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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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1984/85-BASED CPI'S (SEE TABLE 1)

THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 11.0% HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1990, ACCORDING TO THE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS WAS LOWER THAN THE RATE OF INCREASE OF 11.5% IN SEPTEMBER AND 11.3% IN OCTOBER.

THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(B) FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 10.9% HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1990. THIS WAS ALSO LOWER THAN THE RATE OF INCREASE OF 11.2% IN SEPTEMBER AND 11.1% IN OCTOBER.

THE MODERATION IN THE RATES OF INCREASE IN CPI(A) AND CPI(B) IN NOVEMBER WAS MAINLY DUE TO A MORE MODERATE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF FOOD COMPONENT.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON BASIS, A DECREASE IN THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND A RELATIVELY MORE MODERATE INCREASE IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES WERE RECORDED IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, PRICE INCREASES IN SOME OIL RELATED PRODUCTS INCLUDING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, TOWNGAS AND KEROSENE, AND SOME TRANSPORT SERVICES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR DID NOT OCCUR THIS YEAR.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, THE FUEL AND LIGHT COMPONENT IN THE CPI(A) RECORDED A DECREASE OF 2.3%.

MORE MODERATE INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT (3.6%); FOLLOWED BY MISCELLANEOUS GOODS (7.3%); CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (7.7%) AND FOOD (EXCLUDING MEALS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES) (10.3%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, RELATIVELY FASTER INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FOR HOME CONSUMPTION (40.9%); SERVICES (13.3%); MEALS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES (11.7%); HOUSING (11.3%) AND TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES (11.2%).

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1991, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) INCREASED BY 12.2% AND 11.8% RESPECTIVELY OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1990.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1991, THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WERE 12.1% AND 11.7% RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1990.

FOR NOVEMBER 1991, THE 1984/85-BASED HANG SENG CPI WAS 10.5% HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1990.

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1991, THE AVERAGE HANG SENG CPI INCREASED BY 11.3% OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1990. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1991, THE HANG SENG CPI WAS UP BY 11.3% COMPARED WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1990.

1989/90-BASED CPI'S (SEE TABLE 2)

THE 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR NOVEMBER 1991 INCREASED BY 0.4% AND 0.7% RESPECTIVELY WHEN COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991. THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO SEASONALLY HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING AND HIGHER PRIVATE HOUSING RENTALS.

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE RECORDED IN OCTOBER 1991, BEING 0.4% FOR CPI(A) AND 0.6% FOR CPI(B) OVER SEPTEMBER 1991.

FOR THE FOOD COMPONENT, THE INDEX WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED IN CPI(A) BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN CPI(B) IN NOVEMBER 1991 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

WITHIN THIS COMPONENT, THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND LIVE POULTRY SHOWED FURTHER DECLINE IN NOVEMBER BUT THIS WAS OFFSET BY THE INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR MEALS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

WITHIN THE HOUSING COMPONENT, PRIVATE HOUSING RENTALS INCREASED FURTHER, BUT PUBLIC HOUSING RENTALS SHOWED NO CHANGE IN NOVEMBER COMPARED WITH OCTOBER.

AS FOR THE PRICES OF DURABLE GOODS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES, THEY WERE RELATIVELY STABLE IN NOVEMBER 1991.

THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI FOR NOVEMBER 1991 INCREASED BY 1.1% COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO RELEASE THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) IN PARALLEL WITH THE NEW SERIES OF 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) UNTIL MARCH 1992, AFTER WHICH THE FORMER SERIES WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR NOVEMBER 1991, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$7 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, CAN BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

DETAILS REGARDING THE HANG SENG CPI ARE CONTAINED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

TABLE 1 CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) (OCT. 84 - SEP. 85 = 100)
FOR NOVEMBER 1991 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 = 100)			
	CPI(A)		CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR NOV. 91	% CHANGE OVER NOV. 90	INDEX FOR NOV. 91	% CHANGE OVER NOV. 90
FOOD	163.7	+11.0	166.3	+11.2
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	185.9	+11.7	186.5	+11.7
FOOD, EXCLUDING MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	144.8	+10.3	146.5	+10.6
HOUSING	153.9	+11.3	148.1	+11.7
FUEL AND LIGHT	113.0	-2.3	112.2	-1.9
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	224.3	+40.9	222.5	+38.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	162.6	+7.7	167.2	+8.3
DURABLE GOODS	132.5	+3.6	131.6	+3.8
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	156.2	+7.3	155.2	+7.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	177.4	+11.2	175.9	+10.4
SERVICES	192.9	+13.3	190.5	+12.9
ALL ITEMS	163.5	+11.0	162.9	+10.9

THE 1984/85-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 50% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000-\$6,499 A MONTH IN 1984/85.

THE CPI(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE NEXT 30% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$6,500-\$9,999 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

(THE 1984/85-BASED HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000-\$24,999 IN 1984/85.)

TABLE 2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) (OCT. 89 - SEP. 90 = 100)
FOR NOVEMBER 1991 COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 1991

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 = 100)			
	CPI(A)		CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR NOV. 91	% CHANGE OVER OCT. 91	INDEX FOR NOV. 91	% CHANGE OVER OCT. 91
FOOD	116.6	-0.0*	117.5	+0.2
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	120.7	+0.5	120.7	+0.6
FOOD, EXCLUDING MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	112.5	-0.6	113.1	-0.4
HOUSING	121.0	+0.8	121.0	+1.0
FUEL AND LIGHT	109.8	+0.4	109.3	+0.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	145.9	+0.4	139.7	+0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.6	+4.8	114.7	+5.0
DURABLE GOODS	105.4	+0.0*	105.2	-0.0*
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	112.6	+0.2	110.8	+0.3
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	119.3	-0.0*	118.8	+0.0*
SERVICES	121.4	+0.1	119.6	+0.2
ALL ITEMS	117.7	+0.4	117.6	+0.7

* LESS THAN 0.05%

THE 1989/90-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS DERIVED FROM THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 50% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,500-\$9,999 A MONTH IN 1989/90.

THE CPI(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE NEXT 30% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000-\$17,499 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

(THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$17,500-\$37,499 IN 1989/90.)

PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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RE-EXPORTS RECORDED FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN NOVEMBER. DOMESTIC EXPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, REGISTERED A DECLINE. IMPORTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE, THOUGH AT A LESS RAPID RATE THAN IN THE EARLIER PART OF THE YEAR.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER ROSE BY \$9,595 MILLION OR 22.5% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$52,300 MILLION. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER, AT \$20,456 MILLION, WAS \$1,422 MILLION OR 6.5% LOWER.

TAKING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$8,173 MILLION OR 12.7% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$72,756 MILLION IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$6,619 MILLION OR 10.3% TO \$70,715 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS LARGER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE SURPLUS OF \$2,041 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1991.

THE SURPLUS RECORDED IN NOVEMBER 1990 WAS \$487 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.8% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES IN PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1991, AT \$482,354 MILLION, ROSE BY \$105,116 MILLION OR 27.9% OVER THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY \$3,083 MILLION OR 1.5% TO \$208,746 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AT \$691,100 MILLION, WAS THUS \$108,199 MILLION OR 18.6% HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

MEANWHILE, IMPORTS GREW BY \$118,836 MILLION OR 20.4% TO \$702,008 MILLION. A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$10,908 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.6% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1991. THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$271 MILLION RECORDED IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1990.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT THE DECLINE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER WAS PARTLY DUE TO A HIGH BASE OF COMPARISON IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. BUT THE TREND OF MODEST PERFORMANCE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS MAINLY RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES ACROSS THE BORDER.

THE MARKED INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS WAS SUPPORTED BY THE CONTINUED RAPID GROWTH IN RE-EXPORTS INVOLVING CHINA IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. MANY OF THESE RE-EXPORTS WERE ALSO RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT, AFTER MANY MONTHS OF RAPID GROWTH IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR, IMPORTS- RETAINED FOR DOMESTIC USE DECLINED BY 6.9% IN VALUE TERMS IN NOVEMBER.

NEVERTHELESS, FOR THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1991 TAKEN TOGETHER, THERE WAS STILL A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 10.5% IN THE VALUE OF RETAINED IMPORTS OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1991:

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$20,456 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$52,300 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$72,756 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$70,715 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$2,041 MILLION	[IN SURPLUS]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	SEP 91 TO	SEP 90 TO	INCREASE	
	NOV 91	NOV 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	62,279	63,588	-1,309	-2.1
RE-EXPORTS	153,529	119,644	33,885	28.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	215,808	183,232	32,576	17.8
IMPORTS	206,950	181,156	25,794	14.2
TRADE BALANCE	8,858	2,076	6,782	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,456	21,878	-1,422	-6.5
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(28.1%)	(33.9%)		
RE-EXPORTS	52,300	42,705	9,595	22.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	72,756	64,583	8,173	12.7
IMPORTS	70,715	64,096	6,619	10.3
TRADE BALANCE	2,041	487	1,554	

LAST MONTH	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	INCREASE	
	1991	1991	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	20,456	21,296	-840	-3.9
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(28.1%)	(29.4%)		
RE-EXPORTS	52,300	51,098	1,202	2.4
TOTAL EXPORTS	72,756	72,394	362	0.5
IMPORTS	70,715	69,282	1,433	2.1
TRADE BALANCE	2,041	3,112	-1,071	

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CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE	JAN-NOV	JAN-NOV	INCREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	208,746	205,663	3,083	1.5
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(30.2%)	(35.3%)		
RE-EXPORTS	482,354	377,238	105,116	27.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	691,100	582,901	108,199	18.6
IMPORTS	702,008	583,172	118,836	20.4
TRADE BALANCE	-10,908	-271	-10,637	

LAST 12 MONTHS	DEC 90 TO	DEC 89 TO	INCREASE	
	NOV 91	NOV 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	228,958	225,579	3,379	1.5
RE-EXPORTS	519,115	406,824	112,291	27.6
TOTAL EXPORTS	748,073	632,403	115,670	18.3
IMPORTS	761,366	630,617	130,749	20.7
TRADE BALANCE	-13,293	1,786	-15,079	

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AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH HAS AN EVENTFUL YEAR IN 1991 WHICH WITNESSES IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF WORK THAT COMES UNDER THE BRANCH, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CO-ORDINATION OF MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

REVIEWING THE YEAR 1991 AND LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT AMONG THE MAJOR TASKS TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR WAS THE REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS.

HE NOTED THAT THE REVIEW WILL LOOK INTO THE NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT BODY TO ORGANISE AND OVERSEE ELECTIONS AND TO DEMARCATÉ CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES.

IT WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF MINIMUM VOTING AGE, THE REGULATION OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, THE SYSTEM OF VOTING IN GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES, AND THE QUALIFICATION FOR VOTERS IN FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

"WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REVIEW IS COMPLETED BY MID-1992, SO THAT ANY CHANGES ARISING FROM IT WILL BE PUT IN PLACE BY 1993, IN TIME FOR THE NEXT CYCLE OF ELECTIONS STARTING IN LATE 1994," HE SAID.

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ON THE CO-ORDINATION OF MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, MR SZE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PEKING EARLIER THIS YEAR HAD BEEN CONDUCTIVE TO IMPROVING CO-OPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"WE HAVE HAD FOUR MEETINGS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP (JLG) THIS YEAR.

"IN THE PAST THE GROUP MET THREE TIMES A YEAR. BESIDES, AS AGREED UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE AIRPORT, THE JLG HAS SET UP ONE MORE SUB-GROUP - THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE - TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THE NEW AIRPORT," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THE IMMENSE VOLUME OF WORK REMAINING TO BE DONE DURING THE RUN-UP TO 1997 AND SAID THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE BY BOTH SIDES TO SPEED UP PROGRESS OF WORK IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AFTER 1997, MR SZE NOTED THAT THE JLG HAD SO FAR REACHED AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN 26 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

THIS YEAR, THE JLG SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS HAD MOVED ON TO DISCUSS THE CONTINUED APPLICATIONS AFTER 1997 OF MULTILATERAL TREATIES CURRENTLY APPLIED TO HONG KONG. IT HAD SO FAR REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF 10 CUSTOMS TREATIES, FIVE CONSERVATION TREATIES AND TWO HEALTH TREATIES.

MR SZE ALSO NOTED THAT BASED ON THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE JLG, HONG KONG WAS NOW CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS.

HE SAID GOOD PROGRESS HAD ALSO BEEN MADE IN THE WORK OF THE LAND COMMISSION THIS YEAR.

"TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT AND OTHER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS, WE NEED TO DISCUSS AND REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE LAND COMMISSION ON THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

THE NEW AIRPORT ALONE WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 1,240 HECTARES OF LAND, HE SAID.

ON THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL (CFA), MR SZE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW PREPARING DRAFT LEGISLATION AND CONSIDERING A PACKAGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTING UP THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL.

"WE WILL DISCUSS THESE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN DUE COURSE," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS TO ESTABLISH THE CFA BY 1993.

ON THE CONTACTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, MR SZE SAID THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WAS ON THE INCREASE.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, 144 HONG KONG DELEGATIONS HAD VISITED CHINA, AND 87 CHINESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS HAD VISITED HONG KONG. THESE INCLUDED VARIOUS GENERAL FAMILIARISATION VISITS AND LEGAL STUDY VISITS.

PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR CENTRAL RECLAMATION WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSION FROM SUITABLE CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION, PHASE I.

THE SCOPE OF WORKS COMPRISES THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND BLAKE PIER AND A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF REPROVISIONING WORKS SUCH AS COOLING WATER INTAKES, FERRY PIERS, DRAINAGE OUTFALLS AND WATERFRONT GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE THESE FACILITIES IS ALSO AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT.

THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH A VIEW THAT TENDERS FOR THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH WORKS CAN BE INVITED FROM THE PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

CONTRACTORS ON THE RELEVANT LISTS OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT TO MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD WHO IS UNDERTAKING THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT FOR THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE ADDRESS OF THE CONSULTING COMPANY IS 14TH FLOOR, 1 KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS DIRECTED NOT LATER THAN NOON ON JANUARY 24.

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PROCESSING OF SUMMONSES TO BE COMPUTERISED

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT A NEW COMPUTERISED SYSTEM OF PROCESSING SUMMONSES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AT PRESENT THE PROCESSING OF SUMMONSES IN THE MAGISTRACIES IS DONE MANUALLY.

TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES, THIS MANUAL SYSTEM WILL BE REPLACED BY A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT COMPUTERISED SYSTEM.

"TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM, SOME TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE AUTHORISED STAFF IN MAGISTRACIES TO OPERATE THE NEW SYSTEM.

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"THIS IS WHAT THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 SEEKS TO ACHIEVE," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE BILL IS TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM WHEREBY THE GOVERNOR MAY, WHERE HE HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF A MAGISTRATE'S DECISION IN A CRIMINAL MATTER, REFER IT TO THE HIGH COURT FOR RECONSIDERATION.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, THE GOVERNOR CAN REFER DECISIONS OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND THE HIGH COURT IN CRIMINAL CASES TO THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION. SUCH REFERENCES ARE USUALLY MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

A COMMON SITUATION GIVING RISE TO SUCH A REFERENCE IS FRESH EVIDENCE COMING TO LIGHT AFTER CONVICTION WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE CONVICTION MIGHT, ON RECONSIDERATION BY THE COURTS, BE QUASHED.

"HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR HAS NO SIMILAR POWER IN RESPECT OF DECISIONS OF MAGISTRATES IN CRIMINAL CASES. HE CAN ONLY PARDON THE OFFENDER. THE BILL SEEKS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO REFER SUCH DECISIONS TO THE HIGH COURT FOR RECONSIDERATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL, WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT MONTH.

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NEW MEASURES TO RECOVER FIXED PENALTY PARKING FINES

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ANY PERSON WHO FAILED TO CLEAR HIS FIXED PENALTY PARKING FINES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ANY OF HIS MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSED OR TRANSFERRED TO A DIFFERENT OWNERSHIP STARTING JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW PROVISIONS UNDER THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1991 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) ORDINANCE 1991 WHICH WERE PASSED ON JULY 3 THIS YEAR, IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW LAWS WOULD ENCOURAGE DRIVERS TO PAY THEIR PARKING FINES ON TIME.

"WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1992, A MAGISTRATE MAY DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO REFUSE LICENSING OR TRANSFERRING THE OWNERSHIP OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF THE OWNER WHO HAS OUTSTANDING FIXED PENALTY PARKING FINES OR RELATED COURT COSTS.

"BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1992, ONLY THE PARTICULAR VEHICLE FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS DUE WOULD BE AFFECTED," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE NEW PROVISIONS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAS THE POWER TO REFUSE TO ISSUE A RECORD OF CONVICTIONS OR NO CONVICTION UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING FINES AND RELATED COURT COSTS HAVE BEEN FULLY PAID.

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ONE MORE AIDS CASE CONFIRMED

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ONE MORE CASE OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO 59, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 39 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE DIED AND 20 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

RELEASING THE STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID 11 MORE PERSONS, ALL MEN, WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING TO 203 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS.

OF THESE, 51 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 129 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FOUR WERE DRUG ABUSERS, AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION, HE SAID.

FOR THE REMAINING 16, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 218,196 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 992,410 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 17 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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愛滋病抗體檢驗
 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 病毒組 衛生署
 Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Oct 91		Nov 91		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve tested*	No. tested*	No. +ve tested*	No. tested*	No. +ve tested*
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Govt. - hospitals and clinics	19304	97	5233	6	24537	103
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2333	49	48	2	2381	51
前往社會衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	181025	42	2183	3	183208	45
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	545	60	8	0	553	60
注射靜脈注射藥劑者 IV drug abusers	6154	1	107	0	6261	1
經由家庭計劃指導員轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	236	0	0	0	236	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	1001	0	19	0	1020	0

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 TOTAL 210598 249 7598 11 218196 260

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Oct 91		Nov 91		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve tested	No. tested	No. +ve tested	No. tested	No. +ve tested
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	972853	17	19557	0	992410	17

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OZP

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVED THE REZONING OF FOUR RESIDENTIAL SITES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" WITH THE INCORPORATION OF BUILDING HEIGHT, PLOT RATIO AND SITE COVERAGE CONTROLS.

THE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE SITES INCLUDE A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF 10.67 METRES, A MAXIMUM OF THREE STOREYS OVER ONE STOREY OF CARPORT, A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.75 AND A MAXIMUM SITE COVERAGE OF 25 PER CENT.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES, MINOR RELAXATION OF THE STATED RESTRICTION, BASED ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS OF EACH CASE, MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ON APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN TOGETHER WITH THE SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR.

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AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED CHAI WAN OZP

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED CHAI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENT INVOLVED PRIMARILY THE REZONING OF LAND AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF SIU SAI WAN RECLAMATION AREA TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO ACCOMMODATE A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ON A 1.25 HECTARE SITE AND THE REPOSITIONING OF THE ADJACENT SITES FOR OPEN SPACE, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT WAS TO SWAP THE LAND USES AMONG THE SITES ZONED "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" (GIC), "OPEN SPACE" AND "INDUSTRIAL" LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AMBULANCE DEPOT.

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IN ADDITION, THE BOUNDARIES OF THE "OPEN SPACE" AND GIC ZONES AT THE SOUTHERN WATERFRONT WOULD BE ADJUSTED TO BETTER REFLECT THE SITE REQUIREMENT OF THE SALT WATER PUMPING STATION DEVELOPMENT.

MEANWHILE, PART OF THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK AND SHEK O COUNTRY PARK WOULD BE REZONED FROM "GREEN BELT" TO NEW "COUNTRY PARK" ZONE.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN TOGETHER WITH THE SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE HONG KONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE UNTIL FEBRUARY 27 NEXT YEAR.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY THE ABOVE DATE.

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TRUSTEE ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER 1991

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THE TRUSTEE ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER 1991, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), REMOVES SECURITIES ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG BUILDING AND LOAN AGENCY LIMITED FROM THE LIST OF AUTHORISED INVESTMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE TRUSTEE ORDINANCE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

SECTION 4(1)(A) OF THE TRUSTEE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT A TRUSTEE MAY INVEST ANY TRUST FUNDS IN HIS HANDS IN ANY INVESTMENT SPECIFIED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

"PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER, SECURITIES ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG BUILDING AND LOAN AGENCY LIMITED, THE PAYMENT OF WHICH IS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT IS SPECIFIED AS AN AUTHORISED INVESTMENT, UNDER PART II OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SHARES OF THE AGENCY WERE PREVIOUSLY HELD BY FOUR LICENSED BANKS SUPERVISED UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INCORPORATED AND THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

"THESE SHARES WERE SOLD TO LIPPO CAPITAL CORPORATION LIMITED IN FEBRUARY 1991. ALL OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT-GUARANTEED SECURITIES ISSUED BY THE AGENCY WERE REDEEMED BEFORE THE SALE, HE SAID.

AS LIPPO IS NEITHER A GOVERNMENT BODY NOR A SUPERVISED INSTITUTION, THE AGENCY'S SECURITIES ARE NO LONGER GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND DO NOT THEREFORE QUALIFY AS AN AUTHORISED INVESTMENT UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

"THIS ITEM HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SAID PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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REVOCATION OF BANKING LICENCES

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THE BANKING LICENCES OF DEN NORSKE BANK S.A. AND LLOYDS BANK PLC. HAVE BEEN REVOKED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANKS, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEN NORSKE BANK WAS GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE IN 1987. ITS BANKING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG ACQUIRED BY UNIBANK A/S, A DANISH BANK LICENSED IN HONG KONG, IN JUNE 1991.

"THE HONG KONG BRANCH HAS SINCE CEASED CARRYING ON BANKING BUSINESS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LLOYDS BANK WAS GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE IN 1978. AS PART OF ITS CHANGE IN OVERALL STRATEGY IN THE REGION, THE BANK HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN IT COMMERCIAL BANKING OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG.

"THE HONG KONG BRANCH HAS CEASED CARRYING ON BANKING BUSINESS SINCE NOVEMBER 1991," HE SAID.

AFTER THE REVOCATIONS, THERE ARE 163 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 133 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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NEW TAC MEMBER APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR ANTHONY YUEN TAK-TIM AS A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1992 TO DECEMBER 23, 1993 TO FILL A VACANCY ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF MR PETER WONG MAN-KONG.

MR YUEN, AGED 38, IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SUN HUNG KAI INSURANCE CONSULTANTS LTD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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APPOINTMENTS TO AAB ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DAVID LUNG PING-YEE AS CHAIRMAN AND MR PAUL YU SHIU-TIN AS MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD BOTH FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

MR LUNG WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN, MR EDWARD HO. THE APPOINTMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

/MR LUNG

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MR LUNG, A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD SINCE JANUARY 1989.

MR YU, A DIRECTOR OF A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN 1988-89, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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WATER CUT IN WEST KOWLOON

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN WEST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 29) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE LAI CHI KOK, CHEUNG SHA WAN, SO UK, TAI WO PING, SHEK KIP MEI, YAU YAT TSUEN, SHAM SHUI PO, TAI KOK TSUI AND MONG KOK, AND INCLUDING BROADCAST DRIVE, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD (THE SECTION BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD) AND BEACON HEIGHTS.

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SHAM SHUI PO TO LAUNCH KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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A CARNIVAL TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP AND THE 11 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT. ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE.

IT WILL FEATURE STALL GAMES AND STAGE PERFORMANCES.

THE FOUR-WEEK KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN AIMS AT PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

IN THE MEANTIME, VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES WILL HOST ACTIVITIES TO SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE BUS PARADES, SLOGAN AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS, AND VARIETY SHOWS.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KOWLOON (ENVIRONMENT HYGIENE) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHUNG YIU-FAN AND URBAN COUNCILLOR MR CHEUNG WING-SUM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT KEEP CLEAN CARNIVAL.

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VOLUNTEERS RECRUITS JUNIOR LEADERS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS TO ITS JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS. THE TARGET THIS YEAR IS 140 NEW MEMBERS.

THE APPLICANTS MUST BE MALE, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 16, PHYSICALLY FIT AND OF GOOD CONDUCT.

THEY MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND WRITE CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILLING TO OBEY DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING, AND HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO JOIN THE CORPS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL UNDERGO A FOUR-YEAR PROGRESSIVE TRAINING COURSE AIMED AT DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND SELF RELIANCE AND PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

THE TRAINING INCLUDES FOOT DRILLS, CAMPCRAFT, MAP READING, EXPEDITION, ORIENTEERING, FIRST AID, RADIO COMMUNICATION, SHOOTING, SWIMMING, FENCING, BAND, LION DANCE, CANOEING AND LIFE SAVING.

SOME OF THE CORPS' TRAINING WILL BE LINKED UP WITH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME.

MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS ARE PROVIDED WITH UNIFORM AND RATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, 1 SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, OR BY TELEPHONING 576 1371.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JANUARY 31, NEXT YEAR.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JANUARY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 22 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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JANUARY 6 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 7 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 8 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 9 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 10 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 11 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 13 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 14 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 16 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 17 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 20 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 21 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 22 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 23 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 24 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 25 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 27 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 28 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 29 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 30 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 31 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM

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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	24.12.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	27.12.91	-311
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+311
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 109.2 *-0.3* 27.12.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.25 PCT	23 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.01	5.18
1 MONTH	3.89 PCT					
3 MONTHS	3.89 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.93 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.27 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 2,205 MN

CLOSED 27 DECEMBER 1991

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