPECTIVELY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FINES RANGED FROM \$400 TO \$50,000. FAIRWOOD FAST FOOD LTD AND HING FU SIZING WORK LTD WERE FINED \$50,000 FOR DISCHARGING POLLUTING MATTER IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND NORTH WESTERN WATER CONTROL ZONES RESPECTIVELY.

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TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	16 AUG 94	16 AUG 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q433	H471
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD5,320 MN	HKD2,980 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD1,500 MN	HKD800 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	4.36 PCT	4.72 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.37 PCT	4.72 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 74 PCT	ABOUT 100 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.40 PCT	4.76 PCT

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TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 22 AUG 1994 -

TENDER DATE	23 AUG 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q434
ISSUE DATE	24 AUG 94
MATURITY DATE	23 NOV 94
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD1,500 + 300 MN

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,443	0930	+1,171
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,529	1000	+1,171
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+1,041
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+736	1200	+1,043
LAF TODAY	-650	1500	+1,043
		1600	+736

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER      TWI 122.7    \*+0.1\*    16.8.94

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## EF BILLS

## EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.97	18 MONTHS	2602	4.40	97.97	5.92
1 MONTH	4.11	24 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.95	6.27
3 MONTHS	4.37	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.75	6.61
6 MONTHS	4.73	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.76	6.77
12 MONTHS	5.34	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.38	6.92

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 27,657 MN

CLOSED 16 AUGUST 1994