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LOCALISATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) CONFIRMED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MICHAEL SZE, AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE RECENTLY BRIEFED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS (AOS) ON OVERSEAS TERMS OF SERVICE, ON MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE LOCALISATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 1993 SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO HAVE IN PLACE A TEAM OF SENIOR OFFICERS WHO COULD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BASIC LAW IN GOOD TIME BEFORE 1997.

"WE HAVE ALSO SAID PUBLICLY THAT WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO DEVELOP A POOL OF POTENTIALLY QUALIFIED LOCAL OFFICERS AT IMMEDIATELY LEVELS BELOW WHO COULD GO ONWARDS AND UPWARDS TO FILL THE MOST SENIOR GOVERNMENT POSTS BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD, IN THE INTEREST OF LOCALISATION, GENERALLY DIRECTED OVERSEAS AOS TO RETIRE AT AGE 57.

"TO MEET THE COMMITMENT GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR TO FILL SUCH POSTS WITH POTENTIALLY QUALIFIED LOCAL OFFICERS WELL BEFORE 1997, IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN FUTURE TO ENHANCE THIS BY DIRECTING A NUMBER OF YOUNGER OVERSEAS OFFICERS PRESENTLY OCCUPYING POSTS AT THE FUTURE 'PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL' LEVEL TO RETIRE.

"INDEED IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO SUPERSEDE A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS AOS AT IMMEDIATE RANKS BELOW POLICY SECRETARY LEVEL FOR PROMOTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TRANSCRIPT OF CS' MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON:-

CS: I AM VERY GLAD THAT MR GOODLAD IS VISITING CHINA. OF COURSE, HONG KONG WILL NOT BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF MR GOODLAD'S VISIT BUT IT WILL BE QUITE NATURAL FOR HONG KONG ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING MR GOODLAD'S VISIT. THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND I AM SURE MR GOODLAD IS LOOKING FORWARD GREATLY TO THIS VISIT.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPECTATION OF HIS TRIP?

CS: I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING A RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. AS I SAID, HONG KONG WILL COME UP AND I AM SURE MR GOODLAD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS CHINESE LEADERS. THANK YOU.

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STI TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN BEIJING

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, LEFT FOR BEIJING TODAY (MONDAY) TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON "TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND INLAND AND NORTHERN CHINA".

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, IS ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (CMA) AND THE ALL-CHINA FEDERATION OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. MR CHAU WILL BE ATTENDING AS A GUEST SPEAKER AT THE INVITATION OF THE CMA.

SPEAKING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, MR CHAU SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING AND SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE.

"HONG KONG AND CHINA HAVE A VERY CLOSE AND IMPORTANT TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AND THE CONFERENCE PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THIS AREA AND FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THAT RELATIONSHIP," HE SAID.

MR CHAU WILL DELIVER A SPEECH ON THE ROLE PLAYED BY HONG KONG IN CHINA'S TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

WHILE IN BEIJING, MR CHAU WILL ALSO ATTEND A DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CMA AND THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW OFFICE IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL.

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GROUP BRIEFING SESSIONS FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED TO ADOPT CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A GROUP BRIEFING SESSION ORGANISED BY THE ADOPTION UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THE SESSION WOULD HELP PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS ACQUIRE BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES OF ADOPTION SERVICE, THE GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS THE MEANING AND COMMITMENT OF ADOPTION.

"IN ADDITION, IT WILL GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADOPTION THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH OTHER APPLICANTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY PLACED 105 AND 11 CHILDREN IN LOCAL AND OVERSEAS HOMES RESPECTIVELY IN THE 1993/94 FINANCIAL YEAR.

AT PRESENT, TWO BRIEFING SESSIONS, ONE IN ENGLISH AND THE OTHER IN CHINESE, ARE ORGANISED EVERY MONTH. ABOUT 30 COUPLES ATTENDED THE CHINESE-SPEAKING GROUP AND AROUND 10 COUPLES ATTENDED THE ENGLISH SESSION.

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THE SCHEDULE OF THE SESSIONS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS IS:

SESSION -----	DATE ----
CHINESE	16 JULY
CHINESE	20 AUGUST
CHINESE	24 SEPTEMBER
CHINESE	29 OCTOBER
ENGLISH	23 JULY
ENGLISH	20 AUGUST
ENGLISH	17 SEPTEMBER
ENGLISH	22 OCTOBER

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ENROL FOR THE GROUP BRIEFING SESSIONS MAY CONTACT THE ADOPTION UNIT ON TEL 852 3107.

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SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR TV LICENCES

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THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE ATV AND TVB LICENCES WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM LECTURE HALL IN KOWLOON ON THURSDAY (JUNE 16).

THE SESSION WILL START AT 6.30 PM AND LAST UNTIL 9.30 PM.

ADMITTANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA) SAID: "MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON A RANGE OF TOPICS COVERING THE PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISEMENTS BROADCAST ON ATV AND TVB."

THE LICENCES FOR BOTH TELEVISION STATIONS WERE RENEWED FOR A TERM OF 12 YEARS EXPIRING IN DECEMBER 2000. EACH LICENCE CARRIES A CONDITION THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO RENEWAL BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL NOT BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1994.

THE BA WILL SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC ON WHAT HAS BEEN BROADCAST OVER THE PAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

THIS WILL HELP THE BA DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CHANGES TO THE REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING ARE REQUIRED.

THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22 IN THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL IN SHA TIN. IT WILL ALSO START AT 6.30 PM.

PAMPHLETS GIVING DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS CAN BE MADE ON TEL 594 5792.

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