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CONTRACT AWARD FOR WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY - NORTH SECTION

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THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD HAS ACCEPTED A HK\$1,270 MILLION TENDER SUBMITTED BY KUMAGAI-MAEDA-CRABC JOINT VENTURE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY NORTH SECTION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE NORTH SECTION WOULD LINK THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE KWAI CHUNG VIADUCT OF THE ROUTE 3 PROJECT AT MEI FOO TO THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY SOUTH SECTION AT TAI KOK TSUI.

THE MAJOR ITEMS OF WORKS INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A 2.7-KILOMETRE-LONG DUAL THREE-LANE ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY, A SECTION OF DUAL THREE-LANE GROUND LEVEL ROAD BENEATH AND ALONGSIDE THE EXPRESSWAY, AND ASSOCIATED OVERBRIDGES AND FOOTBRIDGES.

TENDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM SIX PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS AND THE JAPANESE/CHINESE JOINT VENTURE COMPRISING KUMAGAI GUMI (HK) LIMITED, MAEDA CORPORATION AND CHINA ROAD AND BRIDGE CORPORATION SUBMITTED THE LOWEST BID OF HK\$1,270 MILLION.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE LATER HALF OF 1996.

THE AWARD OF THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY NORTH SECTION CONTRACT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT-FUNDED CONTRACTS AWARDED ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) TO 23 WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF ABOUT \$26 BILLION.

TOGETHER WITH THE FOUR CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY VALUED ABOUT \$9.7 BILLION, THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACTS AWARDED ON THE ACP IS ABOUT \$35.7 BILLION.

ALL THE CONTRACTS WERE AWARDED WITHIN BUDGET AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION ON TIME.

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CITYBUS LAUNCHES 26 ROUTES IN SEPTEMBER

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CITYBUS WILL START OPERATING 26 ROUTES ON SEPTEMBER 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OVER THE PAST 10 MONTHS CITYBUS HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE SERVICES.

THEY ARE ROUTES 98, 48, 61, 76, 6, 6A, 72A, 92, 70, 70M, 72, 72B, 75, 90, 96, 97 AND 97A IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT; ROUTES 1, 5, 5A, 5B, 10X, 12 AND 12M IN WAN CHAI AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS, AND TWO CROSS HARBOUR ROUTES 107 AND 170.

/PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES .....

PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUS DEPOT ON AP LEI CHAU, THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF 200 BUSES AND THE RECRUITMENT OF STAFF AND DRIVERS.

UNDER THE FRANCHISES GRANTED TO CHINA MOTOR BUS (CMB) AND CITYBUS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT CAN DIRECT THE TWO BUS COMPANIES TO SHARE THE USE OF BUS STOPS, TERMINI AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES WITH ANOTHER OPERATOR.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM CMB AND CITYBUS TO DISCUSS THE HANDOVER ARRANGEMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ARRANGEMENTS NOW AGREED BETWEEN CMB AND CITYBUS INVOLVES REORGANISING THE USE OF DEPARTURE BAYS AT 26 BUS TERMINI, ERECTING OF ABOUT 300 NEW BUS STOP SIGNS BY CITYBUS AND THE REMOVAL OF CMB SIGNS AND KIOSKS.

TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY, CHANGES AT BUS TERMINI WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PHASES THROUGHOUT AUGUST.

MOBILISATION OF CITYBUS' BUSES WILL BEGIN TWO DAYS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 AND BE COMPLETED BEFORE 5 AM ON THE DATE SO THAT BUSES ARE READY FOR SERVICE IN THE EARLY MORNING.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF CMB AND CITYBUS DURING THIS PERIOD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A CO-ORDINATION CENTRE HEADED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO MONITOR THE POSITIONING OF CITYBUS' BUSES, HE SAID.

CITYBUS' PROGRAMME IS CLOSELY MONITORED, HE ADDED.

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SEVEN CONTEST REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

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SEVEN CANDIDATES WILL STAND IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE SAI KUNG CONSTITUENCY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8.

THE NOMINATION FOR MR WONG WAH-KEUNG WAS RECEIVED TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN THE NOMINATION PERIOD ENDED.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES ARE:

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TELEPHONE
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MR FRANCIS CHAU YIN-MING	32	SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR	116 3355 CALL 1717

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DR LAW CHEUNG-KWOK	44	RESEARCH DIRECTOR AND ECONOMIC ADVISER	577 1572
MR WAI HING-CHEUNG	34	POST-GRADUATE STUDENT	9226 3009
MR CHEUNG HON-TIN	40	BANK MANAGER	763 5308
MR LAM WING-YIN	34	ACCOUNTS OFFICER	704 3792
MR WONG SHUI-SANG	46	MERCHANT	792 7354
MR WONG WAH-KEUNG	41	SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER	702 8118

THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD TO FILL THE SEAT OF MR GILBERT LEUNG KAM-HO.

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## COMMISSION ON REMUNERATION FOR LEGCO MEMBERS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM OF REMUNERATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (LEGCO).

THE COMMISSION INCLUDES FORMER EXCO AND LEGCO MEMBERS AS WELL AS DISTINGUISHED PERSONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

ITS CHAIRMAN IS PROFESSOR WANG GUNGWU (VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG).

THE FOUR MEMBERS ARE MESSRS CHENG HON-KWAN (CONSULTING ENGINEER), ANDREW SO KWOK-WING (VICE-PRESIDENT OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY), CHRISTOPHER CHENG WAI-CHEE (MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A GARMENT COMPANY) AND THOMAS LEUNG KWOK-FAI (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY FIRM).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION WERE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR ON A REMUNERATION SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE LEGCO MEMBERS TO DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS EFFICIENTLY.

HE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD ALSO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE CURRENT REMUNERATION PACKAGE WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON MAY 7, 1993.

"NO TIMETABLE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS REVIEW. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, THE COMMISSION WILL ENDEAVOUR TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW AS SOON AS PRACTICAL," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BLITZ ON CAISSON SITE SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A TWO-WEEK BLITZ BETWEEN TODAY (MONDAY) AND JULY 30 TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CAISSON SITES AND TO SPREAD THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO CAISSON WORKERS.

DURING THE PERIOD, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL INSPECT ALL CAISSON SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON HAZARDOUS AREAS WHERE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS ACCIDENTS MIGHT HAPPEN," SAID DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR MR KAN HON-SANG OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THESE INCLUDED TOXIC GAS, INADEQUATE VENTILATION, LACK OF SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE CAISSON, FALL OF PERSONS, FALLING OBJECTS, AND SO ON.

MR KAN POINTED OUT THAT CONTRACTORS HAD THE OBLIGATION TO TEST EVERY CAISSON WITH SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT FOR DANGEROUS FUMES AND OXYGEN DEFICIENCY BEFORE ENTRY BY WORKERS TO ENSURE SAFETY.

"IN ADDITION, CONTRACTORS HAVE TO MAINTAIN SUCH TEST RECORDS FOR INSPECTION BY FACTORY INSPECTORS," SAID MR KAN.

NOTING THAT WORKERS WORKING INSIDE CAISSONS CAN BE SUBJECT TO POOR WORKING ENVIRONMENT, MR KAN SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS DETERMINED TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE CONTRACTORS TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CAISSON OPERATIONS.

"WE TOOK A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE MATTER AND ANYONE FOUND NOT OBSERVING THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PROSECUTED," HE ADDED.

EMPLOYERS WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH A SPECIAL PRECAUTION NOTICE UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

"FACTORY INPSECTORS ARE ALWAYS READY TO GIVE ADVICE ON SAFETY IN CAISSON WORKS," MR KAN POINTED OUT, ADDING THAT ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE LABOUT DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE ON TEL 852 3555 OR 815 0678.

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SRC MEETS UNITED DEMOCRATS OVER ARTS POLICY

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THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, TODAY (MONDAY) SAID CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP AN ARTS COUNCIL WITH STATUTORY POWERS MODELLED ON THE PRESENT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD WITH THE SPECIFIC AIM OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ARTS IN HONG KONG.

IF THE PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED, A PROVISIONAL BODY WOULD HAVE TO BE SET UP TO PREPARE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT STATUTORY COUNCIL, MR SO ADDED.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A COUNCIL WAS ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENT SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE ARTS POLICY REVIEW REPORT IN MARCH. THE CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDED LAST MONTH.

MR SO TODAY MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATS OF HONG KONG WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS. THE GROUP WAS LED BY MR ALBERT CHAN WAI-YIP.

MR SO ENVISAGED THAT THE ARTS COUNCIL WOULD COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ARTS COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS TO ACHIEVE BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION. THE TWO COUNCILS WOULD STILL MAINTAIN THEIR AUTONOMY IN THIS RESPECT.

ON A PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE TO THE NON-GOVERNMENT SECTOR, MR SO SAID THESE ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE TAKEN OVER BY THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WHO HAD EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN THIS.

HE NOTED THAT ANY ORGANISATION FINALLY CHOSEN TO TAKE OVER THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD NEED TO CARRY ON WITH THE PRESENT SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES AND MAINTAIN THEIR STANDARDS.

MR SO SAID HE WELCOMED THE JOINT EFFORTS BY THE TWO COUNCILS TO PROMOTE ARTS.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND OF MANUFACTURERS IN MAY

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN MAY OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THAT MANUFACTURERS WILL REQUIRE TO COMPLETE THE ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ORDERS POSITION IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES BOTH INCREASED MODERATELY BY 5%.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY (6%), THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY (3%) AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (1%).

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, ORDERS FOR ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DECREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1%.

ORDERS POSITION IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY DECREASED MODERATELY BY 6% OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH. DECREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BY 3% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

MEANWHILE, THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECORDED A MODERATE INCREASE OF 5%.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY COVERS A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE FULLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECTOR," HE SAID.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY AT \$5.50 A COPY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE RESULTS MAY BE MADE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6441.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND:

INDUSTRY -----	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	MAY 1993 ----- (MONTHS)	APRIL 1993 ----- (%)	MAY 1992 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.49	-1	*
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WEARING APPAREL	4.73	-3	-3
TEXTILES	2.25	-6	-6
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.14	+5	+5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.37	-1	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.84	*	+5
OTHERS	3.84	-1	-3

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

PROPER LABELLING OF PRE-PACKAGED FOOD REQUIRED

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FOOD WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS MUST PROPERLY LABEL OR MARK PRE-PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS, WHETHER COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY PACKED, AS STIPULATED BY THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT OFFENDERS WERE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS UPON CONVICTION.

THE REMINDER WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WESTERN MAGISTRACY IN WHICH TWO FOOD SHOP OPERATORS IN SHEUNG WAN WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$1,000 AFTER THEY PLEADED GUILTY OF SELLING IMPROPERLY LABELLED PREPACKAGED SWEETENED LOTUS SEED.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT THE FOOD WAS NOT MARKED OR LABELLED WITH THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS, AN INDICATION OF ITS MINIMUM DURABILITY, NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER AND THE NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OF THE FOOD AS REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS.

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TEXTILES TRADERS URGED TO JOIN REGISTRATION SCHEME

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED TEXTILES TRADERS THAT CERTAIN INSTANT LICENSING SERVICES WOULD CEASE IN TWO WEEKS' TIME AND URGED THEM TO REGISTER UNDER THE TEXTILES TRADER REGISTRATION SCHEME (TTRS).

INSTANT SERVICES DUE TO STOP ON AUGUST 2 ARE THE ISSUANCE OF ALL TEXTILES IMPORT LICENCES, ALL TEXTILES RE-EXPORT LICENCES AND TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCES TO NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS.

FROM THAT DATE, APPROVED LICENCES FOR THE GOODS WILL BE ISSUED TWO CLEAR WORKING DAYS AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.

"THE TTRS, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE TEXTILE TRADE, EXEMPTS TRADERS FROM APPLYING FOR LICENCES IN RESPECT OF ALL TEXTILES IMPORTS, ALL TEXTILES RE-EXPORTS AND TEXTILES EXPORT TO NON-RESTRAINED MARKETS.

"ONCE REGISTERED WITH SCHEME, TRADERS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO SUBMIT, IN LIEU OF A LICENCE, A NOTIFICATION CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE GOODS IN RESPECT OF EACH CONSIGNMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 14,000 TRADERS HAVE REGISTERED UNDER THE TTRS, HE SAID.

THE REGISTRATION IS VALID FOR 12 MONTHS AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWAL. THE CURRENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS \$2,000.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ENQUIRY COUNTER, GROUND FLOOR, TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, 700 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON TEL 398 5473.

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PARCEL MAIL TO ISRAEL SUSPENDED

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SMALL PACKETS, PARCELS, AND SPEEDPOST ITEMS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, NOTABLY THOSE CONTAINING SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE, ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR SENDING TO ISRAEL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, LETTERS, PRINTED PAPER AND SPEEDPOST ITEMS CONTAINING DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL ARE ACCEPTED AS USUAL, HE SAID.

A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE WHEN THE ITEMS BECOME ACCEPTABLE AGAIN.

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LAST LEGCO MEETING FOR THIS SESSION

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE A MOTION ON THE LEGAL AID SERVICE AT ITS LAST MEETING FOR THIS SESSION ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 21).

THE MOTION IS PROPOSED BY THE HON SIMON IP.

THE HON RONALD ARCULLI WILL MOVE A MOTION TO AMEND THE DECLARATION OF NUMBER OF PROPOSED DISTRICTS AND SPECIFICATION OF DISTRICT NAMES ORDER 1993.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON NATIONALITY ISSUES CONCERNING HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS, ONE UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND THE OTHER UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ORDINANCE WHILE THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY WILL MOVE ANOTHER MOTION UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT ORDINANCE.

/THE SECRETARY .....

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS WILL ALSO MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ASK 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 11 BILLS.

OF THEM, THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, FOREIGN CORPORATIONS BILL AND IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER EIGHT BILLS WILL BE RESUMED. THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE: EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING BILL; HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993; DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992; INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1993 AND EXCHANGES (SPECIAL LEVY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 11 SESSIONAL PAPERS WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

OF THEM, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL PRESENT THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1992/93.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL PRESENT THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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#### FRESH WATER CUT IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 21) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT NATHAN ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD, HUMPHREYS AVENUE, PRAT AVENUE, SALISBURY ROAD AND THE SEAFRONT.

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FARE RISES FOR THREE GMB ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM WEDNESDAY (JULY 21), THE FARES OF GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 23, 23B AND 24M WILL BE INCREASED BY 20 CENTS.

THE FARE REVISION IS TO IMPROVE THEIR FINANCIAL VIABILITY.

THE NEW FARES ARE:

	ROUTE -----	NEW FARE -----	EXISTING FARE -----
23	KWUN TONG (WAN HONG STREET) TO CHA KWO LING	\$2.20	\$2
23B	YAN OI COURT TO CHA KWO LING	\$2.20 (FULL FARE)	\$2
	BETWEEN YAN OI COURT AND LAM TIN MTR, OR BETWEEN LAM TIN MTR AND CHA KWO LING	\$1.50 (SECTION FARE)	\$1.30
24M	LAM TIN (SOUTH) TO SAM KA TSUEN FERRY PIER	\$2.20	\$2

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 73.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 431.367 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 492.771 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 84.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,359
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,441
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-602
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,198
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.6 *-0.1* 19.7.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.37 PCT	13 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.62	3.82
1 MONTH	2.67 PCT	16 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.85	4.00
3 MONTHS	3.13 PCT	19 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.95	4.16
6 MONTHS	3.40 PCT	22 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.96	4.39
12 MONTHS	3.70 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 14,415 MN

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