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LORD CAITHNESS ARRIVES FOR SIX-DAY VISIT

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS, ARRIVED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A SIX-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, LORD CAITHNESS SAID: "I'VE COME HERE TO HAVE A GOOD LOOK AROUND AND TO MEET PEOPLE. I'VE ALREADY MET THE GOVERNOR, I'VE MET LADY DUNN, I'VE MET MARTIN LEE AND VARIOUS OTHER PEOPLE, BUSINESSMEN FROM HONG KONG."

"I'M VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO IT BECAUSE WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER OFFERED ME THE JOB SHE REMINDED ME JUST HOW IMPORTANT HONG KONG WAS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND TO BRITAIN, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS REINFORCED THAT," HE SAID.

LORD CAITHNESS SAID WHILE THERE MIGHT BE A CHANGE OF MINISTER, THERE WASN'T A CHANGE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SO THE POLICIES WERE GOING TO CONTINUE.

THE MINISTER SAID ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT BE NEW, HE WOULD FIGHT FOR HONG KONG: "BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT A BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT JUST STANDS ON THE SIDELINES AND APPLAUDS.

"YOU WANT A BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU. WE WILL DO THAT," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON HOW QUICKLY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ACT IN RETURNING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE NON-VOLUNTARILY, LORD CAITHNESS SAID: "OF COURSE WE WANT TO GET RID OF THE NON-REFUGEES AS WELL AS TO RESETTLE THE REFUGEES, AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH HANOI TO TRY TO SPEED THAT PROCESS UP."

THE MINISTER WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON; THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS; THE BRITISH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY; AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR PETER HEAP.

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HK AND CHINA MAINTAIN INEXTRICABLE ECONOMIC LINK  
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THE BEST GUARANTEE FOR HONG KONG IS AN EXPANDING ECONOMY IN WHICH ALL CAN SHARE, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID IN THE UNITED STATES.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US/CHINA RELATIONS IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (FRIDAY), MRS CHAN SAID CHINA HAD ALWAYS FEATURED IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH.

SHE NOTED THAT HONG KONG AND CHINA WERE EACH OTHER'S MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF EACH OTHER'S EXTERNAL TRADE.

APART FROM TRADE IN GOODS, TRADE IN SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA HAD ALSO STEPPED UP SIGNIFICANTLY, SHE ADDED.

"ONE EXAMPLE IS IN THE DRAMATIC UPSURGE OF TRIPS MADE TO CHINA BY HONG KONG RESIDENTS FOR BUSINESS AND PLEASURE," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT HONG KONG WAS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF CHINA'S OVERALL TOURIST RECEIPTS, ESTIMATED AT ABOUT US\$2.2 BILLION IN 1988.

TURNING TO THE INVESTMENT SIDE, MRS CHAN NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN CHINA, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 70 PER CENT, IN TERMS OF BOTH THE NUMBER OF VENTURES SET UP AND THE MONEY INVESTED.

"IN THE PERIOD 1979 TO THE END OF MARCH 1989, CHINA APPROVED A TOTAL OF 15,948 ENTERPRISES WITH A FOREIGN INVESTMENT CONTENT. TOTAL REALISED DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO DATE AMOUNTED TO US\$12.1 BILLION," SHE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT, MORE AND MORE OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING PROCESSES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH A HIGH LABOUR CONTENT OR REQUIRING CHEAP LAND HAD MOVED ACROSS THE BORDER INTO SOUTHERN CHINA.

"ABOUT TWO MILLION WORKERS IN GUANGDONG ARE NOW WORKING FOR HONG KONG COMPANIES EITHER THROUGH JOINT VENTURES OR IN PROJECTS COMMISSIONED BY HONG KONG COMPANIES IN THE FORM OF OUTWARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES AND COMPENSATION TRADE."

ON CHINA'S INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, MRS CHAN SAID: "CHINA IS NOW AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG."

WHILE HONG KONG HAD NO RELIABLE ESTIMATE OF THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF CHINA'S INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN TRACING THE ULTIMATE OWNERSHIP OF PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSETS IN THE TERRITORY, CHINA MIGHT WELL NOW BE THE LARGEST SINGLE EXTERNAL INVESTOR IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, SHE SAID.

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"IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, CHINA IS THE THIRD MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF EXTERNAL INVESTMENT AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, ACCOUNTING FOR AROUND EIGHT PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXTERNAL INVESTMENT.

"GIVEN THAT HONG KONG IS CHINA'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET AS WELL AS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF ITS INWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT, TOURIST RECEIPTS AND REMITTANCE INCOME, HONG KONG IS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE LEADING SOURCE OF CHINA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

"WE WOULD PUT OUR CONTRIBUTION AT AROUND THE 30 PER CENT LEVEL," MRS CHAN SAID.

REGARDING THE FINANCIAL LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, SHE SAID THE BANK OF CHINA GROUP WAS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT BANKING GROUP IN HONG KONG WHILE THE HONGKONG BANK GROUP WAS THE BEST REPRESENTED FOREIGN BANK IN CHINA, FOLLOWED BY THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK.

MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG, BEING THE MAJOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN CENTRE FOR ARRANGING FINANCE, HAD BECOME A KEY PLACE FOR CHINA TO RAISE FUNDS USUALLY IN THE FORM OF SYNDICATED LOANS.

"THESE LOANS ARE MOSTLY CHANNELLED TO CHINA FOR FINANCING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT SOME OF THEM ARE USED BY PRC-INTEREST COMPANIES IN HONG KONG TO FUND THEIR INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG OR ABOARD," SHE SAID.

"WITH THE INEXTRICABLE LINKS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE ECONOMIES OF HONG KONG AND CHINA, THE POTENTIAL FOR HONG KONG TO ENJOY FURTHER SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC GROWTH IS SELF EVIDENT," SHE ADDED.

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#### TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DROP TWO PER CENT

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DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,057 COMPLAINTS, A DROP OF TWO PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THE COMPLAINTS WERE RELATED MAINLY TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE ADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, HE SAID THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 170 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THERE WAS A RISE OF 22 CASES OR 15 PER CENT.

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ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 370 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT COMPARED WITH 353 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICE ROSE SLIGHTLY BY TWO PER CENT FROM 333 CASES TO 338 CASES.

THE NUMBERS OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FERRY SERVICES DROPPED FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S 66 CASES TO 49 CASES, AND FROM 21 CASES TO 20 CASES RESPECTIVELY.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDED REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CONDITIONS OF VEHICLES/VESSELS, AND PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO 237 CASES -- 56 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 78 IN KOWLOON, 101 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO IN TUNNELS OR OTHER AREAS.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ROAD WORKS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED FROM 183 CASES TO 173 OR BY FIVE PER CENT.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDED PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT, AND ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS DECREASED BY 28 PER CENT FROM 163 CASES TO 117 CASES.

THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS OR AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 344, 15 CASES OR FIVE PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE NUMBER RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THESE WERE RELATED MAINLY TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVT AND AGENCIES WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE

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THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS BY WAY OF LEGISLATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CARITAS LOK HEEP CLUB AT SOUTHOVN CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

MR CARTLAND POINTED OUT THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PLAYING ITS PART THROUGH THE PROVISION AND MONITORING OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR DRUG ABUSERS ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF REHABILITATION.

"OUR MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE 25 METHADONE CLINICS, AS WELL AS OUR PROBATION OFFICERS AND CASE WORKERS AT THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICES AND CONCRETE ASSISTANCE TO THE ABUSERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SUBVENES ANTI-NARCOTICS VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THE RUNNING OF HALFWAY HOUSES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR EX-DRUG ABUSERS."

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TWO MACAU POLICE INSPECTORS UNDERGOING TRAINING AT PTU

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TWO INSPECTORS FROM THE MACAU SECURITY FORCE NOW UNDER TRAINING AT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT (PTU) IN FANLING BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY CAN LEARN MUCH FROM THE ADVANCED FACILITIES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

UNDERGOING FOUR MONTHS OF TRAINING AT THE UNIT, INSPECTORS ALBANO AGOSTINHO AND CELESTINO DA LUCIA PEREIRINHA ARE EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES.

THE TWO PORTUGUESE OFFICERS ARE ATTACHED TO "HOTEL" COMPANY AND ARE TAKING THEIR COURSE WITH EIGHT LOCAL INSPECTORS.

"IT'S DIFFICULT LISTENING TO LECTURES IN ENGLISH BECAUSE WE USUALLY SPEAK PORTUGUESE BUT WE CAN SPEAK CANTONESE FLUENTLY AND OUR COLLEAGUES HERE ARE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL," THEY SAID.

INSPECTOR PEREIRINHA SAID: "FOR THE INITIAL FEW WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ANTI-RIOT TACTICS, VISITING THE BORDER AREA AND STUDYING THE INTERCEPTION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS."

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HIS PARTNER HAS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF TACTICAL TRAINING IN MACAU WHEN HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY AN OFFICER WHO HAD ALSO ATTENDED A PTU COURSE IN HONG KONG.

TEN YEARS IN MACAU POLICE, INSPECTOR AGOSTINHO SAID: "OUR MOST EXCITING EXPERIENCE SO FAR HAS BEEN TO FLY IN A HELICOPTER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

"WE HOVERED AROUND THE SKY AT NIGHT TO MAKE SURVEILLANCE OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SITUATION."

THE OFFICERS ALSO ENJOYED A FRIENDLY RECEPTION ON AN INFORMATIVE VISIT TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

"HOTEL" COMPANY SECOND-IN-COMMAND CHIEF INSPECTOR WONG HUNG-TAK COMMENTED: "THE TWO MACAU INSPECTORS ARE TAKING THE COURSE EAGERLY AND EARNESTLY. THEY SHOW MUCH INTEREST IN OUR TRAINING AND GET ON WELL WITH LOCAL OFFICERS."

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#### STUDENTS BRING GREEN TOUCH TO PENG CHAU

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ABOUT 120 STUDENTS FROM PENG CHAU, CHEUNG CHAU AND LANTAU TOOK PART IN PLANTING OVER 200 ACACIA SEEDLINGS ON THE PEAK OF FINGER HILL ON PENG CHAU ISLAND TODAY (SATURDAY).

THEY WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1990.

THE FUNCTION, CO-ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMITTEE, WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, URGED STUDENTS TO SPREAD THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MESSAGE AND TO HELP PRESERVE THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE ISLANDS.

"THE ISLANDS DISTRICT, WITH MORE GREENERY AND FRESHER AIR, HAS A FAR BETTER ENVIRONMENT THAN THAT OF THE URBAN AREA.

"BUT IF WE DO NOT TREASURE THESE ASSETS AND CAUSE HILL FIRES, OUR ENVIRONMENT WILL BE DAMAGED," MR SALKELD SAID.

HE ADDED THAT POLLUTING THE STREAMS AND LITTERING WOULD ALSO MAKE THE ISLANDS A LESS ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR HOLIDAY MAKERS AND A LESS COMFORTABLE HOME FOR RESIDENTS.

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MR SALKELD STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORGANISATIONS, WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVOTE EVERY EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE ISLANDS.

ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND A PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR HONG PO-SUM.

MORE TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) ON LANTAU AND LAMMA ISLANDS.

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PROPOSED DREDGING AT EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 3,630 HECTARES OF SEABED AT EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 13 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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