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LORD WILSON HOPES FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW GOVERNOR SOON

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE A DECISION BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT SOON ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNOR.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING KWUN TONG DISTRICT, LORD WILSON SAID HE KNEW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS VERY ANXIOUS THAT THE DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN SOON.

"THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS I DISCUSSED WITH HIM WHEN I WAS LAST IN LONDON, AND HE ASSURED ME THEN THAT IF HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTIONS, AND HE HAS BEEN, THAT HE WOULD WANT TO MOVE ON TO THE DECISION ON WHO THE NEXT GOVERNOR SHOULD BE AS SOON AS HE COULD AFTER THE ELECTION," HE SAID.

"BUT ONCE THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I WILL WISH TO GO AND TALK TO THE PERSON WHO IS APPOINTED TO SUCCEED ME," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON, LORD WILSON SAID THIS WAS ONE OF HIS REGULAR VISITS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WAS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS HIS RECENT VISIT TO GUANGDONG.

ASKED ABOUT THE SUGGESTION OF APPOINTING A DEPUTY GOVERNOR IN HONG KONG, LORD WILSON SAID THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY HIS SUCCESSOR.

"THE QUESTION THAT CAME FORWARD AT ONE STAGE WAS THERE SHOULD BE A DEPUTY GOVERNOR WHO WOULD GO STRAIGHT THROUGH 1997; AND THAT, IF YOU COULD DO IT, THERE'S AN ARGUMENT FOR IT BUT FOR THE MOMENT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD HAVE A DEPUTY GOVERNOR JUST GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH 1997," HE SAID.

LORD WILSON POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HE HAD NO RIGID VIEWS ON ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE, HE SAW A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN THE DIRECT WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

TURNING TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE POLICE HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THIS AREA SINCE TAKING OVER ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE BORDER.

LORD WILSON SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT. "THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO GO ON DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN EVERY WAY WE CAN; AND IN PARTICULAR TO TRY TO MAKE IT AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO EMPLOY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS."

"THE BLAME MUST LIE, NOT JUST ON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THEMSELVES, BUT ON THE PEOPLE WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOY SOMEBODY WHO IS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT. SO WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE EMPLOYERS AS WELL AS WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS," HE SAID.

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ASKED TO COMMENT ON RECENT ARMED ROBBERIES, LORD WILSON SAID EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO TRY TO BUILD UP AND STRENGTHEN THE DIALOGUE WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES BECAUSE THIS WAS A PROBLEM WHICH COULD ONLY PROPERLY TACKLED TOGETHER.

"WE'VE GOT TO WORK ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND THEN MAKE SURE THAT CO-OPERATION IS MAINTAINED; THAT WE DON'T JUST HAVE A SUDDEN SPURT OF ACTIVITY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM AND THEN EVERYBODY RELAX."

"WE'VE GOT CONSISTENT EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM ON BOTH SIDES. I THINK WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS BUT WE'VE STILL GOT QUITE A LONG WAY TO GO YET," LORD WILSON SAID.

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NO DELAY TO CHEK LAP KOK PROJECT : CS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THE CHEK LAP KOK PROJECT TO CAUSE ANY DELAY AND WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE RECLAMATION CONTRACT COMES AS CLOSE TO THE BUDGET AS POSSIBLE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITE AT CHEK LAP KOK, SIR DAVID SAID : "WE ARE LOOKING NOW AT ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF MAKING SURE IT DOES COME WITHIN BUDGET BY EXTENDING THE TIME AND BY LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FILL. BUT NONE OF THAT WILL AFFECT THE COMPLETION DATE.

"WE ARE QUITE CONVINCED THAT WE CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENT AND STILL KEEP IT WITHIN THE TIME SCALE THAT WE ENVISAGE FOR THE PROJECT."

ASKED ABOUT PUBLIC CRITICISM THAT BRITISH COMPANIES HAD BEEN FAVOURED WHEN GOVERNMENT AWARDED CONTRACTS, SIR DAVID SAID : "WE HAVE HEARD THAT CRITICISM, BUT WE DO NOT ACCEPT IT.

"WE HAVE A VERY STRONG TRADITION IN HONG KONG OF MAKING THE JUDGEMENTS TO THE INTEREST OF THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE, AND NOT FAVOURING ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO JUST THAT.

"THE PEOPLE WHO WILL WIN CONTRACTS WILL BE THE PEOPLE WHO DO BEST, WHO CAN PRODUCE THE BEST WORK IN THE BEST TIME AND AT THE BEST PRICE. THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS NOT A FACTOR THAT WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

"IT HAS NEVER BEEN SO IN HONG KONG AND IT WILL NOT BE SO IN THE FUTURE EITHER."

ON THE TSING MA BRIDGE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED THAT THE CONTRACT SHOULD BE AWARDED IN MAY AND IT WAS IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CONSIDERATION.

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GOVT STATEMENT ON ALTERNATIVE AIRPORT RAILWAY PROPOSAL

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE IDEA TO BUILD A SHORTENED RAILWAY LINE FROM CENTRAL TO TSING YI IN PLACE OF A FULL AIRPORT RAILWAY IS MOST UNDESIRABLE.

"FIRST, MOST OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY REVENUE GENERATED BY THE AIRPORT EXPRESS LINE WILL BE LOST IF THE LINE TERMINATED AT TSING YI. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IN 2001, THE AIRPORT EXPRESS LINE WILL GENERATE ABOUT \$600 MILLION AS AGAINST \$400 MILLION RETURN FROM THE LANTAU LINE.

"SECONDLY, IT WOULD NOT SAVE MUCH BY TERMINATING THE LINE AT TSING YI BECAUSE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE COST WOULD GO TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR RAILWAY TUNNEL, TUNNELING WORKS REQUIRED FOR THE WEST KOWLOON SECTION, STATIONS AT TSING YI, LAI KING, TAI KOK TSUI, WEST KOWLOON AND CENTRAL, PLUS THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RAMBLER CHANNEL.

"THIRDLY, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RESITE THE LAND-INTENSIVE RAILWAY DEPOT FROM TAI HO WAN IN NORTH LANTAU TO A LARGE AND VALUABLE SITE IN WEST KOWLOON, THUS REDUCING SUBSTANTIALLY THE GOVERNMENT'S REVENUE FROM LAND PREMIUM BY STERILISING A PRIME DEVELOPMENT SITE. IT WOULD ALSO CAUSE A GREAT DEAL OF NUISANCE AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC TO BUILD A RAILWAY DEPOT IN THE URBAN AREA.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EMPHASISED THAT THE AIRPORT RAILWAY IS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO SERVE THE NEW AIRPORT, BUT ALSO TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT AT NORTH LANTAU AND TO RELIEVE CONGESTION OF THE EXISTING TSUEN WAN LINE WHICH IS NOW OPERATING CLOSE TO ITS ACCEPTABLE LIMIT BEYOND WHICH SAFETY WILL BE COMPROMISED.

WITH REGARD TO ANOTHER IDEA THAT THE AIRPORT RAILWAY CAN BE REPLACED BY PUTTING MORE BUSES ON THE ROAD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE IDEA IS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE THE ADDITIONAL BUSES WOULD CAUSE MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND AIR POLLUTION.

"IT IS WRONG TO ASSUME THAT BUS IS A TOTAL SUBSTITUTE OF THE RAILWAY BECAUSE WITHOUT THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, MANY MORE PEOPLE WOULD TRAVEL TO THE NEW AIRPORT BY TAXIS AND PRIVATE CARS. THIS WOULD FURTHER AGGRAVATE ROAD CONGESTION.

"MOREOVER, TO OPERATE A LARGE NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES INVOLVING MANY BUS STATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA WOULD NOT BE A PRACTICABLE IDEA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS KWUN TONG

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED KWUN TONG TO SEE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES THERE.

LORD WILSON FIRST VISITED THE LAM TIN POLYCLINIC, ONE OF THE SIX INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED PILOT DISTRICT HEALTH SYSTEM IN KWUN TONG.

HE WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION OF THE SCHEME UNDER WHICH HONG KONG WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS.

THERE WOULD BE A NETWORK OF CLINICS IN EACH DISTRICT PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF PREVENTIVE, PROMOTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.

THE OBJECT OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES MOST RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY INVOLVING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY.

LORD WILSON THEN VISITED THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE, THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC AND THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE LOK WAH NORTH ESTATE.

AT LOK WAH, THE GOVERNOR WALKED AROUND THE MARKET AND VISITED THE PO LEUNG KUK LOK WAH SMALL GROUP HOME FOR CHILDREN FROM PROBLEM FAMILIES.

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE HOW PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS CAN RECEIVE HELP THROUGH A SYSTEM INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES," LORD WILSON SAID.

"THIS DEMONSTRATES GOOD COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT, WORKING TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, TO LOOK AFTER THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

AT THE END OF THE VISIT, THE GOVERNOR MET KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A TEA RECEPTION IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

LORD WILSON WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI.

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GOVT WELCOMES 100TH FLIGHT TO TAKE VIETS HOME

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) WELCOMED THE 100TH FLIGHT ORGANISED BY THE UNHCR UNDER ITS VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME FOR VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS.

"THIS IS A MAJOR LANDMARK IN THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME," THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR CLINTON LEEKS, SAID.

"OVER 17,000 PEOPLE HAVE NOW GONE HOME SAFELY TO VIETNAM FROM HONG KONG. WHEN COMBINED WITH THE 6,000 WHO HAVE GONE BACK FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION, THIS MEANS THAT OVER 23,000 PEOPLE ARE NOW BACK HOME WITH GUARANTEES, INTERNATIONAL MONITORING AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

"IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS 100TH FLIGHT IS TO HO CHI MINH CITY. THE SCHEME INITIALLY OPERATED TO HANOI ONLY, BUT SINCE THE START OF THIS YEAR WE HAVE HAD FIVE FLIGHTS DIRECT TO THE SOUTH. THIS MEANS THAT WE NOW HAVE ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE TO RETURN SOUTHERN AS WELL AS NORTHERN VIETNAMESE DIRECT TO THEIR OWN HOMES," HE ADDED.

TODAY'S GROUP OF 126 COMPRISES 44 MEN, 33 WOMEN, 29 BOYS AND 20 GIRLS.

THE GROUP BROUGHT TO 3,487 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 17,466 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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AU TAU WATER TREATMENT WORKS COMMISSIONED

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THE INCEPTION OF THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS HAS MARKED A NOTABLE STEP FORWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF WATER SUPPLY FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE STAGE I WORKS OF THE TREATMENT PLANT IN YUEN LONG.

"THE FAST PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAS TRANSFORMED THE ONCE RURAL AREAS OF YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS INTO VIBRANT PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK AND HAS RESULTED IN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR TREATED WATER," MR WONG SAID.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS AND THE YUEN LONG TREATMENT WORKS, THE CURRENT SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR THE DISTRICT, WILL REACH THEIR DESIGNED CAPACITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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"IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF PROVIDING WATER TO A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AREA, THE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS PROJECT," MR WONG SAID.

THE STAGE I WORKS, VALUED AT \$425 MILLION, HAVE A DAILY CAPACITY OF 110,000 CUBIC METRES.

FOR 10 MONTHS OF EACH YEAR, THE SOURCE OF RAW WATER FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT WILL BE COMING FROM CHINA VIA THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION, WITH THE REMAINING SHUT-DOWN PERIOD, FROM THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TREATMENT WORKS, A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 30,000 CUBIC METRES, AN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE RESERVOIR PLATFORM, A TRIPLE-CELL CULVERT AND WATER MAINS RANGING IN DIAMETER FROM 600 TO 1,200 MILLIMETRES.

STAGE II OF THE PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1994 WILL EXTEND THE DAILY CAPACITY OF THE TREATMENT PLANT TO 330,000 CUBIC METRES.

THE CAPACITY OF THE SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL ALSO BE INCREASED TO 102,000 CUBIC METRES.

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#### HK IMBUES WITH SHARING AND GIVING SPIRIT

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HONG KONG IS A CARING AND SERVING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE MOTIVATED BY A SPIRIT OF SHARING AND GIVING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY, SIR DAVID SAID THIS WAS DESPITE HONG KONG WAS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CAPITALIST SOCIETY AND A TOUGH BUSINESS ORIENTATED PLACE WHERE MATERIALISM WAS RIPE.

HE SAID OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE WERE VARIED AND EXCITING.

"AND ARE OF COURSE MUCH APPRECIATED," HE ADDED.

THE SERVICE IS NOT SIMPLY DONATING MONEY TO HELP THE POOR OR GIVING ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. IT HAS MANY FACETS.

FOR EXAMPLE, IT PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES TO VARIOUS GROUPS, VISITS SICK CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS AND ELDERLY PERSONS IN HOMES FOR THE AGED AND REACHES OUT TO PERSONS WHO ARE LONELY AND DESPERATE.

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APART FROM TAKING PART IN SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMMES, THERE ARE ALSO MANY "VOLUNTEERS" SITTING ON THE BOARDS OF CHARITABLE, NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS, HELPING THE FULL-TIME PROFESSIONALS TO RUN PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

HE SAID WHAT THESE PEOPLE WERE IN COMMON WAS THAT ALL OF THEM WERE WILLING TO GIVE SOMETHING OF THEMSELVES FREELY TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE THING THAT IMPRESSED HIM MOST TODAY WAS THE NUMBER OF AWARD DONORS - ALL OF WHOM HAD GIVEN BLOOD AT LEAST 25 TIMES AND SEVERAL HAD DONATED BLOOD 75 TIMES AND OVER.

"THE FACT THAT OTHER PEOPLES' LIVES ARE SAVED IS THE GREATEST REWARD AND SATISFACTION OF BEING A BLOOD DONOR," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MORE ARE GOING TO SHARE THIS SATISFACTION AND MANY MORE AWARDS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE ADDED.

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AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) GAZETTE THE AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992.

IT PROPOSES TO SUBSTITUTE THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS THE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVING PLANS, DESIGN, MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND APPLICATION FORMS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AERIAL ROPEWAYS.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD RELIEVE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BURDEN OF DEALING WITH ROUTINE AND MINOR BUSINESS, AND ALLOW SUCH MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH MORE EFFICIENTLY IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE GOVERNOR MENTIONED IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS LAST OCTOBER OF THE NEED TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND TO REDUCE THE VOLUME OF ROUTINE BUSINESS BEING REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO GIVE MEMBERS MORE TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE DAY.

THE AERIAL ROPEWAYS (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 IS ONE SUCH PROPOSAL.

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MATCHING GRANT SCHEME STIMULATES BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP IN ARTS  
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THE MATCHING GRANT SCHEME OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) HAS GENERATED SOME \$2.4 MILLION OF BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARTS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1990.

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION BEFORE PRESENTING COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES TO SPONSORS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR WANG GUNGWU, SAID 24 SPONSORS SUPPORTED THE ARTS UNDER THE SCHEME LAST YEAR, THREE TIMES THE NUMBER FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THREE OF THE SPONSORS IN 1990-91 CONTINUED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SCHEME LAST YEAR," PROFESSOR WANG SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN SAID SIMPLIER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO THE SCHEME FOR BUSINESS SPONSORS.

THESE CHANGES INCLUDE:

- \* STREAMLINING THE PAPERWORK;
- \* SPONSORSHIP IN KIND, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ARTS GROUPS, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING GRANTS;
- \* BUSINESS SPONSORS WILL DETERMINE THE BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE MATCHING GRANTS WILL BE SPENT SHALL NOT BE SPECIFIED;
- \* THE COUNCIL WILL ISSUE LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY TO ARTS GROUPS WITH A TRACK RECORD TO HELP THEM IN THEIR APPROACHES TO POTENTIAL SPONSORS.

ALSO ADDRESSING AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, WHO STRESSED THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE COUNCIL SAW BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC FUNDING OF THE ARTS.

THE SECRETARY SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS HAD RISEN SHARPLY OVER THE YEARS.

"THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET ROSE BY 134 PER CENT FROM 1985-86 TO 1990-91," MR SO SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT TO THE ARTS, PARTICULARLY NEW AND EMERGING GROUPS, THEREBY COMPLEMENTING THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS."

MR SO SAID WITH THE COMPLETION OF A SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAMME OF INVESTMENT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF HONG KONG'S CULTURAL SCENE, THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO DEVELOP THE UNIQUE EXPRESSION FOR HONG KONG'S IDENTITY WHICH THE PERFORMING ARTS PROVIDED.

/BUSINESS SPONSORS .....

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"BUSINESS SPONSORS ALREADY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIVERSITY OF OUR CULTURAL SCENE BY FACILITATING THE APPEARANCE OF WORLD CLASS ARTISTS.

"THE NEXT GREAT TASK WHICH FACES US IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG'S TALENTED YOUNG PERFORMERS TO SHOW THEIR METTLE," MR SO ADDED.

THE 24 SPONSORS WHO RECEIVED COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES TODAY FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE WERE:

CARLSBERG BREWERY (HK) LTD  
SAN MIGUEL BREWERY LTD  
ESSO (HK) LTD  
CALTEX OIL (HK) LTD  
ELITE MODELLING PRODUCTIONS LTD  
MIKRO KOSMOS MUSIC CENTRE  
UNICORN JEWELLERY CO. LTD  
EDDY PIANO COMPANY & MUSICAL INSTITUTE  
41B STORE  
HO & WONG  
LO FUNG MUSIC CENTRE  
STRAND LIGHTING ASIA LTD  
CROWN PACIFIC LTD  
DHL INTERNATIONAL LTD  
OLIVER'S FINE FOOD LTD  
SECURITY PACIFIC ASIA BANK LTD  
SHING HING PLASTIC FACTORY  
UNITED AIRLINES  
LI FINE ARTS PRODUCTION CO. LTD  
PROSPERITY LAMPS & COMPONENTS LTD  
TRINITY ENGINEERING LTD  
YAU HANG GINSENG & MEDICINE CO.  
ROCKSON PIANO COMPANY  
HING KEUNG STAGE PROPS PRODUCTION CO.

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#### EXHIBITION ON CONTAINER INDUSTRY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION ON CONTAINER INDUSTRY TO BE HELD FROM SATURDAY (APRIL 25) AT THE METROPLAZA NEAR THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING YOUTH CLUB, WILL BE OPEN FROM 2.30 PM TO 7 PM ON SATURDAY AND FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM ON THE OTHER DAYS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SPONSORED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE PARTICIPATING EXHIBITORS, THE EXHIBITION AIMS AT BETTERING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY, THE DIFFICULTIES IT FACES AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS IT MAKES.

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THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO ENHANCE THE LINKS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES IN THE INDUSTRY FOR BETTER CO-OPERATION.

THE SIX EXHIBITORS TAKING PART WILL SHOW, THROUGH THE DISPLAY, HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY, INTERACTION BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG OVER CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION, THE LIFE AND HEALTH PROBLEMS OF CONTAINER TRUCK DRIVERS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT FORECAST OF THE INDUSTRY.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

THE KWAI TSING YOUTH CLUB, THE ORGANISER OF THE EXHIBITION, IS FORMED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL YOUTHS WITH SPECIAL TIES TO THE DISTRICT. IT IS FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CLUB, ESTABLISHED IN LAST DECEMBER, HAS PUBLISHED A JOURNAL ON CONTAINER TRANSPORT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION.

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WHO MEETING ON CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
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HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM CHINA, HONG KONG AND MACAU ARE TO MEET HERE NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 27) TO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE THREE TERRITORIES.

THE BIENNIAL MEETING, HOSTED BY HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME, WILL BE THE THIRD CONVENED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING ARE:

- \* TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE IN SURVEILLANCE, INFORMATION SHARING AND REPORTING ON THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES DURING THE PAST YEARS;
- \* TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE AND USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; AND
- \* TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SURVEILLANCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

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THE THREE-DAY MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY SOME 50 HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM THE PARTICIPATING AREAS.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE CHOLERA, AIDS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF POSSIBLE CO-OPERATION IN SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, PARTICULARLY IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE MADE BY CHINA, HONG KONG AND MACAU ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA.

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PUBLICATION ON 1991 HK EXTERNAL TRADE ON SALE

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A PUBLICATION GIVING AN OVERALL PICTURE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR.

THE "ANNUAL REVIEW OF HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, 1991" PRESENTS A SUMMARY OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF THE EXTERNAL TRADE IN 1991 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR EARLIER YEARS.

THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE AMOUNTED TO \$1,545 BILLION IN 1991, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OVER 1990.

RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO RISE RAPIDLY. IN 1991, THEY TOTALLED \$535 BILLION, CONSTITUTING ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REVIEW ARE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ANALYSED BY COUNTRY (AS MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS AND AS SUPPLIER FOR HONG KONG'S IMPORTS) AND BY COMMODITY.

ON IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND END-USE CATEGORY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. THE LATTER REFERS TO THE GROUPING OF COMMODITIES INTO BROAD CATEGORIES SUCH AS RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS WHICH ARE USEFUL FOR RESEARCH.

SEPARATE STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE TRADE AND SEABORNE TRADE ARE SET OUT TO HELP ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE BY DIFFERENT MODES OF TRANSPORT.

IN 1991, THE VALUES OF SEABORNE TRADE AND AIRBORNE TRADE, ACCOUNTING FOR 52 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE RESPECTIVELY, RECORDED INCREASES OF 21 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 1990.

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DETAILED BREAKDOWNS BY COUNTRY AND BY COMMODITY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE REVIEW.

APART FROM EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS IN VALUE TERMS, THE REVIEW DESCRIBES MOVEMENTS IN THE PRICE AND VOLUME OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE AS REFLECTED BY THE UNIT VALUE INDEXES AND QUANTUM INDEXES.

IN ADDITION, THE REVIEW CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF EXCHANGE RATES OF HONG KONG DOLLAR AGAINST PRINCIPAL FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX.

THE PUBLICATION CONTAINS TABLES SHOWING HONG KONG'S POSITION AMONG THE WORLD'S LEADING EXPORTERS.

IN 1990, HONG KONG WAS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF CLOTHING (FOLLOWING ITALY), COMPLETE WATCHES (FOLLOWING SWITZERLAND) AND IMITATION JEWELLERY (FOLLOWING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA).

HONG KONG RANKED FOURTH IN THE EXPORTS OF JEWELLERY OF PRECIOUS METAL (FOLLOWING ITALY, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM) AND CAMERAS (FOLLOWING JAPAN, TAIWAN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY).

THERE IS ALSO A TABLE SHOWING HONG KONG'S EXPORT AND IMPORT VALUES AS FAR BACK AS 1964, WHEREAS MOST OTHER TABLES PRESENT STATISTICS FROM 1989 TO 1991.

THE REVIEW, CONTAINING 13 CHARTS AND 45 STATISTICAL TABLES, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$28 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	22.4.92	700
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	23.4.92	+190
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-190
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.1 \*-0.1\* 23.4.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.20 PCT	19 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.40	5.38
1 MONTH	3.94 PCT	22 MONTHS	2402	5.50	99.71	5.75
3 MONTHS	3.93 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.03 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.67 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 4,990 MN

CLOSED 23 APRIL 1992

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