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GOVERNOR TO VISIT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FROM MAY 9 TO 18 AS A GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, HIS DEPUTY PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG.

THE GOVERNOR WILL BEGIN HIS TRIP BY VISITING MELBOURNE, WHERE HE WILL CALL ON THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA STATE AND MEET PROMINENT AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN.

HE WILL GIVE A SPEECH AT A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND ATTEND A DINNER HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA.

HIS NEXT STOP WILL BE CANBERRA, WHERE HE WILL CALL ON GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE. THE GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND A DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

SIR DAVID WILL THEN TRAVEL TO SYDNEY, WHERE HE WILL CALL ON THE PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG/AUSTRALIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

HE WILL ALSO GIVE A SPEECH TO THE SYDNEY INSTITUTE AND ATTEND A DINNER HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR DAVID WILL FLY FROM SYDNEY TO WELLINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.

THE FOLLOWING DAY HE WILL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, THE RT HON JAMES BOLGER, MP, AND ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE MINISTER FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, MR PHILIP BURDON.

SIR DAVID WILL CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE MAYOR OF WELLINGTON AND GIVE A SPEECH AT A FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

HE WILL THEN TRAVEL TO AUCKLAND TO MEET BUSINESS LEADERS AND THE MAYOR OF AUCKLAND. THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE A SPEECH AT A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG/NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY, MAY 18.

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TIME TO REDRESS BALANCE OF BUILDINGS AND TREES: GOVERNOR
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UP TO NOW HONG KONG HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL BETTER AT PLANTING BUILDINGS THAN TREES AND IT IS TIME TO REDRESS THE BALANCE A LITTLE AND TO SHOW THAT WE CAN HAVE BOTH, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "PLANT OUR CITY GREEN CAMPAIGN 1991" ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, SIR DAVID SAID THE CAMPAIGN WOULD DO JUST THAT, NOTING THAT IT WOULD SET OUT TO PLANT AS MANY TREES AND SHRUBS AS POSSIBLE.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IF WE WANTED THE PLEASURE AND BENEFIT OF TREES WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE TREES WOULD NOT GROW BY THEMSELVES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT WE LIVED IN.

HE NOTED THAT PICTURES OF EARLY HONG KONG SHOWED SURPRISINGLY FEW TREES.

THE BANYAN TREES BEHIND CENTRAL DISTRICT AND ALONG NATHAN ROAD; THE CASUARINA TREES AROUND REPULSE BAY; THE MIMOSA TREES BESIDE THE ROADS OF LANTAU; AND THE WOODED HILLSIDES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE ALL THE RESULT OF EARLY TREE-PLANTING EFFORTS, SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH HAD MADE A GOOD START ON TREE PLANTING AND IT HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHILE THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WAS HELPING TO PLANT TREES ALONG ROADS.

"PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT TOO WAS GROWING," HE SAID.

"I COMMEND THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE ALREADY INVOLVED; THEY HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH I HOPE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW," SIR DAVID SAID.

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URBCO'S GREENING PROGRAMME RECEIVES COMMUNITY SUPPORT
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO MAKE HONG KONG A GREEN AND PLEASANT CITY WAS GIVEN A BOOST TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN A "PLANT OUR CITY GREEN PROGRAMME" WAS LAUNCHED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN GROUP.

THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME WAS INITIATED BY THE "FRIENDS OF THE EARTH" WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING MORE TREE PLANTINGS BY SCHOOLS, YOUTH GROUPS AND SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS.

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AT A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY HELD IN THE TUNNEL APPROACH REST GARDEN IN WAN CHAI, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON PLANTED TWO WASHINGTON PALMS TO LAUNCH THE COMMUNITY EFFORT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR PETER CHAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, EACH PLANTED A ROYAL PALM TO SIGNIFY THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE "FRIENDS OF THE EARTH", AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION WHICH PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, IS ORGANISING THIS TREE PLANTING DRIVE TO ENHANCE THE URBAN LANDSCAPE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES.

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UPDATED HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE PATTERNS USED IN REBASING CPI SERIES
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THE EXPENDITURE SHARE OF HOUSEHOLD SPENDING ON HOUSING HAD INCREASED WHILE THAT ON BASIC FOODSTUFFS HAD DECREASED IN THE RECENT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, THAT IS FROM 1984/85 TO 1989/90, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY (HES).

THE HES COLLECTED UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG. DATA ON EXPENDITURE PATTERNS ARE REQUIRED IN COMPILING CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (CPI'S). A NEW ROUND OF HES PROVIDES DATA FOR REBASING THE CPI SERIES.

THE HES WAS CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK.

THE EXISTING SERIES OF CPI'S ARE BASED ON THE SPENDING PATTERNS OBTAINED FROM AN HES CONDUCTED IN 1984/85. BASED ON RESULTS OF THE 1989/90 HES, THE EXPENDITURE BRACKETS AND WEIGHTING PATTERNS OF THE CURRENT CPI SERIES HAVE BEEN UPDATED.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY (MONDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR BENJAMIN MOK, EXPLAINED THAT THE PRACTICE ADOPTED IN HONG KONG IS TO REBASE THE CPI'S EVERY FIVE YEARS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE INDEXES WOULD NOT BE BASED ON OUTDATED PATTERNS OF EXPENDITURE.

SUCH PRACTICE CONFORMS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD IN THE COMPILATION OF CPI'S.

THE REBASED SERIES OF CPI(A) CONTINUES TO RELATE TO ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH BELONG TO THE LOW EXPENDITURE BRACKET. THEIR AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE DURING THE BASE PERIOD OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999.

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THE REBASED SERIES OF CPI(B) COVERS ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH BELONG TO THE MEDIUM EXPENDITURE BRACKET. THESE HOUSEHOLDS SPENT BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$17,499 A MONTH IN THE SAME BASE PERIOD.

MR MOK INTRODUCED THE WEIGHTING PATTERNS OF THE 1989/90-BASED SERIES OF CPI(A) AND (B) AND COMPARED THEM WITH THOSE FOR THE 1984/85-BASED SERIES.

THE EXPENDITURE SHARE OF THE "FOODSTUFFS" SECTION HAS DECLINED. OUT OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE SPENT ON FOODSTUFFS, AN INCREASING PROPORTION IS SPENT ON MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME WHILE THE PROPORTION SPENT ON BASIC FOOD ITEMS HAS DECREASED.

"THIS REFLECTS THE INCREASING POPULARITY AND PREFERENCE OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR EATING OUT," MR MOK SAID.

A RELATIVELY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE EXPENDITURE SHARE OF "HOUSING" WAS RECORDED. THIS COULD PARTLY BE EXPLAINED BY THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF HOUSING. THE PROPORTION OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE OWNER-OCCUPIERS HAS RISEN OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. MOREOVER, THE AVERAGE LIVING AREA OCCUPIED PER PERSON HAS INCREASED.

"APART FROM COLLECTING INFORMATION ON EXPENDITURE WEIGHTS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CARRIES OUT SEPARATELY A CONTINUOUS PRICING SURVEY TO COLLECT PRICE DATA ON A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES FROM NUMEROUS RETAIL OUTLETS AND SERVICES PROVIDERS," MR MOK SAID IN EXPLAINING THE METHOD OF COMPILING CPI'S.

THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF HANG SENG BANK, MR ROGER LUK, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID THE HANG SENG CPI, WHICH RELATES TO HOUSEHOLDS IN THE HIGH EXPENDITURE BRACKET, HAS ALSO BEEN REBASED.

THE HANG SENG CPI COVERS ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHOSE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE IN THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS BETWEEN \$17,500 AND \$37,499.

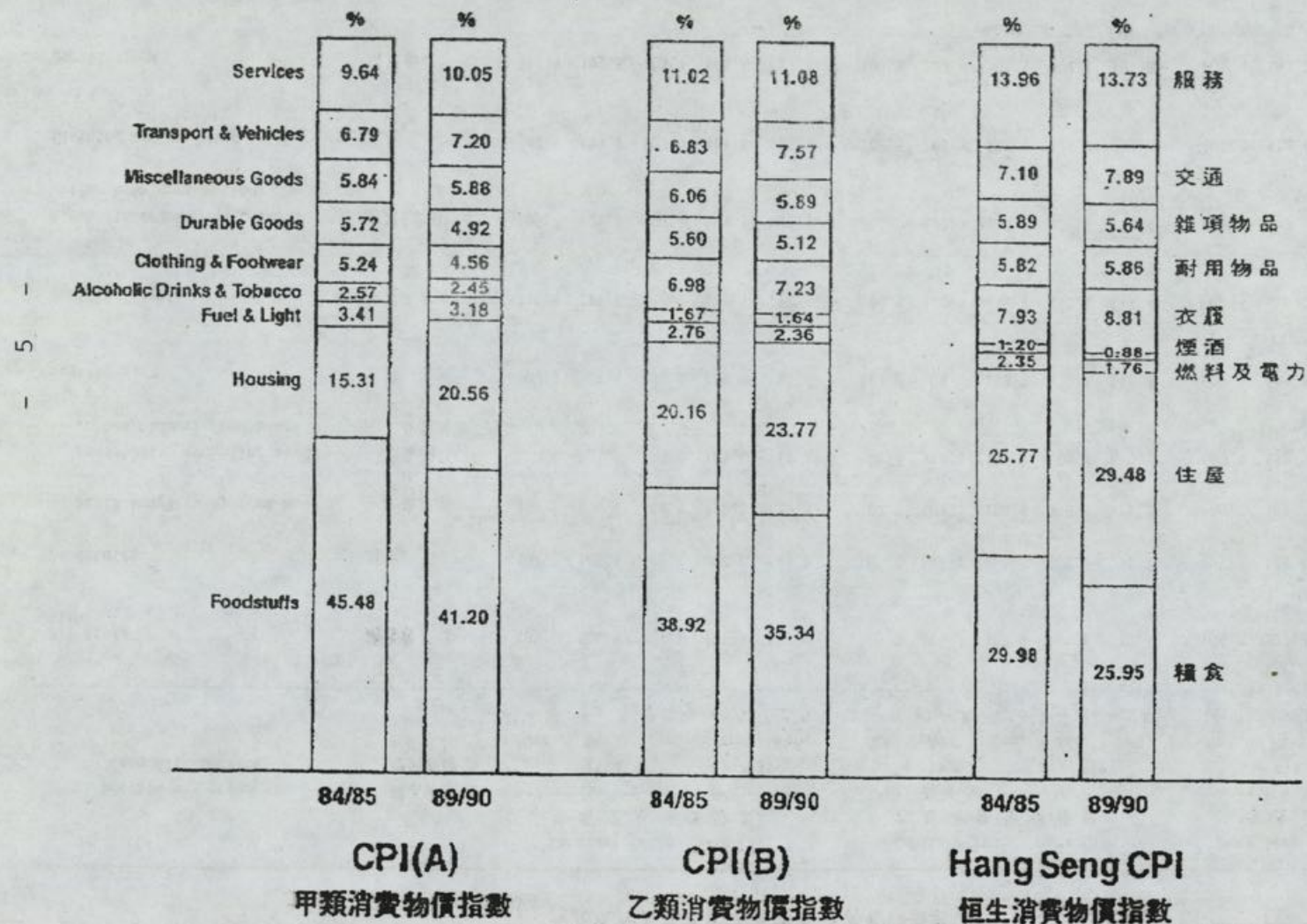
THE MORE NOTABLE CHANGES IN THE WEIGHTING PATTERN OF THE HANG SENG CPI ARE ALSO THE DECREASE IN THE EXPENDITURE SHARE OF FOODSTUFFS AND THE INCREASE IN THE SHARE OF HOUSING.

THE REBASED CPI SERIES, WHICH STARTS FROM OCTOBER 1990, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 1991 ISSUE OF THE CPI MONTHLY REPORT. THE 1984/85-BASED CPI'S WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED CONCURRENTLY UNTIL MARCH 1992.

"MEANWHILE, A DETAILED REPORT ON THE 1989/90 HES AND AN INTRODUCTORY PAMPHLET ON THE REBASED SERIES OF CPI'S ARE BEING PREPARED, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS' TIME," MR MOK ADDED.

EXPENDITURE WEIGHTS OF THE 1984/85 AND 1989/90 BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

一九八四至八五年及一九八九至九〇年為基期的消費物價指數的開支權數



The 1989/90 Based Consumer Price Indexes
一九八九至九零年為基期的消費物價指數

Section and group of commodity/service	商品/服務類別及組別	Consumer Price Index (A) 甲類消費物價指數					Consumer Price Index (B) 乙類消費物價指數					Hong Kong Consumer Price Index 恆生消費物價指數				
		1990			1991		1990			1991		1990			1991	
		Oct. 十月	Nov. 十一月	Dec. 十二月	Jan. 一月	Feb. 二月	Oct. 十月	Nov. 十一月	Dec. 十二月	Jan. 一月	Feb. 二月	Oct. 十月	Nov. 十一月	Dec. 十二月	Jan. 一月	Feb. 二月
All items	總指數	105.8	106.5	107.4	108.3	110.3	105.9	106.7	107.6	108.4	110.1	106.7	107.8	108.1	108.6	110.2
Foodstuffs	糧食	104.9	105.1	106.0	107.2	111.2	105.3	105.7	106.6	108.2	111.7	105.2	105.4	106.0	107.5	111.1
Meals bought away from home	外出用膳	107.3	108.4	108.9	110.9	112.3	107.3	108.3	108.9	110.9	112.3	106.6	107.1	107.2	108.8	111.0
Foodstuffs, excluding meals bought away from home	糧食(不包括外出用膳)	102.5	101.9	103.0	103.6	110.1	102.6	102.1	103.5	104.3	110.8	102.9	102.5	104.0	105.3	111.1
Housing	住屋	107.3	108.1	109.5	110.7	111.6	107.0	108.1	108.9	110.2	111.1	109.1	109.9	111.3	112.4	113.3
Fuel and light	燃料及電力	108.8	111.5	112.8	113.5	112.9	108.1	110.7	112.1	113.0	112.4	107.5	110.0	111.8	113.3	112.7
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption)	煙酒(家用)	105.7	106.3	108.2	109.3	109.4	106.2	107.0	108.4	109.9	110.1	106.6	107.4	108.6	110.4	110.6
Clothing and footwear	衣服	102.1	105.8	107.9	104.1	102.2	102.5	106.2	108.8	104.9	102.8	106.0	112.6	108.0	102.6	102.0
Durable goods	耐用物品	101.9	102.5	103.1	103.6	103.6	101.9	102.4	102.9	102.8	103.0	102.5	103.2	102.2	101.9	102.7
Miscellaneous goods	雜項物品	105.7	105.8	105.7	105.9	106.1	104.8	105.0	104.9	105.1	105.5	104.7	105.0	104.8	104.9	105.5
Transport and vehicles	交通	107.1	107.7	108.3	109.1	110.3	107.9	108.3	109.1	110.2	111.4	108.8	109.2	110.3	111.8	113.7
Services	服務	108.4	109.0	109.4	110.9	113.0	107.7	108.2	108.7	109.6	111.9	106.3	106.7	107.7	108.2	110.1

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STUDY ON RESTORATION OF URBAN LANDFILLS COMMISSIONED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF FIVE URBAN LANDFILLS.

THEY ARE THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL, NGAU CHI WAN LANDFILL, MA YAU TONG WEST LANDFILL, MA YAU TONG CENTRAL LANDFILL, AND GIN DRINKERS BAY LANDFILL.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THESE FIVE LANDFILLS WERE ALL COMPLETED SITES AND OCCUPIED A TOTAL LAND AREA OF ABOUT 56 HECTARES.

"THESE LANDFILLS USED TO BE REMOTE FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS BUT AS A RESULT OF EXPANSION OF URBAN AREAS, ARE NOW SURROUNDED BY DEVELOPMENTS.

"POTENTIAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH OFF-SITE MIGRATION OF LEACHATE AND LANDFILL GAS THEREFORE EXIST," HE SAID.

THE WHITE PAPER ON POLLUTION IN HONG KONG, PUBLISHED IN 1989, STATED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RESTORE THE COMPLETED LANDFILL SITES TO AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITION SO THAT THESE PRESENTLY DERELICT SITES COULD BE BROUGHT INTO USE FOR RECREATIONAL OR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE STUDY ON RESTORATION OF URBAN LANDFILLS, AT A COST OF \$7.7 MILLION, WILL TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WASTE AND WATER POLICY), MR MIKE STOKOE, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BINNIE CONSULTANTS LIMITED, MR G.R.A. ARMISTEAD.

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SEVEN QUESTIONS, 12 BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF SEVEN QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 11 GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ONE PRIVATE BILL AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 24).

THE 12 BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, AND DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

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THE 11 GOVERNMENT BILLS ARE THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, REGIONAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, OFFICIAL SOLICITOR BILL 1991, APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991, TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 AND IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991.

THE PRIVATE BILL IS THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS INCORPORATION BILL 1991.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL ORDINANCE WHILE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

ALSO, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG WILL MOVE A MOTION ON SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR LISTED COMPANIES.

THE MOTION READS: "THIS COUNCIL STRONGLY URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT WHEN REQUESTS BY GROUPS OF PUBLICLY LISTED COMPANIES FOR SPECIAL EXEMPTION FROM STATUTORY, REGULATORY OR LISTING REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING ALL LISTED COMPANIES IN HONG KONG ARE CONSIDERED, THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF INVESTOR PROTECTION, FAIRNESS AND EQUITY BE UPHELD WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR".

MEANWHILE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL SPEAK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1990, THE HON HO SAI-CHU WILL SPEAK ON THE 1989-90 REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (DECEMBER 1990).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERIES BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR AIR-CONDITIONER USERS

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A TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO PROMOTE THE PROPER USE OF AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS SO AS TO AVOID CAUSING NUISANCE TO OTHERS.

THE "GET YOUR AIR-CONDITIONERS READY FOR THE SUMMER" CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ALTHOUGH AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS BROUGHT COMFORT TO LIFE, THEY MIGHT AT TIMES CAUSE NUISANCE TO NEIGHBOURS AS A RESULT OF WATER DRIPPING AND EMISSION OF EXCESSIVE HEAT OR NOISE.

"COMPLAINTS AGAINST SUCH OF NUISANCES ARE PARTICULARLY COMMON DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS," HE SAID. "HOWEVER, THEY CAN BE AVOIDED BY TAKING PROPER PRECAUTIONS."

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINE, 723 0013, WILL PROVIDE ADVICE IN CANTONESE ON HOW SUCH NUISANCES COULD BE PREVENTED.

A TELEVISION API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN PUBLIC INTEREST) WILL ALSO BE SCREENED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS.

EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE SUCH AS ADVISORY LETTERS, POSTERS AND LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES, OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND SUPPLIERS OF AIR-CONDITIONERS.

PUBLICITY LEAFLETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE) OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

TO AVOID CAUSING NUISANCE TO NEIGHBOURS, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED AIR-CONDITIONER USERS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- * CHOOSE A SUITABLE AND QUIETTER TYPE OF AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT APART FROM CONSIDERING ITS THERMAL CAPACITY WHEN MAKING A PURCHASE;
- * CHOOSE A SUITABLE POSITION WHICH SHOULD BE FARTHEST POSSIBLE FROM THE NEIGHBOURING RESIDENCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT;
- * IN CASE WATER DRIPS FROM THE AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT, PROVIDE UNDERNEATH A COLLECTING BASIN WHICH SHOULD BE FITTED WITH A RUBBER HOSE TO CONVEY THE DRIP TO PROPER DRAINAGE; AND
- * REGULARLY MAINTAIN THE AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS.

UNDER THE LAW, LETTING AN AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT DRIP OR EMIT EXCESSIVE HEAT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CAUSE NUISANCE IS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000.

THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS IN THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY AIR-CONDITIONERS.

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TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL REGULATIONS GAZETTED

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THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL REGULATIONS, WHICH SET OUT THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE TUNNEL BY THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL COMPANY, ARE GAZETTED TODAY (MONDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REGULATIONS DEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE COMPANY AND POWERS OF THE COMPANY STAFF FOR PROVIDING ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE EFFICIENT AND SAFE PASSAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES THROUGH, AND THE SAFETY OF PERSONS IN, THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AREA.

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TUEN MUN DB CHAIRMAN ELECTED

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MR LAU WONG-FAT WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD THIS (MONDAY) MORNING DURING THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW TERM.

MR LAU WAS THE ONLY NOMINEE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

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TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE TO BE HELD ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN THE MORNING OF THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL ON JUNE 16.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

THERE WILL BE MEN'S OPEN, WOMEN'S OPEN, MIXED INVITATION AND INDUSTRIAL CUP SECTIONS.

COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS FOR THE RACES AS WELL AS FOR PRACTICES.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN ON CHEUNG ROAD, THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE IN HEUNG SZE WUI STREET AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE IN TING KOK ROAD.

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 3. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 664 8661 OR 657 7111 EXT 255.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, TAI PO ROAD AND WONG CHUK STREET.

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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	20.4.91	480
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	22.4.91	+177
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-177
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.6 *+0.2* 22.4.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Q115	10.7.91	390	+90
Q116	17.7.91	320	+160
Q104	24.4.91	630	-150
Q105	1.5.91	710	-230
Q106	8.5.91	503.5	-23.5
Q107	15.5.91	491	-11
Q108	22.5.91	390	+90
Q109	29.5.91	470	+10
Q110	5.6.91	320	+160
Q111	12.6.91	480	+0
Q112	19.6.91	540	-60
Q113	26.6.91	550	-70
Q114	3.7.91	450	+30

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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H001	1.5.91	180	+80
H002	15.5.91	237.5	+22.5
H003	29.5.91	240	+20
H004	12.6.91	250	+10
H005	26.6.91	230	+30
H101	10.7.91	133	+127
H156	24.7.91	150	+110
H157	7.8.91	189.5	+70.5
H158	21.8.91	110	+150
H159	4.9.91	90	+170
H160	18.9.91	170	+90
H161	2.10.91	0	+260
H162	17.10.91	130	+130

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Y187	26.2.92	170	+90
Y188	25.3.92	190	+70

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 19.4.91 WAS 3,922 MN

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