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GOVERNOR IN GERMANY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HELD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GERMAN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS IN BONN TODAY (TUESDAY) ON THE THIRD AND FINAL DAY OF HIS VISIT TO GERMANY.

IN TALKS WITH THE GERMAN ECONOMIC MINISTER, MR JURGEN MOLLEMANN, THE QUESTION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT WAS RAISED BY SIR DAVID.

MR MOLLEMANN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS PUSHING FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE URUGUAY ROUND.

HE TOLD THE GOVERNOR IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE TALKS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED OTHERWISE THE WORLD ECONOMY WOULD BE AFFECTED.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE REMARKS AS HONG KONG WAS VITALLY INTERESTED IN A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE GROWING ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA AND THE PLANS FOR MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE NEW AIRPORT WHICH WAS NOW UNDER WAY.

MR MOLLEMANN EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE AIRPORT AND INDICATED THAT A NUMBER OF GERMAN COMPANIES WERE LOOKING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A BIG PROJECT.

THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY), THE GOVERNOR IS GIVING A KEYNOTE SPEECH TO THE GERMAN SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE FLYING TO LONDON FOR ANOTHER HECTIC ROUND OF ENGAGEMENTS, INCLUDING A BUSINESS CONFERENCE AND GALA EVENINGS TO BE HELD AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS.

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HONG KONG AND GERMANY HAVE COMMON INTEREST IN FREE TRADE

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THE BENEFITS OF FREE TRADE ARE AS WELL UNDERSTOOD IN GERMANY AS THEY ARE IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON SAID IN BONN TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE GERMAN SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG AND GERMANY HAD A COMMON INTEREST IN ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND.

"IN HONG KONG WE LOOK UPON GERMANY AS A POWERFUL VOICE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR LIBERALISATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. BUT THE BENEFITS OF FREE TRADE ARE ALSO BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

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"IT IS FUELLING A MASSIVE ECONOMIC EXPANSION. THE DEVELOPING ECONOMIES OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE REGION OF WHICH HONG KONG IS THE HUB - ARE NOW THE FASTEST GROWING IN THE WORLD.

"OVER THE NEXT DECADE, THEY ARE LIKELY TO HAVE AVERAGE GROWTH RATES ABOUT DOUBLE THOSE OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND EVEN JAPAN," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S PAST ECONOMIC SUCCESS HAD BEEN BASED ON THE RAPID EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA.

"BUT THIS IS CHANGING. IT IS INCREASINGLY TRADE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS IN ASIA WHICH GIVES OUR ECONOMY ITS DYNAMISM," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT BY TRADE WITH HONG KONG'S NEIGHBOURS, IT MEANT NOT ONLY THE TRADING NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA - BUT ALSO CHINA.

CHINA USED TO BE CALLED A SLEEPING GIANT AND THE GIANT HAD WOKEN UP, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SINCE THE FOUR MODERNISATIONS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF AN "OPEN DOOR POLICY" IN THE LATE 1970S, THE CHINESE ECONOMY HAD EXPANDED FAST AND THIS HAD HAD A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, HE SAID.

CITING FIGURES TO ILLUSTRATE THE CLOSE TRADING LINKS HONG KONG HAD WITH CHINA, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WAS A BRIDGE - THE BEST BRIDGE - INTO CHINA.

"THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997 IS NOT A THREAT TO OUR ECONOMY. ON THE CONTRARY, IT SHOULD PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG KNOW-HOW AND CHINA'S RESOURCES AND MANPOWER.

"THIS ECONOMIC MOMENTUM WILL, I HOPE, HELP TO CARRY US THROUGH MANY OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WILL INEVITABLY SURROUND THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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HK NEEDS INT'L BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT: GOVERNOR  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) SPOKE OF THE PART INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CAN PLAY IN ENSURING HONG KONG REALISES ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND OPPORTUNITIES AS A WORLD CENTRE OF TRADE.

SPEAKING TO THE GERMAN SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BONN, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WAS A HELP TO CHINA IF IT GENERATED FOREIGN EXCHANGE, WAS A SOURCE OF MODERNISATION FOR CHINA AND IF IT WAS A GOOD POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN CHINA AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

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"IF IT'S GOING TO DO THAT THEN IT NEEDS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT.

"I BELIEVE THOSE WHO GET INVOLVED ECONOMICALLY WILL BENEFIT AS A RESULT BECAUSE HONG KONG IS A RAPIDLY GROWING ECONOMY, WHERE MONEY CAN BE MADE VERY FAST AND RETURN ON CAPITAL IS QUICK," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR ALSO BELIEVED THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN HONG KONG THEY WOULD HELP TO CREATE THE TYPE OF PLACE PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AFTER 1997 AND THAT WOULD BENEFIT CHINA.

"IT WILL MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WORKED OUT AND LAID DOWN ON PAPER, ACTUALLY HAVE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE CHANCE TO WORK OUT IN PRACTICE."

SIR DAVID SAID ANOTHER REASON WHY HE HAD BEEN TRAVELLING AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING HIS VISIT TO GERMANY, WAS TO ENCOURAGE THAT SORT OF PARTICIPATION BOTH TO THE BENEFIT OF THE BUSINESSMAN, BUT FOR THE LONGER TERM BENEFIT OF HONG KONG AND ITS POSITION AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE REST OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD.

"I HOPE THAT GERMANY AS OUR LARGEST TRADING PARTNER IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL GO ON BEING AS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE AS IT IS AT THE MOMENT," THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

DURING HIS SPEECH, SIR DAVID ALSO SPOKE OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN CHINA, PARTICULARLY GUANGDONG PROVINCE, AND SAID THE GROWTH OF THIS PART OF CHINA WAS VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON, AND PRODUCED BY, HONG KONG.

AT THE END OF THE FUNCTION IN BONN, SIR DAVID IMMEDIATELY FLEW TO LONDON WHERE HE HAS ANOTHER BUSY ROUND OF OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS, INCLUDING A BUSINESS CONFERENCE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG AND GALA EVENINGS TO BE HELD AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND THURSDAY NIGHTS.

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BALANCED ROLE OF GOVT & PRIVATE SECTOR IMPORTANT: STI  
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THE CORRECT BALANCE BETWEEN THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE AREA OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY IS ONE VERY IMPORTANT REASON FOR THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST 40 AND MORE YEARS HAS CONFIRMED THE BELIEF THAT HONG KONG CAN REMAIN COMPETITIVE ONLY BY ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ECONOMY TO BE DICTATED NOT BY THE GOVERNMENT, BUT BY THE FREE PLAY OF MARKET FORCES.

"WE BELIEVE THAT BUSINESS DECISIONS ARE BEST MADE BY BUSINESSMEN THEMSELVES," MR CHAU SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEEK TO LEAD OR GUIDE BUSINESSMEN, THE SECRETARY SAID. INSTEAD, IT SEEKS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN EXERCISE THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT, MAKE THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND ACHIEVE THEIR OWN GOALS.

"OF COURSE THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES IF THINGS GO WRONG BUT BY AND LARGE I BELIEVE OUR BUSINESSMEN ARE CONTENT TO OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF SUCH A PHILOSOPHY."

MR CHAU SAID THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND A NUMBER OF AGENCIES, THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES A WHOLE RANGE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO HELP INDUSTRY IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AND TO BECOME MORE INNOVATIVE.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF A SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND A STABLE ENVIRONMENT." HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE URUGUAY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, MR CHAU SAID DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR ARE ENCOURAGING.

"IF THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BEFORE EASTER, WE SHALL HAVE A STRENGTHENED MULTILATERAL TRADE SYSTEM SOME TIME IN 1993 AND HONG KONG, AS A FREE TRADER, STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM IT," HE SAID.

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT THE TERRITORY IS FACING UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE TENSION IN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN ITS TWO LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS, THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

CHINA'S MFN STATUS IN THE U.S. AND THE OUTSTANDING U.S. SECTION 301 ACTION ON ACCESS TO THE CHINESE MARKET ARE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS AHEAD FOR HONG KONG, HE SAID.

"IN SHORT, DIFFICULTIES ARE THERE AND OUR BUSINESSMEN HAVE TO BE PREPARED; BUT IN GOOD TIMES OR BAD OUR FREE TRADE STANCE MUST BE CONSISTENT," MR CHAU ADDED.

THE SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES AS FIRMLY AS EVER IN THE MERITS OF A MARKET ECONOMY AND OF COMPETITION, IN LOW TAX AND MINIMUM RED TAPE; IN COMBINING EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC WITH MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH.

"WE VALUE THE BUSINESSMAN AND THE CONTRIBUTION HE AND HIS INVESTMENTS MAKE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"AND WE ARE AWARE OF THE NEED OF BUSINESS FOR A STABLE AND PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT; WE AIM TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THAT, AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN AND WILL DELIVER ON THIS AIM," HE SAID.

THIS MARKET ECONOMY APPROACH IS AMONG THE KEY INGREDIENTS THAT MADE HONG KONG WHAT IT IS TODAY.

/MR CHAU .....

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MR CHAU SAID THIS APPROACH HAS BROUGHT HONG KONG PEOPLE RISING STANDARDS OF LIVING AND FULL EMPLOYMENT OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME - ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED, OR PUT AT RISK.

THE SECRETARY SAID SOME HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE DIVERSITY OF VIEWS IN THE NEW-STYLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND AT THE PROSPECT THAT THIS MAY LEAD TO MUSHROOMING PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, AND HENCE TAXES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, A RANGE OF VIEWS ON THE COUNCIL IS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED. DEBATE AND HONEST DISAGREEMENT ARE HEALTHY.

"WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO EXAGGERATE SUCH DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS EXIST.

"THE FACT IS THAT THERE IS STILL A BROAD CONSENSUS WITHIN THE COUNCIL ON WHAT HAS MADE HONG KONG SUCCESSFUL, AND A DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP BOTH EXPENDITURE AND TAXES UNDER CONTROL," MR CHAU SAID.

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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FEES AND WAIVERS

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A SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE TO REVIEW THE EXISTING FEE AND WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AND TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM FEE AND WAIVER STRATEGY.

THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO A PAPER FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION LATER THIS YEAR.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID: "IT HAS BEEN MY INTENTION FOR SOME TIME TO REVIEW FEE AND WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS ACROSS HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES. THE NEED FOR SUCH A REVIEW HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REPORT, THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER."

MRS WONG NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SPATE OF SPECULATION ON HOSPITAL FEE INCREASES.

"LET ME GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT NO DECISION WILL BE MADE ON A NEW FEE AND WAIVER STRATEGY UNTIL AFTER THE REVIEW AND EXTENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE REVIEW WILL BE TO ENSURE PROVISION OF A PROPER SAFETY NET THROUGH A SOUND WAIVER SYSTEM," SHE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF INTERESTS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SERVE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES. THEY ARE:-

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| MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG SHUI    | (CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CONSUMER COUNCIL)   |
| MR PETER CHAN FUK-SING       | (ACCOUNTANT; MEMBER OF REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE)  |
| MR ANTHONY CHEUNG BING-LEUNG | (SENIOR LECTURER, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG)  |
| DR PAUL CHIANG SHU-YIN       | (MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, GROUP PRACTICE)  |
| MR ANTHONY, NEOH             | (QUEEN'S COUNSEL)   |
| MR NG SHUI-LAI               | (VICE-CHAIRMAN, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE)  |
| PROFESSOR TAM SHEUNG-WAI     | (PROFESSOR AND PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; CHAIRMAN OF SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS COUNCIL) |
| DR DAVID WONG TAI-WAI        | (MEDICAL CONSULTANT, KWONG WAH HOSPITAL)  |
| DR VIVIAN WONG TAAM CHI-WOON | (READER, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG)   |
| DR PETER YUEN POK-MAN        | (SENIOR LECTURER, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC)  |

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE FINANCE BRANCH.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE IS MS LENA CHI HUI-LING, A SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL ON SECONDMENT TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

THE FIRST MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD SHORTLY AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME. THEY MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, C/O HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, SEVENTH FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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BUSY YEAR FOR GOVT LAB

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LAST YEAR WAS THE BUSIEST-EVER YEAR FOR THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY'S FOOD TESTING SERVICES AND A RECORD NUMBER OF 36,979 TESTS WERE CONDUCTED ON A WIDE RANGE OF FOOD PRODUCTS FOR HEALTH PROTECTION PURPOSES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST, MR LEE NAM-SANG, AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TODAY (TUESDAY).

REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE LABORATORY, MR LEE SAID ITS WORKLOAD REMAINED AT A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF 424,564 LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN, SHOWING A MODEST THREE PER CENT INCREASE OVER THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ON FOOD TESTING, MR LEE SAID THE OCCASIONAL OUTBREAKS OF FOOD POISONING ARISING FROM CONSUMPTION OF TOXIC PESTICIDE - CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES HAVE GENERATED INCREASED DEMAND ON THE RESOURCES OF THE SERVICE.

APART FROM THE ROUTINE SCREENING TESTS CARRIED OUT BY HEALTH OFFICERS ON IMPORTED VEGETABLES AT THE POINTS OF ENTRY, OVER 2,000 VEGETABLE SAMPLES HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE LABORATORY FOR MORE THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

HE SAID PRESENCE OF EITHER METHAMIDOPHOS OR ISOCARBOPHOS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE BANNED FOR USE IN AGRICULTURE IN HONG KONG, WAS CONFIRMED IN EIGHT PER CENT OF THE SAMPLES TESTED.

THIS, ACCORDING TO MR LEE, HAD ENABLED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO TAKE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP ACTION IN GOOD TIME.

"INDISCRIMINATE USE OF PRESERVATIVES IS STILL FREQUENTLY FOUND IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF FOOD, NOTABLY SOME LOCAL DELICACIES SUCH AS PRESERVED FRUITS, DRIED BEANCURD, FISH BALLS, SAUCES, ETC," MR LEE SAID.

OF THE 3,800 SAMPLES EXAMINED, 104 WERE FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD REGULATIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ROUTINE SURVEILLANCE OF OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS FOR HARMFUL ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS HAS CONTINUED UNABATED.

"THE PROBLEM OF THE USE OF HORMONES IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IS STILL WITH US," HE CAUTIONED.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR LEE SAID SINCE THE PROMOTION OF THE USE OF UNLEADED PETROL IN HONG KONG LAST APRIL, SAMPLES OF LEADED AND UNLEADED PETROL WERE REGULARLY MONITORED FOR THEIR CONTENTS OF LEAD, SULPHUR AND BENZENE RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE 127 SAMPLES OF UNLEADED PETROL TESTED DURING THE YEAR, NONE WAS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

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HE SAID LEVELS OF LEAD DETECTED IN UNLEADED PETROL SAMPLES RANGED FROM 0 TO 8 P.P.M., WELL WITHIN THE PERMISSIBLE LIMIT OF 13 P.P.M.

MR LEE ALSO SAID OVER 110,000 TESTS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR FOR THE MONITORING OF POLLUTION IN HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS.

"TOXIC METALS, ORGANICS AND NUTRIENTS CONCENTRATIONS REMAINED THE PRINCIPAL PARAMETERS OF INTEREST.

"INDICATIONS ARE THAT SERIOUS POLLUTION PROBLEMS PERSIST IN A NUMBER OF MARINE AREAS," HE SAID.

IN THE CASE OF DRUGS SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION AND SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION, OR FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS WITH REGARD TO ALLEGED INEFFICACY, 41 ITEMS (5.7 PER CENT) FAILED TO PASS ACCEPTANCE TESTS OF ONE SORT OF ANOTHER, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 728 EXAMINED.

"COMPARED WITH FAILURE RATES OF 8.8 PER CENT AND 12.5 PER CENT IN 1990 AND 1989 RESPECTIVELY, THE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION IS REASSURING," HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBERS OF FORENSIC SCIENCE EXAMINATIONS OVER THE YEARS HAD CONTINUALLY REACHED RECORD LEVELS WITH AN ANNUAL PROGRESSION WHICH REMAINED UNABATED.

SOME 138,998 EXHIBITS AND SAMPLES WERE HANDLED LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH 132,372 IN 1990 AND 118,219 IN 1989 DESPITE NOT HAVING HAD ANY STAFFING INCREASE SINCE 1989.

MEANWHILE, 5,700 QUESTIONABLE DOCUMENT ITEMS WERE EXAMINED BY THE LABORATORY LAST YEAR.

WHILE HANDWRITING CASES DECLINED OVER THE YEAR, MR LEE SAID THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FORGED OR COUNTERFEIT OFFICIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND IDENTITY CARDS WITH 146 CASES, A 22 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1990.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF CREDIT CARD FORGERY CASES RECEIVED ALSO DOUBLED LAST YEAR TO 50 CASES, TWO CASES OF WHICH INVOLVED ORGANISED SYNDICATES.

MR LEE ALSO SAID THE LABORATORY IS EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO A NEW, PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY IN HO MAN TIN LATER THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL HOUSE UNDER ONE ROOF ALL OPERATIONAL LABORATORY UNITS THAT ARE CURRENTLY SCATTERED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

THE NEW LABORATORY WILL HAVE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 8,000 SQUARE METRES WHICH WILL CATER FOR THE LABORATORY'S NEEDS IN SOME YEARS TO COME.

AS COURTS TODAY DEMAND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO BE OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY, MR LEE SAID THE LABORATORY HAS THE CONTINUOUS TASK OF KEEPING ANALYTICAL METHODS UNDER REVIEW, REFINING AND MAKING MORE RIGOROUS QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES, AND TAKING LABORATORY WORK TO HIGHER LEVELS OF ACCURACY AND PRECISION WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY.

HE SAID IN THIS CONTEXT, TWO MAJOR PIECES OF SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE ACQUIRED FOR REPLACEMENT PURPOSES, ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED THIS YEAR.

THEY ARE THE \$3.5 MILLION SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE AND THE \$5.5 MILLION GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/MASS SPECTROMATIC/DATA SYSTEM WHICH WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE LABORATORY'S CAPABILITY FOR TACKLING ANALYTICAL WORK OF AN INCREASING COMPLEX NATURE.

"WITH NEW PREMISES AND NEW FACILITIES, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD INTO THE NINETIES WITH CONFIDENCE," MR LEE SAID.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS, DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME-CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER THIS YEAR:

| NAME<br>(COMPANY/<br>PERSON)              | ADDRESS   | DATE OF<br>OFFENCE   | NATURE<br>OF OFFENCE   | FINES(\$) | RECORD<br>OF<br>OFFENCE COURT |
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| 1.CABOT<br>PLASTICS<br>(HONG KONG)<br>LTD | TAI PO IND<br>EST,<br>TAI PO                    | 1.6.90-<br>28.12.90  | APCO :<br>UNAUTHORISED<br>INSTALLATION<br>OR ALTERATION<br>OF FURNACES | 500       | 1ST SHA TIN                   |
| 2.CERTAIN<br>WEALTH LTD                   | PLOVER<br>COVE<br>SHOPPING<br>ARCADE,<br>TAI PO | 17.12.90-<br>21.2.91 | APCO : "   | 1,500     | 1ST SHA TIN                   |
| 3.ADMIRAL<br>SECURITIES<br>LTD            | D'AGUILAR<br>ST,<br>CENTRAL                     | 20.1.91              | APCO : "   | 1,500     | 1ST WESTERN                   |

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| 4.LUX<br>VENTURE LTD                            | WAH MING<br>ESTATE,<br>FANLING                | 25.1.91-<br>12.3.91 | APCO : "   | 500   | 1ST | FANLING          |
| 5.GOLDEN<br>SWALLOW<br>RESTAURANT<br>LTD        | HANKOW RD,<br>TSIM SHA<br>TSUI                | 2.2.91-<br>6.4.91   | APCO : "   | 1,000 | 1ST | SOUTH<br>KOWLOON |
| 6.SOBUN<br>SERVICES LTD                         | GLOUCESTER<br>RD,<br>CAUSEWAY<br>BAY          | 20.2.91-<br>1.3.91  | APCO : "   | 2,000 | 1ST | EASTERN          |
| 7.DELUXE<br>CHAMPION<br>DEVELOPMENT<br>LTD      | TUEN MUN<br>TOWN PLAZA,<br>NEW<br>TERRITORIES | 20.2.91-<br>12.4.91 | APCO : "   | 1,000 | 2ND | TUEN<br>MUN      |
| 8.NAM FUNG<br>KOK SEAFOOD<br>RESTAURANT         | HENNESSY<br>RD,<br>WANCHAI                    | 21.2.91-<br>23.2.91 | APCO : "   | 1,500 | 1ST | EASTERN          |
| 9.KEYACE<br>INVESTMENTS<br>LTD                  | KIN SANG<br>ESTATE,<br>TUEN MUN               | 11.3.91-<br>22.3.91 | APCO : "   | 1,000 | 1ST | TUEN<br>MUN      |
| 10.HOI YUEN<br>RESTAURANT                       | MEI FOO<br>SUN CHUEN,<br>LAI CHI KOK          | 14.4.91-<br>15.5.91 | APCO : "   | 2,000 | 1ST | NORTH<br>KOWLOON |
| 11.CHEUNG<br>TAI-LAI<br>(TUG BOAT<br>MASTER)    | HENG FA<br>CHUEN,<br>CHAI WAN                 | 21.5.91             | DASO :<br>DUMPING OF<br>ABOUT 350<br>CUBIC METRES<br>OF DREDGED<br>MARINE MUD<br>AT SEA NEAR<br>LAI CHI CHONG<br>NOT IN<br>ACCORDANCE<br>WITH THE<br>LICENCE<br>CONDITIONS | 4,000 | 1ST | EASTERN          |
| AND<br>MAK KAM-<br>CHUEN<br>(BARGE<br>OPERATOR) | SIU SAI<br>WAN ESTATE,<br>CHAI WAN            | 21.5.91             | DASO : "   | 4,000 | 1ST | "                |
| 12.TANG SIU-<br>ON (SITE<br>FOREMAN)            | KO FAI RD,<br>YAU TONG<br>BAY                 | 21.5.91             | DASO :<br>PERMIT DUMPING<br>OF ABOUT 750<br>CUBIC METRES<br>OF EXCAVATED<br>MATERIAL AT<br>MIRS BAY<br>WITHOUT LICENCE   | 5,000 | 1ST | "                |

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| 13.HONG KONG<br>SHUI SANG<br>STEEL WORKS<br>LTD              | PING CHE<br>RD,<br>FANLING        | 28.5.91             | APCO :<br>USING<br>PROHIBITED<br>FUEL IN THE<br>TERRITORY   | 2,000  | 2ND | FANLING      |
| 14.FULL WING<br>PIECES DYED<br>LTD                           | WING KEI<br>RD,<br>KWAI CHUNG     | 7.6.91              | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION  | 6,500  | 3RD | TSUEN<br>WAN |
| 15.MAK MOON-<br>KI OF ON<br>SHING YIP<br>FUNG FOOD<br>CENTRE | WO LIU<br>HANG RD,<br>FO TAN      | 5.7.91              | WPCO :<br>DICHARGE<br>POLLUTING<br>MATTER INTO<br>STORMWATER<br>DRAIN                                     | 3,500  | 1ST | SHA TIN      |
| 16.BULLION<br>COAST CO LTD                                   | KING KWONG<br>ST, HAPPY<br>VALLEY | 11.7.91             | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO<br>COMPLY WITH<br>THE REQUIREMENT<br>IN A NOISE<br>ABATEMENT<br>NOTICE                | 7,500  | 1ST | EASTERN      |
| 17.UNION<br>DYEING WORKS<br>LTD                              | KWAN TEI<br>PEI TSUEN,<br>FANLING | 1.1.7.91            | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE<br>POLLUTING<br>MATTER INTO<br>THE WATERS<br>IN THE DEEP<br>BAY WATER<br>CONTROL ZONE | 20,000 | 1ST | FANLING      |
| 18.TSANG<br>SAU-KEUNG,<br>CHI SHING<br>MARBLE<br>FACTORY     | KAM SHEUNG<br>RD,<br>PAT HEUNG    | 17.7.91             | WPCO : "  | 10,000 | 1ST | "            |
| 19.LAM YING-<br>SHUM   | SHA PO<br>TSAI TSUEN,<br>TAI PO   | 17.7.91             | WDO :<br>CAUSING TO<br>DISCHARGE<br>LIQUID<br>LIVESTOCK<br>WASTE INTO<br>WATERCOURSE                      | 1,200  | 1ST | SHA TIN      |
| 20.GOLD<br>RUSH<br>DEVELOPMENT<br>CO LTD                     | ARGYLE ST,<br>MONGKOK             | 18.7.91-<br>18.8.91 | APCO :<br>UNAUTHORISED<br>INSTALLATION<br>OR ALTERATION<br>OF FURNACES                                    | 2,500  | 1ST | TSUEN<br>WAN |
| 21.BESTGARY<br>LTD   | WING LAP<br>ST,<br>KWAI CHUNG     | 29.7.91             | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION  | 4,500  | 2ND | TSUEN<br>WAN |

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| 22.MERRY<br>HOT LTD                               | LEK YUEN<br>ST,<br>SHA TIN          | 29.7.91 | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE<br>POLLUTING<br>MATTER INTO<br>STORMWATER<br>DRAIN                               | 3,500  | 1ST | SHA TIN          |
| 23.WING SUN<br>DYEING FTY                         | KWAI WING<br>RD,<br>KWAI CHUNG      | 2.8.91  | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION   | 3,000  | 1ST | TSUEN<br>WAN     |
| 24.CHONG<br>YEE-KWONG OF<br>TAK KEE<br>RESTAURANT | TAI WO RD,<br>TAI PO                | 5.8.91  | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE<br>POLLUTING<br>MATTER INTO<br>STORMWATER<br>DRAIN                               | 5,000  | 1ST | SHA TIN          |
| 25.JING MEI<br>INDUSTRIAL<br>LTD                  | TSUEN KING<br>CIRCUIT,<br>TSUEN WAN | 6.8.91  | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO<br>COMPLY WITH<br>THE REQUIRE-<br>MENT IN A NOISE<br>ABATEMENT NOTICE            | 2,500  | 1ST | TSUEN<br>WAN     |
| 26.PLATFORM<br>CO LTD                             | PAK SHA<br>WAN PIER,<br>SAI KUNG    | 7.8.91  | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE<br>WASTE WATER<br>INTO WATERS<br>IN THE PORT<br>SHELTER<br>WATER CONTROL<br>ZONE | 10,000 | 2ND | KWUN<br>TONG     |
| 27.GOLDEN<br>MONGKOK<br>RESTAURANT<br>LTD         | NATHAN RD,<br>MONG KOK              | 12.8.91 | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO<br>COMPLY WITH<br>THE REQUIRE-<br>MENT IN A<br>NOISE ABATE-<br>MENT NOTICE       | 5,000  | 1ST | NORTH<br>KOWLOON |
| 28.SHARPCO<br>IND LTD                             | HUNG TO<br>RD,<br>KWUN TONG         | 13.8.91 | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION   | 2,000  | 1ST | KWUN<br>TONG     |
| 29.CRYSTAL<br>TEXTILES LTD                        | HOW MING<br>ST,<br>KWUN TONG        | 20.8.91 | APCO : "   | 2,500  | 1ST | KWUN<br>TONG     |
| 30.WILLING-<br>PARK CO LTD                        | PORTLAND<br>ST,<br>MONG KOK         | 20.8.91 | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO<br>COMPLY WITH<br>THE REQUIRE-<br>MENT IN A<br>NOISE ABATE-<br>MENT NOTICE       | 5,000  | 1ST | NORTH<br>KOWLOON |

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| 31.SUN LIGHT<br>COLORING<br>MANUFACTORY<br>LTD   | YEUNG UK<br>RD,<br>TSUEN WAN              | 27.8.91 | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION   | 4,500  | 2ND | TSUEN<br>WAN   |
| 32.DAIDO<br>CONCRETE<br>(HK) LTD   | TAI PO<br>INDUSTRIAL<br>ESTATE,<br>TAI PO | 27.8.91 | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE<br>POLLUTING<br>MATTER INTO<br>STORMWATER<br>DRAIN                         | 7,000  | 1ST | SHA TIN        |
| 33.COLOUR<br>BEST DYEING<br>FTY LTD  | WING KEI<br>RD,<br>KWAI CHUNG             | 28.8.91 | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK<br>SMOKE EMISSION   | 4,500  | 2ND | TSUEN<br>WAN   |
| 34.NIN JIOM<br>MEDICINE<br>MANUFACTORY<br>(HK) LTD                                     | TEXACO RD,<br>TSUEN WAN                   | 29.8.91 | APCO : "   | 4,000  | 1ST | "              |
| 35.WIDA<br>CORDUROY<br>FTY LTD   | CASTLE<br>PEAK RD,<br>NEW<br>TERRITORIES  | 4.9.91  | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE<br>DARK SMOKE<br>EMISSION  | 10,000 | 7TH | TSUEN<br>WAN   |
| 36.WONDERFUL<br>HONOUR LTD   | CHAI WAN<br>KOK ST,<br>TSUEN WAN          | 4.9.91  | APCO : "   | 8,500  | 4TH | "              |
| 37.GUANGDONG<br>WATER<br>CONSERVANCY<br>& HYDRO-POWER<br>ENGINEERING<br>DEVELOPMENT CO | ASHLEY RD,<br>TSIM SHA<br>TSUI            | 6.9.91  | APCO :<br>CONTRAVENING<br>TERMS OR<br>CONDITIONS OF<br>A SPECIFIED<br>PROCESS LICENCE          | 12,000 | 7TH | SAN PO<br>KONG |
| 38.AU YEUNG<br>CHIU-YUEN   | HILL RD,<br>SHEK TONG<br>TSUI             | 12.9.91 | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO<br>COMPLY WITH<br>THE REQUIRE-<br>MENT IN A<br>NOISE ABATE-<br>MENT NOTICE | 1,000  | 1ST | WESTERN        |
| 39.KING<br>CONNIE<br>TEXTILE CO  | WAI YIP<br>ST,<br>KWUN TONG               | 13.9.91 | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE<br>DARK SMOKE<br>EMISSION  | 6,000  | 4TH | KWUN<br>TONG   |
| 40.BROADWAY<br>FINTTEX FTY<br>LTD  | WANG LUNG<br>ST,<br>TSUEN WAN             | 13.9.91 | APCO : "   | 7,500  | 3RD | TSUEN<br>WAN   |

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| 41.FUNG SHING RESTAURANT LTD         | TAI PO RD, SHAM SHUI PO          | 19.9.91 | NCO :<br>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE | 5,000  | 1ST  | NORTH KOWLOON |
| 42.PRIME TURE LTD                    | CHEUNG SHA WAN RD, SHAM SHUI PO  | 19.9.91 | NCO : "   | 5,000  | 1ST  | "             |
| 43.TAI YIP DYEING FACTORY LTD        | WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG            | 20.9.91 | APCO :<br>EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION                                     | 15,000 | 10TH | KWUN TONG     |
| 44.MEYER ALUMINIUM LTD               | TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO | 24.9.91 | WPCO :<br>DISCHARGE POLLUTING WATER INTO STORMWATER DRAIN                   | 20,000 | 4TH  | SHA TIN       |
| 45.CHUEN CHEUNG ENGINEERING CO       | CLEAR WATER BAY RD, SAI KUNG     | 1.10.91 | NCO :<br>CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT    | 5,000  | 1ST  | KWUN TONG     |
| 46.POON WING-KAY                     | CLEAR WATER BAY RD, SAI KUNG     | 1.10.91 | NCO:<br>PERMIT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT        | 5,000  | 1ST  | KWUN TONG     |
| 47.CHIM YIU-TUNG                     | KAM WING ST, SAN PO KONG         | 3.10.91 | NCO:<br>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE  | 15,000 | 3RD  | SAN PO KONG   |
| 48.CHUN FUNG SIZING & DYEING FTY LTD | CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN       | 4.10.91 | APCO:<br>EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION                                      | 2,500  | 1ST  | TSUEN WAN     |
| 49.TAT MING & DYEING FTY             | WING KIN RD, KWAI CHUNG          | 7.10.91 | APCO: "   | 7,500  | 5TH  | TSUEN WAN     |

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| 50.SUN HING<br>WASHING<br>DYEING FTY    | TSING YI<br>INDUSTRIAL<br>ESTATE,<br>TSING YI | 18.10.91 | APCO: "  | 2,500 | 2ND | TSUEN<br>WAN |
| 51.U-TEAM<br>CO LTD                     | CHAI WAN<br>KOK ST,<br>TSUEN WAN              | 21.10.91 | APCO: "  | 4,500 | 3RD | TSUEN<br>WAN |
| 52.CHUEN<br>CHEUNG<br>ENGINEERING<br>CO | CLEAR<br>WATER BAY<br>RD, SAI<br>KUNG         | 10.11.91 | NCO:<br>CARRY OUT<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>WORK WITHOUT<br>A VALID<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>NOISE PERMIT | 5,000 | 1ST | KWUN<br>TONG |
| 53.POON<br>WING-KAY                     | CLEAR<br>WATER BAY<br>RD, SAI<br>KUNG         | 10.11.91 | NCO:<br>PERMIT<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>WORK WITHOUT<br>A VALID<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>NOISE PERMIT    | 5,000 | 1ST | KWUN<br>TONG |

## NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

WDO : WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT, ONE PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED \$2,000. ANOTHER PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED \$500 FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACE.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID CASE 19 WAS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION IN AN EFFECTIVE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL AREA UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL (LIVESTOCK WASTE) REGULATIONS OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE.

THE DEFENDANT MR LAM KEPT A CHICKEN FARM WITHIN THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL AREA IN TAI PO. HE HAD RECEIVED A CAPITAL GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTE TREATMENT WORKS BUT FAILED TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM PROPERLY. HE WAS FOUND CAUSING TO DISCHARGE LIQUID LIVESTOCK WASTE INTO NEARBY STREAM SUBSEQUENTLY AND WAS FINED \$1,200.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS :

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASE CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS :

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| APCO |                            | MR FRANKLIN CHUNG | TEL NO. 810 2907 |
| NCO  |                            | MR STEVEN HO      | TEL NO. 810 2800 |
| DASO |                            | MR PATRICK LEI    | TEL NO. 782 7280 |
| WPCO | CASE 15, 22,<br>24, 32, 44 | DR MICHAEL CHIU   | TEL NO. 417 4101 |
| WPCO | CASE 17, 18                | MR MURRAY LUO     | TEL NO. 835 1184 |
| WPCO | CASE 26                    | DR DANIEL LAU     | TEL NO. 782 7282 |
| WDO  |                            | MR MICHAEL WU     | TEL NO. 685 1132 |

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE BE DIRECTED TO THE EPD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION.

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#### AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE EXERCISE AT KAI TAK

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AN AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE EXERCISE IS TO BE HELD IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THURSDAY AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE EXERCISE WOULD BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION FIFTH AIRPORT EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP NOW BEING HELD IN HONG KONG.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO PROVIDE CONTINUED TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION IN AIRCRAFT CRASH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES FOR THOSE PERSONNEL WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH OPERATIONS AND TO TEST CO-ORDINATION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE EXERCISE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE THE SIMULATED ACCIDENT.

THE SCENARIO FOR THE EXERCISE IS THAT OF AN AIRCRAFT ABORTING TAKE-OFF DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE AND LEAVING THE RUNWAY RESULTING IN A COLLAPSE OF ITS UNDERCARRIAGE AND SUBSEQUENT FIRE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SINCE THE EXERCISE WAS TO BE HELD IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING AND IN THE RESTRICTED AREAS OF THE AIRPORT, NO INCONVENIENCE WOULD BE CAUSED TO THE PUBLIC.

HE ADVISED THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT, NOT TO BE ALARMED WHEN THEY SAW ACTIVITIES BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES ON THE RUNWAY DURING THE TIME OF THE EXERCISE.

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"LAISEES" FOR THE NEEDY

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MORE THAN 390 SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WHO ARE LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND RECEIVED NEW YEAR "LAISEES" OF \$150 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

A FURTHER OF 2,568 FAMILIES OF THIS TYPE LIVING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR WILL RECEIVE RED PACKETS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

ABOUT 650 ELDERLY PEOPLE, WHO ARE EITHER AGED PATIENTS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS OR RESIDENTS OF HO'S CLANSMAN ASSOCIATION HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, WILL ALSO RECEIVE THEIR "LAISEES" OF \$100 EACH BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF TUNG WAH HOSPITAL WERE DR HO TIM, A FOUNDER OF THE FUND; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D.CARTLAND; MEMBERS OF THE FUND'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND POP SINGER MISS SALLY YEH.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES IN COPING WITH SUDDEN HARDSHIP.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, SOME 10,000 RESIDENTS OF 87 HOSTELS AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY RECEIVED CHINESE NEW YEAR "LAISEES" OF \$100 EACH FROM THE SHANGHAI FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION THIS AFTERNOON.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL, CHEQUES WERE PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ELDERLY INSTITUTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THEIR RESIDENTS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ANTHONY CHAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION, MR C. W. WONG.

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(b) HEAVY FINE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF DEMOLITION ORDER

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REITERATED THAT FLAT OWNERS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH DEMOLITION ORDERS ON UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS MAY FACE HEFTY COURT FINES AS THEY ARE LIABLE TO A DAILY FINE.

THE DAILY FINE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR EACH DAY OF THE PERIOD AFTER THE ORDER EXPIRES.

/THE REMINDER .....

THE REMINDER CAME SHORTLY AFTER A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WAS FOUND GUILTY OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH A DEMOLITION ORDER AND WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$38,400 AND ORDERED TO PAY \$4,000 COURTS COSTS.

IN THE FIRST TRIAL CASE ON SUCH AN OFFENCE, THE NICE FORTUNE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED WAS FINED \$8,000 PLUS A DAILY FINE OF \$200 FOR 152 DAYS BY SAN PO KONG MAGISTRATE MS L.K. LOH.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT WHEN OFFICERS OF THE BOO INSPECTED THE PREMISES AT 3 WING KWONG STREET, KOWLOON ON FEBRUARY 4 LAST YEAR, THEY FOUND CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WERE BEING PUT UP AT THE ROOF ABOVE THE FIFTH FLOOR.

A DEMOLITION ORDER ISSUED ON JULY 15 BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE WAS SERVED ON THE COMPANY, THE OWNER OF THE SUBJECT ROOF, REQUIRING THAT THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES BE REMOVED WITHIN 27 DAYS.

THE COURT HEARD THAT WHEN BOO OFFICERS INSPECTED THE PREMISES AGAIN ON AUGUST 19, A WEEK AFTER THE DEMOLITION ORDER EXPIRED ON AUGUST 12, THEY FOUND THAT THE ORDER HAD NOT BEEN COMPILED WITH.

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#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION RETIRES

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TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO THE RETIRING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, WHOSE 33-YEAR SERVICE HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BY BRINGING ABOUT A RAPID EXPANSION IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ENHANCING ITS QUALITY.

A RETIREMENT DINNER WAS HELD LAST WEEKEND TO BID FAREWELL TO MR WINFIELD WHO FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS AN EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1958.

"THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, WHICH COVERED CLASSROOM TEACHING, SCHOOL INSPECTION AND EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, JOHN HAS DISPLAYED A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY," THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID.

MR WINFIELD'S DEDICATED AND UNFAILING EFFORT HAD BEEN A DRIVING FORCE IN ENABLING THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO RECEIVE THE BEST EDUCATION THAT THE COMMUNITY COULD OFFER, HE ADDED.

MR WINFIELD WAS AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER IN 1988 AND A LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND GOLD PIN IN 1989.

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## 262 VMS REPATRIATED

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A GROUP OF 262 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 113 MEN, 53 WOMEN, 50 BOYS AND 46 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 87TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 1,061 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 15,040 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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## SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY

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SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON THURSDAY TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT SAN PO KONG, BLACKDOWN BARRACKS, TOP HILL GARDENS, FU SHAN ESTATE, KING SHAN COURT, KING LAI COURT, SUN LAI GARDEN, PING SHEK ESTATE, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, KAI TAK GARDEN, KAI TAK TRANSIT CENTRE, CLEARWATER BAY ROAD HOME FOR THE AGED AND NGAU CHI WAN STREET.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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| TENDER DATE            | 21 JAN 92    | 21 JAN 92    |
| PAPER ON OFFER         | EF BILLS     | EF BILLS     |
| ISSUE NUMBER           | Q204         | H256         |
| AMOUNT APPLIED         | HKD 1,772 MN | HKD 1,160 MN |
| AMOUNT ALLOTTED        | HKD 500 MN   | HKD 200 MN   |
| AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED | 3.96 PCT     | 4.04 PCT     |
| HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED | 4.00 PCT     | 4.06 PCT     |
| PRO RATA RATIO         | ABOUT 14 PCT | ABOUT 35 PCT |
| AVERAGE TENDER YIELD   | 4.03 PCT     | 4.12 PCT     |

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HONG KONG EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 27 JANUARY 1992 -

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| TENDER DATE     | 28 JAN 92        | 28 JAN 92       |
| PAPER ON OFFER  | EF BILLS         | EF BILLS        |
| ISSUE NUMBER    | Q205             | Y286            |
| ISSUE DATE      | 29 JAN 92        | 29 JAN 92       |
| MATURITY DATE   | 29 APR 92        | 27 JAN 93       |
| TENOR           | 91 DAYS          | 364 DAYS        |
| AMOUNT ON OFFER | HK\$500 + 100 MN | HK\$200 + 60 MN |

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
 MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON         | 20.1.92 | 500 MN  |
| EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON       | 21.1.92 | +40 MN  |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING         |         | -40 MN  |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON       |         | NEUTRAL |
| TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 110.0 *-0.1* 21.1.92 |         |         |

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

| EF BILLS                                     |          | HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS |       |        |        |       |
|--|----------|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| TERMS  | YIELD    | TERM                       | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE  | YIELD |
| 1 WEEK                                       | 4.42 PCT | 23 MONTHS                  | 2311  | 6.25   | 101.62 | 5.37  |
| 1 MONTH                                      | 4.10 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |
| 3 MONTHS                                     | 4.00 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |
| 6 MONTHS                                     | 4.05 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |
| 12 MONTHS                                    | 4.45 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |
| TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,175 MN |          |                            |       |        |        |       |
| CLOSED 21 JANUARY 1992                       |          |                            |       |        |        |       |

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