



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
HK FACES ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES	1
PARENTS, STUDENTS URGED TO MAKE FULL USE OF ED'S SERVICES	2
8,173 FORM 6 PLACES FILLED ON FIRST DAY OF ADMISSION	3
EXCO APPROVES ADMINISTRATION STREAMLINING OF 20,000 LOCAL VESSELS ..	4
PUBLIC GIVEN MORE TIME TO COMMENT ON COMPLAINTS SYSTEM	7
AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS	8
22 LONG-SERVING MARKETING STAFF RETIRE	9
181 VIETNAMESE GO HOME	9
HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND TENDER RESULTS	10
HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND MONEYMARKET OPERATIONS	11

HK FACES ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

* * * *

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED FOR COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT TO MEET THE MANY AND VARIED ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES THAT HONG KONG FACES IN SUSTAINING ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH.

MR EASON WAS SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE PUSH BY GREEN GROUPS AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION FOR ACTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS A SIGN THAT THE TIME AND MOOD ARE RIPE FOR HONG KONG TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE AND TO TACKLE THE POLLUTERS AND PROBLEMS THEY CAUSE WITH GREATER ENERGY AND DETERMINATION.

HE SAID WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE LEAD, THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IS NEEDED TO SUCCEED.

MR EASON SAID TOTAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME AREA HAD GROWN BY 337 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS FROM 1987/88 TO 1991/92.

ON AIR POLLUTION, MR EASON SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE USE OF HIGH SULPHUR FUEL OIL ON JULY 1, 1990 HAD REDUCED DRASTICALLY THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE ON HEALTH.

THE INTRODUCTION OF UNLEADED PETROL ON APRIL 1 LAST YEAR PAVED THE WAY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STRINGENT VEHICLE EMISSION STANDARDS FOR NEW PETROL VEHICLES ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, MR EASON SAID THREE LARGE STRATEGIC LANDFILLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN EARMARKED AS PART OF A CONTROL AND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME STRETCHING WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

IN ADDITION, A PURPOSE-BUILT TREATMENT CENTRE WILL BE COMMISSIONED ON TSING YI IN APRIL NEXT YEAR TO HANDLE ABOUT 100,000 TONS OF CHEMICAL WASTES PRODUCED ANNUALLY.

MR EASON SAID A NUMBER OF SEWAGE SCHEMES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY WERE ALREADY WELL UNDER WAY.

THESE INCLUDED A \$1.3 BILLION PROJECT IN NORTHWEST KOWLOON AND A \$0.9 BILLION PROJECT TO ABATE POLLUTION IN TOLO HARBOUR.

IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF SEWAGE MASTER PLANS, INVOLVING THE SEWERING OR RESEWERING OF THE REST OF HONG KONG ARE ALREADY IN THE PLANNING OR IMPLEMENTATION STAGE.

ON WAYS TO TACKLE NOISE POLLUTION, MR EASON SAID APART FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDED BETTER CONTROL OVER NOISY CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STEP TAKEN WAS THE DECISION TO RELOCATE THE NEW AIRPORT AWAY FROM THE URBAN AREA, THEREFORE BENEFITING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE ABSENCE OF AIRCRAFT NOISE.

TURNING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AGAINST POLLUTION, MR EASON SAID ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS WERE REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS.

THESE REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHERE SIGNIFICANT.

MR EASON SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF MEASURES FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION.

THESE INCLUDE AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY; INTRODUCTION OF STATUTORY CONTROLS ON THE OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUE OF BUILDINGS, PUBLICATION OF A SERIES OF ADVISORY NOTES ON GOOD ENERGY HOUSEKEEPING; SETTING UP AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY DISPLAY AND EXHIBITION CENTRE; A LABELLING SYSTEM FOR VARIOUS ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND FURTHER RESEARCH ON ENERGY SAVING.

ON THE WAY AHEAD, MR EASON SAID: "WE MUST PUSH AHEAD TOWARDS THE MANY TARGETS SET OUT IN THE ENVIRONMENT WHITE PAPER AND CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED."

"HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE A DESERVED REPUTATION FOR MAKING A DOLLAR GO A LONG WAY. WE SHOULD NOW BE MORE PREPARED TO SEE A GREATER PORTION OF THAT DOLLAR GO INTO SPENDING ON OUR ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING WHETHER WE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A MODEST CHARGE FOR A BETTER SEWERAGE SYSTEM," HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PARENTS, STUDENTS URGED TO MAKE FULL USE OF ED'S SERVICES

* * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY PARENTS AND STUDENTS, TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR WONG DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION.

TODAY WAS THE START OF AN EXTENSION OF SERVICE HOURS AT THE SECTION FOR SECONDARY 5 LEAVERS SEEKING ADVICE AND GUIDANCE OF FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE).

AT HIS DISCUSSION WITH SOME STUDENT VISITORS ON THEIR FUTURE PLANS, MR WONG SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE MANY STUDENTS SEEKING ADVICE ON FURTHER STUDIES OR EMPLOYMENT.

MR WONG ALSO EXPLAINED TO STUDENTS THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THEM, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HKCEE RESULTS.

"IN ORDER TO COPE WITH AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS EXTENDED THE WORKING HOURS OF THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION FROM TODAY (TUESDAY) TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 14)," HE SAID.

THE OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING LUNCH TIME.

"SECONDARY 5 LEAVERS WHO WISH TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE SECTION. ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING ADVICE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES, THE SECTION ALSO HAS A WIDE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS FOR VISITING STUDENTS' REFERENCE.

THE SECTION RECEIVED 900 SECONDARY 5 LEAVERS LAST YEAR AND HANDLED 1,300 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES IN THE FIRST WEEK AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE HKCEE RESULTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

8,173 FORM 6 PLACES FILLED ON FIRST DAY OF ADMISSION

* * * * *

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT 8,173 OF THE 21,993 SECONDARY 6 PLACES AVAILABLE IN THE 1992-93 SCHOOL YEAR HAVE BEEN FILLED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

STUDENTS WITH 14 OR MORE POINTS FROM SIX SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WERE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL OR CONSORTIUM-FEEDER SCHOOLS TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN OTHER SCHOOLS TO DO SO FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BEFORE 3.30 PM ON THURSDAY.

THE NUMBER OF PLACES FILLED ACCORDING TO DISTRICTS ARE:

DISTRICT	ENGLISH			CHINESE		
	ARTS	SCI	COMM	ARTS	SCI	COMM
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	157	14	0	21	6	10
HK EAST	122	60	40	3	5	0
SOUTH	106	152	0	19	19	0
WAN CHAI	176	165	22	45	40	0
KOWLOON CITY	270	232	12	104	47	0

WONG TAI SIN	265	189	29	56	35	0
SHAM SHUI PO	316	182	57	0	0	0
KWUN TONG	304	350	67	25	0	0
YAU TSIM	77	48	0	16	15	0
MONG KOK	171	130	95	44	24	0
KWAI TSING	388	350	53	0	0	0
TSUEN WAN	120	88	11	0	0	0
SAI KUNG	101	78	0	28	0	0
NORTH	126	20	0	0	0	0
TAI PO	134	80	0	29	27	0
ISLANDS	51	48	0	0	0	0
YUEN LONG	161	133	0	75	23	0
TUEN MUN	290	267	26			
SHA TIN	365	377	42	26	19	0

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID 165 STUDENTS APPLIED FOR THE ENGINEERING AND 130 FOR THE COMMERCIAL STREAMS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

MEANWHILE, FIVE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED BY AREA OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT, ALL OF WHICH WERE UNSUBSTANTIATED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THREE WERE ON ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND TWO WERE ON ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH LESSER POINTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

EXCO APPROVES ADMINISTRATION STREAMLINING OF 20,000 LOCAL VESSELS
* * * * *

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL IMPLEMENT FROM NEXT YEAR A PACKAGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATION OF 20,000 LOCAL VESSELS INCLUDING BARGES, FERRIES, FISHING BOATS AND PLEASURE VESSELS.

THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR ROGER TUPPER, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID:

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 28 THIS YEAR APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE MODIFIED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED FROM A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ENTITLED 'LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW'.

/"THE MARINE

"THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY IS ABLE TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT, SAFETY AND OPERATION OF THEIR FLEET.

"THIS WILL RAISE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC ATTENTION TO SAFETY AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT TO AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL WITHOUT LOSS OF SAFETY AND GOOD ORDER. LEGISLATION GOVERNING LOCAL VESSELS SHOULD ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT AND SAFE SERVICE.

"THESE AIMS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH A NEW BILL AND AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION WHERE APPROPRIATE IN STAGES STARTING NEXT YEAR WITH COMPLETION EXPECTED BY 1996."

LOCAL VESSELS ARE LICENSED IN HONG KONG. THEY ARE THOSE WHICH OPERATE EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE HONG KONG WATERS OR REGULARLY PLYING TO AND FROM THE TERRITORY.

MR TUPPER EXPLAINED THAT THE "LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW" WAS PUBLISHED IN APRIL 1989 SETTING OUT PROBLEM AREAS AND POSSIBLE REFORM MEASURES.

"IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, THE MEASURES IN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WERE MODIFIED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED IN DETAIL AND ARE SET OUT IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL," MR TUPPER SAID.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

- * PUBLICATION OF A SAFETY CODE AND PERIODIC SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS;
- * REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP FOR LOCAL VESSELS AND PERMIT TO OPERATE;
- * SIMPLIFICATION OF VESSEL CLASSIFICATION;
- * INTRODUCTION OF AUTHORISED PERSONS TO CONDUCT SURVEYS OF VESSELS;
- * STANDARDISATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS AS EARLY REFORMS PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION.

MR TUPPER SAID: "A SAFETY CODE STIPULATING SAFETY STANDARDS FOR VESSEL OWNERS AND OPERATORS TO FOLLOW IN SURVEYING AND MAINTAINING THEIR VESSELS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

"WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THIS CODE, SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, APART FROM MARINE DEPARTMENT SURVEYORS, MAY BE AUTHORISED TO CONDUCT SURVEYS OF SHIPS.

"AS A FIRST STEP CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES WILL BE AUTHORISED TO CONDUCT SURVEYS OF LOCAL VESSELS ON BEHALF OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS THEY ARE AUTHORISED TO DO SO ON HONG KONG REGISTERED SHIPS."

MR TUPPER SAID TWO SEPARATE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE ISSUED TO BETTER SERVE THE DUAL FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY THE LICENCE OF A VESSEL.

THE TWO DOCUMENTS ARE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WHICH PROVIDE A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN THE VESSEL AND ITS OWNER AND A PERMIT TO OPERATE WHICH WILL BE ISSUED AND RENEWED ONLY AFTER THE VESSEL HAS PASSED PERIODIC SURVEY OR INSPECTION.

MR TUPPER SAID: "THE CATEGORISATION OF LOCAL VESSELS WILL BE SIMPLIFIED FROM 11 TO FIVE CLASSES TO FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF A COHERENT BODY OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS."

"THESE MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH A NEW LOCAL VESSEL BILL TO BE INTRODUCED WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS."

OF MORE IMMEDIATE EFFECT, EXISTING REGULATIONS WILL BE AMENDED TO INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF REFORMS ON A "FAST TRACK". THESE INCLUDE:

- * THE SIMPLIFICATION OF THE PRESENT QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE;
- * THE EXISTING BANDING OF COXSWAINS AND ENGINEERS WILL ALSO BE STREAMLINED FROM 12 CATEGORIES TO NINE TO REMOVE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM. THE NEW QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD BE OBTAINABLE THROUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF APPROVED TRAINING COURSES RUN BY RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS, OR A COMBINATION OF SUCH COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT;
- * TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR HOLDERS OF EXISTING QUALIFICATIONS TO TRANSFER TO CORRESPONDING RANKS IN THE NEW SCALE;
- * STANDARDISATION OF PORT FORMALITIES PROCEDURES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A PORT DUES PERMIT FOR RIVER TRADE VESSELS;
- * THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY RADAR INSTALLATIONS ON FERRIES OPERATING TO OUTLYING DISTRICTS;
- * ABOLITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATING AREAS FOR FERRIES AND CARGO LIGHTERS; AND
- * FORMAL EXEMPTION OF PLEASURE VESSELS NOT CAPABLE OF FITTING ENGINES FROM LICENCING PROCEDURES.

"THESE SHORT-TERM MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVELY DURING 1993," MR TUPPER SAID.

IN JUNE 1991, A PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISING PERSONS WELL-VERSED IN ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON TEL 852 4720.

PUBLIC GIVEN MORE TIME TO COMMENT ON COMPLAINTS SYSTEM

* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS (COMAC) BY ONE MONTH TO SEPTEMBER 15.

THE CONSULTATION PERIOD IS ORIGINALLY DUE TO EXPIRE THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 14).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE REVIEW. THE AIM WAS TO BUILD ON THE EXISTING COMAC SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

"IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE PUBLIC THINK OF THE PRESENT COMAC SYSTEM AND WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN MAKING USE OF THIS AVENUE OF REDRESS HAS BEEN.

"WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT PROBLEMS THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED AND WHAT IMPROVEMENTS THEY WOULD SUGGEST TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE ROLE, THE JURISDICTION, AND THE OPERATION OF THE COMAC OFFICE TO SEE IF ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY.

APART FROM THE ROLE AND JURISDICTION OF THE COMAC, THE REVIEW ALSO COVERS AREAS SUCH AS THE EXISTING REFERRAL SYSTEM UNDER WHICH COMPLAINTS MAY ONLY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMISSIONER BY NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE COMAC OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 1989 TO SUPPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN EXISTING CHANNELS FOR THE REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.

SINCE THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE BEGAN IN JUNE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BRIEFED A NUMBER OF RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP, THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ASKED VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO GIVE THEIR COMMENTS.

THREE SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR.

SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATION) 3, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, FIFTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EX667	EX3282	EX388	EX8900
EX973	*CC600	*FA11	AY1673
EW8348	EX911	EX605	EX1112
*FA57	AA8119	CF314	*AV7878
EX6008	*FA2	*CS69	EW911
AL5020	EX1668	EX3219	EX1033
EX199	EX3288	EX880	EX9005
*BC20	*FB828	*FA86	*DA929
EX2336	EX899	EX7301	EX6188
EW8266	EX936	XX791	EX662

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN 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 INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT THEREOF, WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE 178TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

22 LONG-SERVING MARKETING STAFF RETIRE

* * * * *

TWENTY-TWO STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS, WHO ACCUMULATED A TOTAL OF 539 YEARS OF SERVICE, RETIRED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE LONG-SERVING STAFF MEMBERS, COMPRISING SEVEN FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND 15 FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION, HAVE EACH SERVED AN AVERAGE OF 25 YEARS.

TEN HAVE SERVED IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND THREE OF THEM HAVE MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, PRESENTED THEM WITH RETIREMENT SOUVENIRS AND COMMENDED THEIR LOYALTY AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.

DR LEE SAID: "THEIR HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF BOTH THE FISH AND VEGETABLE ORGANISATIONS.

"AS THEY LOOK BACK AT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BOTH THE ORGANISATIONS AND THE WORK WHICH THEY HAVE DONE, THEY SHOULD FEEL SATISFIED AND TAKE PRIDE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION."

JOINED BY OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS, DR LEE BADE FAREWELL TO THE RETIRING STAFF INDIVIDUALLY AND WISHED THEM GOOD HEALTH, PROSPERITY AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

181 VIETNAMESE GO HOME

* * * * *

A GROUP OF 181 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 74 MEN, 44 WOMEN, 39 BOYS AND 24 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 117TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 6,865 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 20,744 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992

- 10 -

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

* * * * *

TENDER DATE	11 AUG 92	11 AUG 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q233	Y293
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,530 MN	HKD 1,080 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 800 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.38 PCT	3.10 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.39 PCT	3.10 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 51 PCT	100 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.42 PCT	3.21 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 17 AUGUST 1992 -

TENDER DATE	17 AUG 92	18 AUG 92	18 AUG 92
PAPER ON OFFER	GOVT BOND	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	2408	Q234	H271
ISSUE DATE	18 AUG 92	19 AUG 92	19 AUG 92
MATURITY DATE	18 AUG 94	18 NOV 92	17 FEB 93
TENOR	2 YEARS	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 500 + 100 MN	HKD 800 + 160 MN	HKD 300 + 60 MN
COUPON	4.375 PCT	N.A.	N.A.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/11

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992

- 11 -

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
* * * * *

	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 109.9 *+0.0* 11.8.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.36 PCT	15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.71	3.26
1 MONTH	2.33 PCT	18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.75	3.66
3 MONTHS	2.34 PCT	21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.77	3.90
6 MONTHS	2.53 PCT					
12 MONTHS	3.08 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 12,712MN

CLOSED 11 AUGUST 1992

- - - - 0 - - - -