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SPECTACULAR EXAMPLE OF MARKET ECONOMY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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HONG KONG HAS NOT ONLY ESTABLISHED, CREATED A SPECTACULAR EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL MARKET ECONOMY BUT HAS ALSO SHOWN HOW A MARKET ECONOMY CAN BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND LOOK AFTER THE INEVITABLE CASUALTIES IN OUR SOCIETY, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TONIGHT (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR PATTEN SAID THERE WAS AN ASSUMPTION THAT HONG KONG WAS PURELY INTERESTED IN MATERIALISTIC VALUES, AND THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG DIDN'T CARE MUCH ABOUT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

"YOU IN THE COUNCIL IN YOUR 45 YEARS HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANYONE TO SHOW WHAT NONSENSE THAT IS, BECAUSE YOU REALLY DID BLAZE THE TRAIL - YOU LED GOVERNMENT INTO TAKING IT'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES MORE SERIOUSLY FROM THE TIME YOU WERE FOUNDED 45 YEARS AGO," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT MUCH OF THE PIONEERING WORK, MUCH OF THE MOST PROFESSIONAL WORK DONE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD, HAD BEEN DONE OVER THE YEARS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE ABLE VERY OFTEN TO TAKE RISKS IN A WAY WHICH WAS MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENT.

"YOU WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT AND THAT HELPS TO MAKE THIS A MORE AGREEABLE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. YOU HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE, AND AS WELL IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION SERVICES," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7, HE WOULD SPEAK ABOUT THE TWO DOCUMENTS.

"I WILL BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE BEYOND CONTRADICTION, EXCEPT CONCEIVABLY IN ONE OR TWO PREDICTABLE QUARTERS, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THIS COMMUNITY BOTH TO INVEST IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH MAKES IT'S FUTURE GROWTH POSSIBLE, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO MEET IT'S SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS, IT'S EDUCATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, IN FULL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMUNITY IN GENERATING RESOURCES," HE SAID.

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INITIATIVES TAKEN TO HIT DRUG TRAFFICKERS

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THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES IN RECENT TIMES TO HIT THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS HARD, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, MR JOHN WOOD, SAID IN OXFORD IN ENGLAND TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING A FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME, MR WOOD SAID NEARLY EVERY COUNTRY HAD IN PLACE OR WAS PUTTING INTO PLACE LEGISLATION TO SEIZE THE PROCEEDS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND TO MAKE MONEY LAUNDERING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

"THERE ARE NOW MANY BILATERAL TREATIES BETWEEN LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES DETERMINED TO EXTRACT AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE FROM CRIMINALS AND TO PUT THE HANDLERS OF DRUGS MONEY AS WELL AS THE TRAFFICKERS THEMSELVES BEHIND PRISON BARS FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

"BUT THE DRUG TRADE, AS WE KNOW, IS INTERNATIONAL AND REQUIRES THE UTMOST CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IS VITAL," HE SAID.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, MR WOOD SAID ONE OF THE TRUISMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS THAT ONE WOULD NEVER ELIMINATE CORRUPTION.

"IT IS A COVERT CRIME AND UNLESS ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE BRIBERY DECIDES TO GO TO THE POLICE OR THERE IS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IT IS EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TO GET SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE AN OFFENCE."

MR WOOD ADDED: "HONG KONG DOES NOT SUFFER FROM AS MUCH CORRUPTION AS A FEW YEARS AGO DUE TO A STEELY DETERMINATION TO ELIMINATE IT BY A MIXTURE OF EXHORTATION, EDUCATION AND AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) WHICH HAS HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

"BUT BECAUSE CORRUPTION IS A COVERT CRIME IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO INVESTIGATE BY TRADITIONAL POLICE METHODS EXERCISING TRADITIONAL POLICE POWERS.

"FOR THIS REASON THE ICAC HAS BEEN GIVEN VERY SUBSTANTIAL POWERS OF INVESTIGATION, WELL BEYOND THOSE GIVEN TO THE POLICE.

"IT SEEMS TO ME," HE SAID, "IN THESE DAYS OF ECONOMIC SOPHISTICATION IT IS NECESSARY THAT POWERS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES, AT LEAST TO ENABLE INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED EVEN IF THE ANSWERS ARE NOT ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE."

HE POINTED OUT THAT PERHAPS THE MOST NOTABLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION RECENTLY PASSED IN HONG KONG WAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE, EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 8, 1991.

ITS ADVENT HAD MEANT THAT FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS DIVISION AND HE SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME WRESTLING WITH ITS PROVISIONS AND THE EFFECT OF THOSE PROVISIONS BECAUSE THE ORDINANCE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY STATUTORY PROVISION WHICH WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS HAD TO BE TREATED AS REPEALED AND SUCH REPEAL COULD BE DECLARED BY ANY COURT.

"ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF THIS WORK, ALTHOUGH IT ENTAILS A MOUNTAIN OF READING, IS TO COMPARE THE CASE IN CANADA UNDER CHARTER OF RIGHTS, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE UNDER THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISTILL THE LEARNING IN ORDER TO ARGUE POINTS BEFORE HONG KONG COURTS.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT OUR JUDGES ARE GREATLY ASSISTED BY CASES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS."

ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, HE SAID THE TERRITORY WAS ONLY ONE PART OF THE ORIENTAL WORLD THAT WAS INCREASING ITS PROSPERITY BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS WITH SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA PROGRESSING AT A GREAT PACE.

"IN SPITE OF THE INTENSE COMPETITION HONG KONG IS UP WITH THEM ALL AND THE SHADOW OF 1997 HAS NOT HAD MUCH OF AN EFFECT UPON HONG KONG'S TRADE AND ITS COMMITMENT TO NEW DEVELOPMENT.

"IT STILL EXUDES SUCCESS, ITS PROSPERITY IS OBVIOUS AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL CHANGE," MR WOOD SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CRITICAL TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY IS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA.

"HONG KONG IS OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO CHINA AS MANY OF ITS EXPORTS PASS THROUGH THE TERRITORY ON THEIR WAY OVERSEAS.

"IN ADDITION, THERE IS INCREASING INTEGRATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA'S SOUTHERN PROVINCES, PARTICULARLY OUR ADJOINING NEIGHBOUR GUANGDONG," HE SAID.

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#### HONG KONG TO ATTEND PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEETING

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A HONG KONG DELEGATION COMPRISING BUSINESS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICS WILL ATTEND THE NINTH GENERAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION COUNCIL (PECC IX) TO BE HELD THIS WEEK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

HEADING THE 14-MEMBER DELEGATION WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (HKCPEC) AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LAM SOON HONG KONG GROUP, DR RAYMOND CH' IEN.

HE WILL BE ATTENDING A STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PECC TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PECC IX, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO 25.

"THIS IS THE SECOND PECC GENERAL MEETING ATTENDED BY HONG KONG," DR CH' IEN SAID.

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THE THEME OF THE MEETING IS "OPEN REGIONALISM - A PACIFIC MODEL FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION", HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE MEETING, PROVIDING SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS FOR VARIOUS SESSIONS.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO PECC IX COMPRISES BOTH HKCPEC MEMBERS AS WELL AS OBSERVERS.

APART FROM DR CH' IEN, PARTICIPANTS FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR INCLUDE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CO. LTD, DR WINSTON LIANG; MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MILO'S MANUFACTURING CO. LTD, MR WILLY LIN; MANAGER (BUSINESS PLANNING) OF HONG KONG TELECOM, DR WILLIAM LO, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SPENCER STUART & ASSOCIATES, MR MARTIN TANG.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR ARE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HKCPEC, MISS DENISE YUE; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF HKCPEC, MR JOHN C TSANG; DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON; GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST, MR K Y TANG AND PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER, MISS JOANNA CHOI.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE ACADEMIC SECTOR ARE DEAN OF FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, DR JOSEPH Y S CHENG; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PACIFIC BASIN STUDIES, DOMINICAN COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA, DR FRANCES LAI; CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR LIU PAK-WAI AND DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR YEUNG YUE-MAN.

HKCPEC WAS SET UP ON MARCH 19, 1990 TO ADVISE ON MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PECC AND TO CO-ORDINATE HONG KONG'S INPUT TO THE COUNCIL.

IT COMPRISES PROMINENT PERSONS FROM BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC SECTORS AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT, ALL PARTICIPATING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY.

PECC IS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION SET UP IN 1980 TO DEVELOP CLOSE COOPERATION IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES IN THE PACIFIC REGION. HONG KONG WAS ADMITTED INTO THE PECC IN MAY 1991.

PECC COMPRISES 20 MEMBER COMMITTEES REPRESENTING THE ECONOMIES OF AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, RUSSIA, SINGAPORE, CHINESE TAIPEI, THAILAND, THE UNITED STATES AND THE PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS, AND TWO INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS, THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND THE PACIFIC TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.

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PLASTICS INDUSTRY TAKES ON KEY ROLE

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THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG AS THE TERRITORY'S INDUSTRIES BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND MORE INTRICATELY LINKED BOTH WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH INDUSTRIES ACROSS THE BORDER.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T H BARMA, AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION LTD IN WAN CHAI.

HE SAID QUITE APART FROM BEING AN INDUSTRY IN ITS OWN RIGHT -- PRODUCING TOYS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND UTENSILS, AND OTHER ITEMS -- THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WAS A VITAL ANCILLARY TO HONG KONG'S OTHER INDUSTRIES, WHICH GAINED MUCH OF THEIR COMPETITIVENESS FROM HAVING A FAST, RESPONSIVE AND FLEXIBLE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WITHIN HONG KONG.

"MOST OF OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RELY ON PLASTIC IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER: THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, USES IT FOR CASINGS AND COMPONENTS; THE FOOD, BEVERAGE AND CHEMICALS INDUSTRIES USE IT FOR BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS; AND PRACTICALLY ALL INDUSTRIES USE IT FOR PACKAGING IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY AND ITS ABILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHER INDUSTRIES HAD IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS COMPUTER-ASSISTED DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, AND NEW MOULDING TECHNIQUES.

"THESE FACILITIES, COMBINED WITH OUTWARD PROCESSING, QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION IN DESIGN, HAVE ENABLED THE INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE ITS VALUE ADDED AND PRODUCTIVITY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE IN PLASTICS THAT HAD ACCUMULATED WITHIN HONG KONG HAD MADE THE TERRITORY A CENTRE FOR THE LINKAGE INDUSTRIES NECESSARY TO THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

"HONG KONG IS NOW AN IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MOULDS AND MACHINERY FOR THE REGION.

"INCREASINGLY, IT IS ATTRACTING MAJOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS IN TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND IN THE PRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIALS FOR THE INDUSTRY.

"COMPANIES ARE WELL PLACED TO BE ABLE TO BUILD ON THESE STRENGTHS THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SERVICES SUCH AS THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND THE FUTURE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND APPLIED R & D SCHEME," HE SAID.

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COMMITTEE CONSIDERS LEGISLATIVE CONTROL ON CHILD MINDERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) A PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A BILL TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PERSONS FROM ACTING AS CHILD MINDERS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISK OF PLACING YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF UNSUITABLE PERSONS.

UNSUITABLE PERSONS ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF SUCH OFFENCES AS ILL-TREATING A CHILD AND INDECENT ASSAULT ON AND UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A GIRL.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL EMPOWER THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO INFORM THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ON WHETHER A PROSPECTIVE CHILD MINDER IS A PROHIBITED PERSON, SUBJECT TO THE CHILD MINDER'S CONSENT.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON DATA AND STATISTICS RELATED TO THE PROJECTION ON THE EMPLOYMENT POSITION OF SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES THIS YEAR.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT MOST SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THERE WERE 74 VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AS REPORTED BY THE AGENCIES AND 75 NEW POSTS FOR WHICH MONEY HAD ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED.

THE ESTIMATED WASTAGE OF 165 WAS BASED ON LAST YEAR'S RATES - ABOUT 60 IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND 105 IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS.

ON THE SUPPLY SIDE, THERE WERE 260 GRADUATES FROM FULL-TIME DEGREE COURSES THIS SUMMER AND 164 FROM PART-TIME COURSES.

"SINCE MOST GRADUATES IN THE LATTER GROUP ARE ALREADY IN EMPLOYMENT IN SOCIAL WORK FIELD, THEIR NEED FOR JOBS IS NOT AS PRESSING AS FRESH GRADUATES FROM FULL-TIME COURSES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 310 SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES TO MEET THE DEMAND ARISING FROM NEW SERVICES AND TO REPLACE WASTAGE OF STAFF DURING THE YEAR 1992-93.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ITSELF WILL NEED ABOUT 100 ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE SOCIAL WORK GRADE DURING THE YEAR 1992-93. AS AT EARLY SEPTEMBER 1992, THE DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED APPOINTMENTS TO 58 DEGREE GRADUATES, 35 OF THEM HAVE NOW ASSUMED DUTY," HE NOTED.

"MORE DETAILED STATISTICS AND PROJECTIONS OF SOCIAL WORK MANPOWER FOR THE FUTURE YEARS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON THE PUBLICATION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER PLANNING SYSTEM NO. 5 REPORT IN OCTOBER," HE ADDED.

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CONTRACT FOR CHINA WATER ELECTRIC WORKS SIGNED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED A \$29 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES FOR MUK WU 'C' PUMPING STATION IN TA KWU LING AND AU TAU 'B' PUMPING STATION IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

MUK WU 'C' PUMPING STATION IS BEING CONSTRUCTED NEAR THE BORDER FOR RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTING ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

AU TAU 'B' PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT FOR TRANSFERRING WATER TO TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND.

THE NEW INSTALLATIONS ARE PART OF A \$2.1 BILLION PROJECT TO EXPAND THE FACILITIES FOR TRANSFERRING CHINA WATER.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, POWER TRANSFORMERS, HIGH-VOLTAGE MOTOR STARTERS, LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHBOARDS, CONTROL CONSOLES, INSTRUMENTATION EQUIPMENT, STATION AUXILIARIES AND CABLING WILL BE SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED AT THE TWO STATIONS.

WHEN THE WORKS ARE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1994, THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR RECEIVING WATER FROM CHINA WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES TO 1,100 MILLION CUBIC METRES A YEAR.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES/CHINA WATER, MR KO CHAN-GOCK, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF ASEA BROWN BOVERI LTD.

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REPORT ON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RELEASED

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HONG KONG NOW HAS A SLIMMER YET MUCH FITTER INDUSTRIAL SECTOR CAPABLE OF PRODUCING HIGHER-VALUE PRODUCTS THAN IT DID IN THE PAST, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T H BARMA, SAID.

MR BARMA WAS COMMENTING ON THE LATEST EDITION OF THE "HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES" REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2.3 PER CENT LAST YEAR, COMPARED TO A GROWTH RATE OF ONE PER CENT IN 1990.

THIS WAS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DROPPED FROM 49,087 IN 1990 TO 46,276 IN 1991.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ALSO DECREASED FROM 730,217 IN 1990 TO 654,662 IN 1991.

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MR BARMA SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD REGISTERED AN INCREASE IN 1991 DESPITE A FALL IN THE NUMBERS OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

"AUTOMATION, BETTER ORGANISATION, INTEGRATION WITH MANUFACTURING IN SOUTHERN CHINA TO SAVE ON LABOUR AND LAND INTENSIVE PROCESSES - ALL THESE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE IN PRODUCTIVITY," HE SAID.

HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES MAINLY CONSIST OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FACTORIES. THE AVERAGE SIZE OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DROPPED FROM 18 PERSONS IN 1985 TO 14 PERSONS IN 1991.

OF THE 46,276 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1991, 39,868 ESTABLISHMENTS (86.2 PER CENT) EMPLOYED FEWER THAN 20 PERSONS, AND 43,886 (94.8 PER CENT) OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS EMPLOYED FEWER THAN 50 PERSONS.

ALTHOUGH MAKING UP THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS, FACTORIES WITH FEWER THAN 50 PERSONS ONLY EMPLOYED 324,673 PERSONS IN TOTAL (49.6 PER CENT OF TOTAL MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT) IN 1991.

MORE THAN HALF OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (329,989 PERSONS, 50.4 PER CENT) WAS CONCENTRATED IN 2,390 LARGER ESTABLISHMENTS (5.2 PER CENT).

MR BARMA SAID MANY SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED OPERATIONS WERE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE BIGGER FACTORIES THROUGH AN EFFICIENT NETWORK OF SUBCONTRACTING PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS, PROVIDING HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR WITH A FLEXIBILITY WHICH ENABLED IT TO RESPOND SWIFTLY TO CHANGES IN EXTERNAL DEMANDS.

THE PUBLICATION ALSO CONTAINED THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TO 2,850 SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS IN 14 SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. A TOTAL OF 1,589 VALID RETURNS WERE RECEIVED.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FAVOURABILITY OF 12 GIVEN INVESTMENT FACTORS, MORE THAN HALF OF THE 1,589 RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED FIVE OF THE FACTORS TO BE FAVOURABLE.

THEY WERE HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE (74.6 PER CENT), BANKING AND FINANCIAL FACILITIES (72.5 PER CENT), REGIONAL LOCATION (56.3 PER CENT), LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY (55.1 PER CENT) AND AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILL (51 PER CENT).

THE UNFAVOURABLE FACTORS WERE LABOUR COST (55.4 PER CENT), COST OF OFFICE AND FACTORY SPACES (43.4 PER CENT) AND POLITICAL FUTURE (35.9 PER CENT).

THREE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION  
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THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF THREE NOMINATIONS FOR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S TAI HING CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ON OCTOBER 11.

NO NOMINATION WAS RECEIVED TODAY (MONDAY) - THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE THREE CANDIDATES ARE AS FOLLOWS :

NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL. NO.
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HO HANG MUI	F	35	TEACHER	463 0399
LAM TAK LEUNG	M	39	COMPANY EXECUTIVE	462 3865
SO LAI WAH	F	29	ASSISTANT STUDENT AMENITIES OFFICER	694 8525 766 5413

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MAIN TABLES ON POPULATION CENSUS PUBLISHED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A REPORT ON THE MAIN FINDINGS OF LAST YEAR'S POPULATION CENSUS IN THE FORM OF 108 STATISTICAL TABLES.

THE REPORT "HONG KONG 1991 POPULATION CENSUS: MAIN TABLES", IN BILINGUAL FORM, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$76 A COPY.

IT PRESENTS THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS IN THE FORM OF DETAILED CROSS-TABULATIONS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS AND LIVING QUARTERS IN THE TERRITORY.

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS OFFICE OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

IN ORDER TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE STATISTICS TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ISSUING VARIOUS REPORTS IN STAGES.

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THE SIMPLER, SUMMARISED DATA WAS DISSEMINATED IN THE "SUMMARY RESULTS" AND SEVERAL OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN OCTOBER 1991. THE PUBLICATION "BASIC TABLES" CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION WAS RELEASED IN MAY 1992.

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CENSUS RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE "MAIN REPORT" TO BE RELEASED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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NO MAIL SERVICE ON OCTOBER 5

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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MRS DORIS HO, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON OCTOBER 5 - THE DAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY.

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AIRPORT PROJECTS RESOURCE CENTRE ON THE MOVE

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THE AIRPORT AND PORT PROJECTS RESOURCE CENTRE, WHICH CONTAINS REFERENCE MATERIAL ON MATTERS RELATED TO AIRPORT AND PORT DEVELOPMENT, TODAY (MONDAY) MOVED INTO A NEW OFFICE IN ROOM 103, FIRST FLOOR, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL.

THE RESOURCE CENTRE, OPERATED BY THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, HAS MORE THAN 720 TECHNICAL PAPERS AND REPORTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND ASSOCIATED CORE PROJECTS, AS WELL AS OTHER READING MATERIALS.

THE CENTRE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM BETWEEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS. IT IS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THERE IS ALSO A PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE COPIES OF SOME OF THE REFERENCE MATERIAL, AT A BASIC FEE.

OWING TO THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF THE RESOURCE CENTRE, VISITORS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN GROUPS, ARE ADVISED TO MAKE BOOKINGS IN ADVANCE BY TELEPHONING 877 3829.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 85.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 502.750 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 266.786 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 45.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN WONG TAI SIN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT CHOI HUNG ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, SHEUNG TAK STREET, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND TAI SHING STREET.

RESIDENTS OF LUNG FAI HOUSE, LUNG CHACK HOUSE, LUNG SHUN HOUSE, LUNG WAH HOUSE, LUNG HONG HOUSE, LUNG WING HOUSE, LUNG FUNG HOUSE AND LUNG TAT HOUSE OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, AS WELL AS THOSE OF TAK MING HOUSE AND KAI MING HOUSE OF KAI TAK ESTATE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER CUT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,480
REVERSAL OF LAF	+20
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-130
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,370
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 110.8 *-0.1* 21.9.92	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.19 PCT	14 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.36	3.29
1 MONTH	2.90 PCT	17 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.79	3.48
3 MONTHS	2.61 PCT	20 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.84	3.75
6 MONTHS	2.70 PCT	23 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.93	3.90
12 MONTHS	3.13 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 13,118 MN

CLOSED 21 SEPTEMBER 1992

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