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CHANGE IN WAGE REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED A CHANGE IN THE WAGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE ADMISSION OF FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPERS BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MUST CARRY A WAGE NOT BELOW \$3,200 PER MONTH.

RE-ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 MAY CARRY THE OLD RATE OF NOT LESS THAN \$3,000 PER MONTH, BUT SUCH CONTRACTS MUST TAKE EFFECT NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM CHEMICAL HAZARDS  
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INDUSTRIAL PROPRIETORS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS HANDLING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYERS WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THEIR WORKERS FROM CHEMICAL HAZARDS MIGHT FACE PROSECUTION.

MR YIP SAID 23 PROPRIETORS HAD BEEN PROSECUTED AND FINED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR FOR BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS.

"THE REGULATIONS REQUIRE COMPULSORY CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF COMMONLY-USED, DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES WHICH COULD BE TOXIC, INFLAMMABLE, OXIDISING, EXPLOSIVE, CORROSIVE, IRRITANT OR HARMFUL," HE EXPLAINED.

IN ADDITION, PROPRIETORS SHOULD PROVIDE WORKERS WITH ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THE HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS NEEDED IN HANDLING DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS, TRAINING AND SUITABLE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO EMPLOYEES EXPOSED TO SUCH SUBSTANCES AND SHOULD ENSURE THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT IS PROPERLY USED," HE SAID.

ANY PROPRIETOR WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000.

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FULL-FLEDGED PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS  
SET IN MOTION

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EYE-CATCHING BANNERS AND ENLIVENING BUNTING PUT UP IN THE STREETS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN RECENT DAYS FORM A PUBLICITY COBWEB THAT PULLED THE HECTIC CROWDS FROM THEIR HELTER-SKELTER STEPS WITH ONE CLEAR MESSAGE: GO TO VOTE.

ALREADY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PUMPED A RECORD SUM OF MONEY FOR THE PUBLICITY OF AN ELECTION - \$9.6 MILLION - TO PROMOTE THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WITH ONE THING IN MIND: TO ENSURE THE FIRST-EVER DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGCO, A SUCCESS.

THE LUMP SUM NEARLY DOUBLED THE TOTAL SUM DRAWN FOR THE 1991 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS PUT TOGETHER.

ELECTORAL OFFICIALS ARE NOW ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GETTING DOWN TO ADD THEIR FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE ALL-OUT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELECTIONS WHICH WILL OPEN A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG.

CAMPAIGN WORK HAS ALREADY GOT ON THE RAILS SINCE MID-LAST MONTH AND WILL REACH A CRESCENDO IN THE COMING WEEKS LEADING TO THE POLLING DAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH.

ELECTIONS FOR THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND THE DIRECT ELECTIONS, ON SEPTEMBER 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE ADVERTISEMENT ON CINEMAS AND NEWSPAPERS, ANOTHER ROUND OF POSTER DISPLAY AND A THEME SONG ON THE ELECTIONS PRODUCED BY A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION.

HE SAID MORE THAN 60 OUTDOOR DISPLAY SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN VARIOUS STRATEGIC LOCATIONS SUCH AS TUNNEL EXITS, ROUNDABOUTS, BUSY PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS AND SHOPPING MALLS.

SOME 500,000 COPIES OF PROMOTION LEAFLET WILL BE PLACED AT COUNTERS OF MAJOR BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES, SHOPS AND POPULAR SHOPPING ARCADES, KCR AND MTR STATIONS.

APART FROM THE LEAFLETS, NEARLY 20,000 POSTERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO PUT UP WINDOW DISPLAYS AT ALL ITS DISTRICT OFFICES, AS WELL AS BANNERS AND BILLBOARDS AT CONSPICUOUS SPOTS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE 8,000-PLUS BUNTING PUT UP ON LAMPPOSTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MEANWHILE, THE OFFICE HAS STARTED ISSUING POLL CARDS TO SOME 1.9 MILLION ELECTORS SINCE EARLY LAST WEEK.

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FOR THE CANDIDATES, THERE ARE TWO ROUNDS OF FREE MAILING SERVICE - ONE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 23 AND ANOTHER ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 3.

TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR VOTERS TO COTTON ON TO THEIR CANDIDATES, ELECTION FORUMS ARE BEING HELD, IN THEIR RELEVANT CONSTITUENCIES, ON RADIO AND TELEVISION.

THE LIMELIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE FOCUSED ON AN ELECTION PROMOTION SPECTACULAR "'91 ELECTIONS TELEGAME SHOW" WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14.

THIS TELEGAME SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ELECTIONS PUBLICITY STEERING GROUP AND TVB AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE THAT EVENING. THERE WILL BE A THEME SONG COMPOSED SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION. IT WILL BE SUNG JOINTLY BY FAMOUS POP SINGERS: MR JACKY CHEUNG, MR LEON LAI AND MR HACKEN LEE.

THE ELECTIONS PUBLICITY STEERING GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RTHK AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND WAS FORMED IN MAY LAST YEAR TO CO-ORDINATE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES FOR THE 1991 ELECTIONS.

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#### HEAVIER TRAFFIC EXPECTED WHEN SCHOOLS RESUME ON MONDAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS AND OTHER ROAD USERS THAT FOR MOST SCHOOLS THE AUTUMN TERM BEGINS ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) AND TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVIER THAN FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PASSENGERS CAN EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER MUCH MORE TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS FROM MONDAY ONWARDS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE VOLUME OF RAIL TRANSPORT PASSENGERS ON THE MTR, KCR, LRT AND THE TRAMS WILL ALSO INCREASE.

HE URGED ROAD USERS TO EXERCISE CARE AND PATIENCE, AND BE PREPARED TO ADJUST THEIR TRAVEL TIMES AND ROUTES TO COPE WITH THE RESUMPTION OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC.

"MOTORISTS SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN CROSSING THE ROAD, ESPECIALLY IN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BUSES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO MINIMISE THE EXTRA TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS, HE RECOMMENDED THAT MAXIMUM USE SHOULD BE MADE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE CARS.

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FARE INCREASE ON GMB ROUTE 99

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FARE FOR GMB ROUTE 99 FROM RIVIERA GARDEN TO TSUEN WAN FERRY PIER WILL BE REVISED FROM \$1.30 TO \$1.60 PER SINGLE JOURNEY FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

NOTICES WILL BE PUT UP AT TERMINAL POINTS AND INSIDE VEHICLES TO ADVISE PASSENGERS ON THE FARE INCREASE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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|                                     | DATE    | \$ MILLION |
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| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON   | 30.8.91 | 600        |
| EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON | 31.8.91 | NEUTRAL    |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING   |         | NEUTRAL    |

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