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CHIEF SECRETARY TO VISIT JAPAN FOR AIRPORT TALKS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL FLY TO TOKYO ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) AS THE HEAD OF A HONG KONG DELEGATION TO BRIEF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FINANCIERS AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEADERS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, MR RICHARD ALLEN, AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR STEPHEN SELBY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO FAMILIARISE JAPANESE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE BANKING COMMUNITY IN TOKYO WITH THE BACKGROUND TO THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEW AIRPORT.

"WE ARE KEEN TO ENSURE THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING IN JAPAN THAT THE MEMORANDUM, SIGNED IN PEKING THIS WEEK, PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT ASSURANCE TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS IN THE PROJECT.

"WE WILL ALSO BE ENCOURAGING THEM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROJECTS."

THE MAIN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IS A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE JAPAN/HONG KONG SOCIETY AT WHICH SIR DAVID WILL DELIVER A SPEECH TO AN AUDIENCE OF 100 JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN.

DURING THE VISIT, SIR DAVID WILL HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH HIGH-RANKING EXECUTIVES OF MORE THAN 50 JAPANESE BANKS AND FINANCIAL AGENCIES. HE WILL ALSO MEET EXECUTIVES OF CONSTRUCTION FIRMS WHICH HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE AIRPORT AND ITS 10 CORE PROJECTS.

SIR DAVID WILL CALL ON THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR TARO NAGAYAMA, AND WILL BE THE GUEST AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR SAKUTARO TANINO.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING ARRANGING SIMILAR BRIEFINGS IN OTHER WORLD FINANCIAL CENTRES DURING THE COMING YEAR.

SIR DAVID WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) AFTERNOON.

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## CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON COMPUTERS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH CONFIRMED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT COMPUTER HARD DISKETTES AND FLOPPY DISKETTES ARE BOTH "ARTICLES" AS DEFINED UNDER THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE AND THAT THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH DISKETTES IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THIS MEANS THAT ANY PERSON WHO PUBLISHES AN OBSCENE DISKETTE, OR AN INDECENT DISKETTE WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY LAW, COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

"UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN 'ARTICLE' IS DEFINED AS ANYTHING CONSISTING OF OR CONTAINING MATERIAL TO BE READ OR LOOKED AT, ANY SOUND RECORDING, AND ANY FILM, VIDEO TAPE, DISC OR OTHER RECORD OF A PICTURE OR PICTURES.

"WE HAVE SOUGHT LEGAL ADVICE WHICH HAS CONFIRMED THAT BOTH HARD DISKETTES AND FLOPPY DISKETTES FALL WITHIN THIS DEFINITION."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS ALREADY BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE COMPLIED WITH.

"THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SEARCHED 15 SHOPS IN THE GOLDEN SHOPPING ARCADES IN SHAM SHUI PO ON AUGUST 29 THIS YEAR AND SEIZED 98 SUSPECTED PORNOGRAPHIC FLOPPY DISKETTES FROM THREE OF THE SHOPS.

"FIVE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURE AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE WHO WAS RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER ENQUIRIES, THE REMAINING FOUR PERSONS ARE LIKELY TO BE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF OBSCENE ARTICLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) HAS SUBMITTED FIVE PORNOGRAPHIC FLOPPY DISKETTES SEIZED BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TO THE OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL (OAT) FOR INTERIM CLASSIFICATION.

"THE TRIBUNAL HAS CLASSIFIED ALL OF THEM AS CLASS III ARTICLES AND THE NOTICE OF INTERIM CLASSIFICATION WAS ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 5.

"ONCE THE INTERIM CLASSIFICATION IS CONFIRMED, TELA WILL ISSUE ADVISORY LETTERS TO ALL SHOP OPERATORS WHO SELL, RENT OUT OR PUBLISH INDECENT OR OBSCENE COMPUTER DISKETTES INFORMING THEM OF THE STANDARDS APPLIED BY THE OAT AND REMINDING THEM OF THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

"MOREOVER, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR SURVEILLANCE BY TELA STAFF AND ANY CONTRAVENTION OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTIONS."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO PUBLISHES AN INDECENT ARTICLE OTHER THAN IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$200,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS.

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"ANY PERSON WHO PUBLISHES, POSSESSES OR IMPORTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLISHING AN OBSCENE ARTICLE IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1,000,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS," HE SAID.

"AS REGARDS BULLETIN BOARD SERVICES (BBS'S), THE HARD DISKETTE AND THE OTHER PARTS OF THE HARDWARE WHICH GENERATE BBS'S ARE 'ARTICLES' AS DEFINED UNDER THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE AND, HENCE, THEY ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ORDINANCE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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#### BUILDING SAFETY, FIRST PRIORITY

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THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR ANTHONY SAMSON, OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO ALL BUILDING OWNERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR BUILDINGS IN GOOD CONDITION AND REMOVE ALL UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS FROM THEIR BUILDINGS.

MR SAMSON REMINDED BUILDING OWNERS THAT IT WAS THEIR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR BUILDINGS WERE FREE FROM STRUCTURAL DEFECTS WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE OCCUPANTS, THEIR NEIGHBOURS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"BUILDING OWNERS SHOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SERVES AN ORDER," HE SAID, "BUT TO VOLUNTARILY REPAIR DEFECTIVE ELEMENTS IN THEIR BUILDINGS AND KEEP THEM PROPERLY MAINTAINED."

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE CAUTIONED THAT ALL WORKS MUST BE CARRIED OUT SAFELY AND UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE BUILDING OWNERS TO FIND A QUALIFIED PERSON AND A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT WORKS IN RESPECT OF BUILDING SAFETY, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) HAS COMPILED A LIST OF AUTHORISED PERSONS/REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, AND A LIST OF REGISTERED CONTRACTORS, WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES.

THESE LISTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE BOO AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

IN ADDITION, THE BOO HAS PRODUCED A NEW PAMPHLET ON BUILDING SAFETY. ENTITLED "BUILDING SAFETY, FIRST PRIORITY", COPIES OF THE NEW PAMPHLET ARE OBTAINABLE ALSO FROM THE BOO AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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## HONG KONG SIGNS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL

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THE HONG KONG/BRAZIL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES THE OPERATION IN HONG KONG THE FIRST-EVER DIRECT AIR SERVICES TO A SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY, IS SIGNED IN HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG UNDER THE AUTHORISATIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF BRAZIL, MINISTER ARNALDO CARRILHO, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL.

SPEAKING AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY, MRS CHAN SAID WHEN THE DIRECT SERVICES START, THE FLIGHT TIME BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BRAZIL WILL BE REDUCED BY AS MUCH AS ONE-THIRD.

WITHOUT THE DIRECT AIR SERVICES, HONG KONG TRAVELLERS WHO WISH TO GO TO BRAZIL OR HONG KONG-BOUND VISITORS FROM BRAZIL HAVE TO TAKE A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE INVOLVING AN ARDUOUS JOURNEY OF SOME 30 HOURS.

"THIS IS A TIMELY DEVELOPMENT," MRS CHAN SAID, ADDING THAT OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE NUMBER OF BRAZILIAN VISITORS COMING TO HONG KONG HAD ALMOST DOUBLED.

"WE HAVE ALSO SEEN A HEALTHY GROWTH IN OUR BILATERAL TRADE. IN 1990, IT WAS VALUED AT SOME HK\$3,000 MILLION," SHE SAID.

"I UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT THERE IS A SIZEABLE CHINESE POPULATION IN BRAZIL. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT AIR SERVICES WILL BRING US EVEN CLOSER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING VARIG TO KAI TAK," MRS CHAN SAID.

"HONG KONG IS ALREADY AN AVIATION CENTRE OF WORLD STANDING IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC THAT KAI TAK HANDLES," SHE NOTED.

"OUR NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK WILL ENABLE HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN ITS LEAD WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

"THE PROGRAMME OF ESTABLISHING HONG KONG'S OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR SUCCESS AND WE WELCOME THE SUPPORT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL HAS SHOWN FOR BOTH HONG KONG AND FOR THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION," SHE SAID.

SPEAKING ALSO AT THE CEREMONY, MR CARRILHO APPEALED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE MUTUAL ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND COMMERCIAL CO-OPERATION.

"WHEN TAKING OFF FIRSTLY IN KAI TAK, LATER ON IN CHEK LAP KOK, PASSENGERS FROM HONG KONG WHO HAVE ALWAYS DREAMT OF THE BEAUTIES OF A YOUNG AND HOSPITABLE COUNTRY WHICH BECOMES ONE OF THE WORLD'S 10 LEADING ECONOMIES, WILL ALSO DISCOVER THE JOYFUL AND DEDICATED CHARACTER OF 150 MILLION BRAZILIANS, WITH THEIR CULTURE AND ARTS UNDER THE BRIGHT TROPICAL LIGHT OF A CAPTIVATING AND UNFORGETTABLE SMILE.

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"BESIDES, THEY WILL EQUALLY BE CLOSER TO OUR DEAREST BRETHREN OF SOUTH AMERICA. IN THE SAME WAY, THE PLANES THAT TOOK OFF IN THE GALEAO, AT THE INCOMPARABLE BAY OF GUANABARA, WILL BE BRINGING MORE RAPIDLY OUR EXPORTS TO THE TERRITORY AND ITS NEAREST COUNTRIES," MR CARRILHO SAID.

THE HONG KONG/BRAZIL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT IS THE EIGHTH IN A SERIES OF AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS WHICH HONG KONG, ACTING UNDER SPECIFIC AUTHORISATIONS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, AIMS TO CONCLUDE IN THE COMING YEARS. OTHERS HAVE BEEN SIGNED WITH THE NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, CANADA, BRUNEI, FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND AND MALAYSIA.

THESE AGREEMENTS ARE DESIGNED WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN MIND AND ARE CAPABLE OF REMAINING IN FORCE AFTER 1997.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ITSELF, THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WILL BE ABLE, AFTER 1997, TO CONCLUDE, UNDER SPECIFIC AUTHORISATIONS FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ITS OWN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF CHINA.

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EXPLOITED IMPORTED WORKERS WILL GET HELP  
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THE SIX IMPORTED WORKERS WHO WERE FOUND UNDERPAID BY A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DURING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION LAST (THURSDAY) NIGHT, RECEIVED WAGES WELL BELOW THE AMOUNT STATED IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.

THEY RECEIVED ONLY \$4,000 TO \$8,000 A MONTH WHICH REPRESENTED ONLY A PORTION OF THE CONTRACTUAL WAGES OF \$10,500 TO \$13,000. ONE WORKER WAS NOT PAID ANY WAGES AT ALL IN HONG KONG.

"THIS IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO PAY HIS EMPLOYEE THE FULL AMOUNT OF WAGES STATED IN THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT," AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR MAK SAI-YIU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ANY ILLEGAL DEDUCTION OF WAGES OR UNDERPAYMENT OF WAGES TO AN IMPORTED WORKER CONSTITUTES AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000," MR MAK SAID.

"THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE INTO THESE CASES AND, WHERE THERE IS EVIDENCE, WILL TAKE OUT PROSECUTION AGAINST THE EMPLOYER," HE ADDED.

MR MAK REASSURED THAT IMPORTED WORKERS EXPLOITED BY EMPLOYERS WOULD BE OFFERED ASSISTANCE.

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"SHOULD THEY BE DISMISSED BY EMPLOYERS THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST THEM IN RE-EMPLOYMENT AND IN THEIR APPLICATION TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF STAY IN THE TERRITORY FOR THE BALANCE OF THEIR CONTRACT PERIOD," HE SAID.

"ALSO WE MAY ARRANGE FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THESE WORKERS," MR MAK SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STEP UP EFFORTS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH LABOUR LEGISLATION BY EMPLOYERS OF IMPORTED WORKERS TO STOP EXPLOITATION OF SUCH WORKERS BY UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS.

LABOUR INSPECTORS WILL PAY MORE FREQUENT VISITS TO WORKPLACES AND ACCOMMODATIONS OF IMPORTED WORKERS AND WILL INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL WORKERS ON THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS.

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COMPANIES (FORMS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991 GAZETTED  
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THE COMPANIES (FORMS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991, WHICH PRESCRIBE FOUR NEW FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASES BY COMPANIES OF THEIR OWN SHARES, ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"PURCHASE BY LOCAL COMPANIES OF THEIR OWN SHARES ARE PERMITTED, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS, UNDER THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991 WHICH TOOK EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER THE NEW SECTIONS 47E, 47G AND 49K OF THE ORDINANCE.

"THESE FORMS ALSO RELATE TO THE GIVING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY AN UNLISTED COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY OR SHARES OF ITS HOLDING COMPANY, AND TO THE REDEMPTION OR PURCHASE BY A PRIVATE COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES OUT OF CAPITAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AMENDMENTS TO ROADWORKS IN TUEN MUN PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF ROAD L52A AND ROAD D9 IN TUEN MUN.

THE WORKS WERE ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON APRIL 12 AND 19 THIS YEAR.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INCLUDE:

- \* REVISION OF THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED ROAD L52A TO AVOID RESUMPTION OF TWO PRIVATE LOTS; AND
- \* REVISION OF THE EMBANKMENT FOR ROAD D9 NEAR HING PING ROAD TO MINIMISE THE DISRUPTION THAT WOULD BE CAUSED TO THE ACCESS OF A STORAGE YARD ON AN ADJACENT PRIVATE LAND.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND AMENDED SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 29 THIS YEAR.

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OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UP SECONDARY 6 STUDIES  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE DISPLAYING LISTS OF SCHOOLS WITH VACANT SECONDARY 6 PLACES AT ALL DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES AS FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9).

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WISHING TO TAKE UP SECONDARY 6 STUDIES SHOULD APPLY TO THESE SCHOOLS DIRECT. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ENTIRELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOLS.

THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ARE GRADE E IN SIX SUBJECTS (INCLUDING CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE) OR GRADE E IN FIVE SUBJECTS (INCLUDING CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE) WITH A TOTAL OF NO LESS THAN EIGHT POINTS IN ONE SITTING OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

"THE VACANCIES AROSE AS A RESULT OF STUDENTS TAKING UP STUDIES OVERSEAS OR IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS AFTER HAVING ENROLLED IN SECONDARY 6 CLASSES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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RETITLING OF INDUSTRY DEPT'S DIRECTORATE OFFICERS

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THE DIRECTORATE POSTS IN THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN RETITLED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE STATUS OF THEIR HOLDERS WHEN DEALING WITH OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS.

FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY HAS BEEN RETITLED DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY. THE NEW TITLES FOR HIS DEPUTY AND ASSISTANTS ARE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE CORRESPONDING CHINESE TITLES AND THE TITLES OF ALL OTHER POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHANGES, WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, FOLLOWED A SIMILAR CHANGE IN DIRECTORATE TITLES OF THE TRADE DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1989.

"LIKE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, DIRECTORATE OFFICERS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ALSO HAVE EXTENSIVE DEALINGS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS INCLUDING INVESTMENT PROMOTION, QUALITY SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEIR TITLES AND IMPLIED STATUS ARE READILY RECOGNISED BY THEIR CONTACTS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OR CONFUSION," HE SAID.

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RECLAMATION AT SIU CHIK SHA APPROVED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DREDGE, CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCT AN 80-METRE VERTICAL SEAWALL WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,975 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT SIU CHIK SHA IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE A BARGING POINT FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING EXPLOSIVES AND REFUSE.

THE WORK WILL START THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THESE UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5 NEXT YEAR.

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HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, UNIT 121-122, GROUND FLOOR, PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE, TSUENG KWAN O, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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"GREEN WAN CHAI" PROJECT A GREAT SUCCESS  
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THE "GREEN WAN CHAI" PROJECT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION TWO YEARS AGO, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR MANN SAID THE PROJECT'S 500-TREE TARGET IS EXPECTED TO BE MET TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"BY DECEMBER, THE DISTRICT IS SET TO LOOK MUCH GREENER WHEN MORE TREES ARE PUT UP ON PAVEMENTS OF BUSY STREETS IN WAN CHAI, HAPPY VALLEY AND CAUSEWAY BAY," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PROJECT, EVER SINCE ITS LAUNCHING, HAS THE BLESSING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL PRIVATE FIRMS.

"IT ALL STARTED IN 1989 WITH THE INSTALLATION OF POTTED PLANTS ALONG THE CENTRAL DIVIDERS AND LAMP POSTS IN LOCKHART ROAD.

"IN 1990, THE DB INITIATED A PILOT PLANTING SCHEME IN WHICH 35 TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE PAVEMENTS OF HENNESSY ROAD AND JOHNSTON ROAD AND 20 PALM TREES ALONG THE CENTRAL DIVIDER OF HENNESSY ROAD. ANOTHER 50 TREES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PLANTED LATER THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TREE-PLANTING SCHEME WHICH WAS ALSO INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, MR MANN SAID THE DISTRICT'S MAJOR FIRMS, INCLUDING PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES AND HOTELS, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THE PROJECT.

THE SPONSORING OF TREES BY THESE FIRMS AND HAD THEM PUT UP AROUND THEIR BUILDINGS HAS BEAUTIFIED THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENHANCED THEIR PROPERTY VALUE, HE SAID, ADDING THAT PUBLICITY WAS ALSO ACHIEVED AS COMPANY LOGOS WERE DISPLAYED ON TREE GUARDS.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR TREE-PLANTING SCHEME HAS ALSO BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS. THERE ARE SOME \$3.6 MILLION IN DONATIONS, INCLUDING \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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THE BEAUTIFICATION WORKS OUTSIDE THE DOMINION CENTRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND ASIAN HOUSE IN HENNESSY ROAD ARE TWO EXAMPLES, HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THE TREES PLANTED ARE SPECIAL "HEAVY STANDARD" SPECIES IMPORTED FROM CHINA WHICH WERE SUITABLE FOR URBAN PLANTING. BUT HE ADDED THAT IT IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO REPLACE THOSE TREES WHICH HAVE DIFFICULTY TO GROW IN THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

THE TREE PLANTING HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY A LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT ON A NON-PROFIT-MAKING BASIS AND IS MONITORED BY THE DB'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

EACH TREE COSTS AROUND \$10,000, INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS, TREE GRILLE AND GUARD AND TWO YEARS' MAINTENANCE. THE COST CAN BE REDUCED UPON BULK ORDERS, HE SAID.

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#### UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT A, FIFTH FLOOR OF 199 YU CHAU STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 6 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	5.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	6.9.91	-49
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+49
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.0 *+0.1* 6.9.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	5.9.91	6.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	5.40 PCT	5.17 PCT
1 MONTH	5.17 PCT	5.11 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.43 PCT	5.32 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.85 PCT	5.78 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.37 PCT	6.35 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	5,100 MN	5,785 MN

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