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EXCO APPROVES TAXI FARE INCREASES

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED FARE INCREASES FOR URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

THE FARE INCREASES, BY A WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF 11.27 PER CENT FOR URBAN TAXIS AND 10.47 PER CENT FOR TAXIS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

UNDER THE NEW FARE STRUCTURE, FLAGFALL CHARGES FOR THE FIRST TWO KILOMETRES FOR AN URBAN TAXI WILL INCREASE FROM \$11.50 TO \$13, AND FOR A NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FROM \$10 TO \$11.

FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.2 KILOMETRE, THE FARES FOR BOTH URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL GO UP BY 10 CENTS TO \$1.1 AND \$1 RESPECTIVELY.

THE WAITING TIME CHARGE WILL RISE BY 10 CENTS PER MINUTE TO \$1.1 FOR URBAN TAXI AND \$1 FOR A NEW TERRITORIES TAXI.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IN CONSIDERING THE FARE INCREASE APPLICATIONS, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASE IN OPERATING COSTS, THE LEVEL AND QUALITY OF TAXI SERVICES, THE FARE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN TAXIS AND OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY.

THE EXCO ALSO NOTED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICES SUCH AS "REFUSING HIRE" AND THAT THE ISSUE OF 400 NEW TAXI LICENCES WAS EXPECTED FURTHER TO IMPROVE TAXI AVAILABILITY AND REDUCE PASSENGER WAITING TIME.

AT THE SAME TIME EXCO HAS APPROVED A NEW REGULATION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR FIVE TAXI OFFENCES FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE DETERRENT EFFECT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW REGULATION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 9 THIS YEAR.

THE FIVE TAXI OFFENCES WHICH WILL CARRY HIGHER FINES ARE REFUSING HIRE, SOLICITING PASSENGERS, OVERCHARGING, REFUSING TO DRIVE TO A SPECIFIC DESTINATION, AND FAILURE TO TAKE THE MOST DIRECT PRACTICABLE ROUTE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASE IN PENALTIES WAS ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A MEASURE TO DETER TAXI MALPRACTICES. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORT PANEL OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP ACTION AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICES. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, ABOUT 2,500 TAXI DRIVERS WERE PROSECUTED FOR TAXI MALPRACTICES AND 39 HAD BEEN DISQUALIFIED FROM DRIVING TAXIS FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

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INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM TO VISIT BEIJING

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A TEAM OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE LEAVING FOR BEIJING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO HAVE A FURTHER MEETING WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE PLANNING ON CROSS-BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

THE TEAM WILL COMPRISE THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON; THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR HAIDER BARMA; THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR PETER PUN; THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR STEPHEN LAM; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS MISS MARGARET FONG; AND THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER, MR C K MAK.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ASSETS

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A LIST OF PROPERTY ASSETS HAD BEEN COMPILED AND A COPY HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE CHINESE SIDE THROUGH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP OFFICE.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS IN OCTOBER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PREPARE A LIST OF ITS PROPERTY ASSETS AND HAND IT OVER TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

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40,000 PRIMARY 1 DISCRETIONARY PLACES TAKEN

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ABOUT 40,000 OUT OF 66,700 APPLICANTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A DISCRETIONARY PRIMARY 1 PLACE AT GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

RESULTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 1995 WILL BE RELEASED BY THESE SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION (POA) SYSTEM, A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD ADMIT CHILDREN TO FILL UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL PRIMARY 1 PLACES AT ITS OWN DISCRETION.

"THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT OF PLACES WILL BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CHILDREN HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL, PARENTS SHOULD GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAD APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM OR SATURDAY (DECEMBER 3) BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 5 AND 6 (MONDAY AND TUESDAY) DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

"PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PRIMARY 1 PLACE ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS PARENT'S COPY OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR PRIMARY 1 ADMISSION AND THE NUMBER OF PHOTOS TO BE BROUGHT ALONG TO THE SCHOOL," HE SAID.

REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT.

PARENTS WHO CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOL, OR THROUGH THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL 572 4383 TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

"IF THEY FAIL TO DO THIS, THEY WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE DISCRETIONARY PLACE OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BECAUSE OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION, SOME CHILDREN MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE A PRIMARY 1 PLACE AT THIS STAGE.

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN, TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHO ONLY INTEND TO TAKE PART IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION, WILL BE INFORMED BY LETTER IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH 1995 TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT FOR CHOICE OF SCHOOLS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ALLOCATE A PRIMARY 1 PLACE TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARENTAL CHOICES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

DETAILED PROCEDURE OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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EFFORTS TO KEEP PEOPLE UPDATED OF ACP PROGRESS

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THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE (NAPCO) IS ORGANISING A SERIES OF BOAT TOURS AROUND THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) PROJECTS AREAS TO UPDATE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES WITH THE LATEST ACP DEVELOPMENTS.

A TOTAL OF 10 URBAN COUNCILLORS AND 96 MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON JOINED A FOUR-HOUR BOAT TOUR TODAY (TUESDAY) AND SAW THE EXCELLENT PHYSICAL PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 10 ACP PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WERE FIRST GIVEN AN OVERALL BRIEFING ON THE ACP BY THE DIRECTOR OF NAPCO, MR BILLY LAM. THIS WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY BRIEFINGS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESPECTIVE PROJECT OFFICES ON THE PROGRESS OF INDIVIDUAL ACP PROJECTS.

"THE ACP WILL BRING ABOUT A MAJOR CHANGE TO HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL LAY-OUT IN THE YEARS AHEAD. AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ACP PROJECTS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND CONCERNED PARTIES ARE KEPT INFORMED OF THE LATEST WORK PROGRESS," MR LAM SAID.

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"THIS WILL CERTAINLY HELP THEM TO BOOST UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE ACP AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE SAID.

LAST WEEK, 52 CONSUL-GENERALS AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVES WERE TAKEN OUT ON A BOAT TOUR AROUND THE SITES, MR LAM SAID.

"LATER THIS WEEK, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BOAT TOUR FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES," HE SAID.

AS PART OF THE OVERALL EFFORT TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED ABOUT THE ACP, NAPCO HAS ALSO HELD A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"ABOUT 90,000 PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED THE SIX EXHIBITIONS HELD SO FAR IN LOK FU, WAN CHAI, TSUEN WAN, TAI KOO SHING, TUEN MUN AND CAUSEWAY BAY," HE SAID.

"FOUR MORE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH NEXT YEAR."

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HONG KONG REGISTERS ITS 100TH CIVIL AIRCRAFT

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A SECOND AIRBUS 340-200 FROM TOULOUSE TODAY (TUESDAY), HONG KONG WILL HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME A TOTAL OF 100 CIVIL-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT.

THE TWO AIRBUS 340 AIRCRAFT, TOGETHER WITH SEVEN AIRBUS 320S, 39 BOEING 747S, 18 LOCKHEED 1011S, 20 HELICOPTERS OF VARIOUS TYPES AND 14 OTHERS COMPRISING MAINLY CLUB AND PRIVATELY OWNED AIRCRAFT, WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO THE CENTURY MARK.

THE NEW AIRBUS 340-200 CARRYING REGISTRATION MARK VR-HMS BELONGS TO CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS WHICH IS A HONG KONG-LICENSED AIR OPERATOR. IT WILL ALSO BECOME CATHAY'S 56TH AIRCRAFT.

THE OTHER HONG KONG AIRLINES OPERATING HONG KONG-REGISTERED CIVIL AIRCRAFT INCLUDE HONG KONG DRAGON AIRLINES LIMITED AND AHK AIR HONG KONG LIMITED WHICH IS BASICALLY AN ALL-CARGO COMPANY.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT CIVIL AIRCRAFT OWNER IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES SHORT-RANGE AND LONG-RANGE SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES, POLICE SUPPORT, MEDICAL EVACUATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. ITS FLEET COMPRISES EIGHT SIKORSKY S76 AND TWO S70 HELICOPTERS, TWO BEECH SUPER KING AIR AND TWO SLINGSBY T67M-200.

THE HONG KONG AVIATION CLUB ALSO REGISTERS WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT A TOTAL OF THREE CESSNAS AND ONE SLINGSBY FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT OF THE SMALLER TYPES, PROVIDING FLYING TRAINING AND RECREATIONAL FLYING FOR PRIVATE PILOTS.

HELISERVICES (HK) LIMITED OPERATES THREE AEROSPATIALE SA315B, ONE AS350BA AND ONE AS355H HELICOPTERS LOCALLY FOR PASSENGER CHARTER AND AERIAL WORK.

A NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS HAVE ALSO REGISTERED A TOTAL OF EIGHT PRIVATE AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS IN HONG KONG. THE OWNERS AND AIRCRAFT TYPES ARE LISTED IN THE CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTER ADMINISTERED BY THE SAFETY REGULATION DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

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HONG KONG ATTRACTIVE TO OVERSEAS INVESTORS

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HONG KONG OFFERS ABUNDANT ATTRACTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OVERSEAS INVESTORS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR DOMINIC LAW, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN INVESTMENT PROMOTION SEMINAR IN OSAKA, JAPAN, MR LAW SAID HONG KONG, STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE HUB OF EAST ASIA AND AT THE DOORSTEP OF CHINA, IS THE IDEAL LOCATION TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE HUGE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

"TO ILLUSTRATE, 11 OF HONG KONG'S TOP 20 TRADING PARTNERS ARE FROM THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION," HE SAID.

IN 1993, HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE WITH ECONOMIES IN THE REGION GREW BY 13 PER CENT. FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST THIS YEAR, THERE WAS ANOTHER 13 PER CENT GROWTH.

"THE ACCUMULATION OF MANAGEMENT KNOW-HOW AND CONTACTS WITH EMERGING MARKETS IN ASIA MAKES HONG KONG AN EXCELLENT LAUNCH-PAD FOR THESE MARKETS.

"THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY MANY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT SOME 1,500 OVERSEAS COMPANIES HAVE SET UP REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND REPRESENTATIONAL OFFICES IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR LAW SAID CONSISTENT WITH HONG KONG'S FREE MARKET SPIRIT, THE GOVERNMENT TREATED LOCAL AND OVERSEAS COMPANIES EXACTLY THE SAME AND IMPOSED NO EXPORT QUOTA, PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT OR MATERIAL SOURCING RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTORS.

"IN ADDITION, HONG KONG HAS A PRO-BUSINESS, LOW AND SIMPLE TAX SYSTEM AND A HIGHLY EDUCATED, ADAPTABLE, TRAINABLE AND PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG UP TO 1993 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT US\$12.7 BILLION, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF TOTAL JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN ASIA.

JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG IS DIVERSIFIED, RANGING FROM TOURISM, RETAILING, TRADING, BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, TO MANUFACTURING.

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"INDEED, HONG KONG HAS LONG BEEN A VERY ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR JAPANESE PEOPLE AND COMPANIES WHERE THEY CAN SAFELY AND EASILY INVEST AND DO BUSINESS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, JAPAN IS THE LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN HONG KONG. THERE ARE ABOUT 1,800 JAPANESE COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, AND THAT NUMBER CONTINUES TO INCREASE," HE ADDED.

LOOKING AHEAD, MR LAW SAID HONG KONG WOULD REMAIN A SEPARATE ECONOMIC ENTITY AFTER 1997.

AS A HIGHLY AUTONOMOUS SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA, HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY, AND THE BORDER BETWEEN HONG KONG AND OTHER PARTS OF CHINA WOULD CONTINUE TO EXIST, HE SAID.

HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO) IN DUE COURSE, HE ADDED.

"ALL THIS IS PROVIDED FOR IN BOTH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND THE BASIC LAW FOR THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF HONG KONG WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING IN JULY 1997.

"AND IT IS WHOLLY RIGHT THAT IT SHOULD BE SO, FOR IT IS BY REMAINING AN AUTONOMOUS TRADING PARTNER AND A SEPARATE ECONOMIC FORCE THAT HONG KONG CAN BEST RETAIN ITS DYNAMISM, BUILD ON ITS CURRENT ROLE AND CONTINUE TO BE OF BENEFIT TO ITSELF AND TO CHINA," MR LAW SAID.

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ED STAFF RECOGNISED FOR GOOD SERVICE

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THE QUALITY SERVICE OF AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBER HAS PAID OFF AFTER HE HAS WON TWO CONSECUTIVE AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN 1993/94.

THE STAFF IS MR LAI CHI-KWONG, WORKMAN II OF TSEUNG KWAN O GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHO IS AWARDED BOTH THE FOURTH QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL AWARDS.

THE HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND INITIATIVE OF MR LAI TOGETHER WITH THREE OTHER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE RECOGNISED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME FOR GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE INTRODUCED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD LAST WEEK, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, PRESENTED ANNUAL STAFF INCENTIVE AWARDS, A 999.9 GOLD CARD AT A COST OF \$1,000, TO MR LAI AND MR TSE YUE-LEUNG, WORKMAN II OF ISLAND ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTERLY AWARDS, MR LAI CHI-KWONG AND TWO OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, MR WOO KAR-FOO, A WORKMAN AT TSEUNG KWAN O GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MISS MA SUET-FONG, A CLERK AT THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION.

THEY EACH RECEIVED A MERITORIOUS CERTIFICATE, A PHOTO-STAND AND A WATCH EMBOSSED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LOGO.

IN PRESENTING THE AWARDS, MR WONG COMPLIMENTED THE WINNERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE OF WORK, COMPETENCE, COURTESY, APPEARANCE AND EXTRA EFFORT TO HELP CUSTOMERS.

THE TWO ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS SAID ENHANCING CUSTOMER SERVICE COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONG STAFF AND BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CUSTOMERS. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THEY WERE HIGHLY MOTIVATED BY THEIR SECTION HEADS UNDER THE STAFF INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME.

MR LAI CHI-KWONG, KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK, LOST HIS RIGHT HAND IN AN ACCIDENT, HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 11 YEARS.

MR LAI'S PHYSICAL DEFECT DOES NOT HAMPER HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE LEAST. INSTEAD, HE ACTS ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE TO TAKE UP EXTRA DUTIES AND UNPLEASANT ASSIGNMENTS.

ANOTHER ANNUAL AWARDEE, MR TSE YUE-LEUNG, A WORKMAN AT ISLAND ROAD GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, WAS RECOMMENDED FOR HIS EFFORT IN PROVIDING A BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STUDENTS.

QUARTERLY AWARDEE, MR WOO KAR-FOO, WAS GIVEN CREDIT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PREPARING FOR A GOOD START OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED TSEUNG KWAN O GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT.

HE WAS ALSO NOMINATED FOR HIS HELPFULNESS AND COURTESY IN HANDLING ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC.

MISS MA SUET-FONG, WINNER IN THE FOURTH QUARTERLY AWARD, IS A CLERK AT THE AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY OF THE VISUAL EDUCATION SECTION. SHE HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 13 YEARS.

SHE WAS NOMINATED FOR HER PATIENCE AND COURTESY IN HANDLING CUSTOMER ENQUIRIES. SHE ALSO ANTICIPATES CUSTOMER NEEDS AND RESPONDS QUICKLY, ACCURATELY AND PLEASANTLY.

THE STAFF INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEME PROMOTES THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR A CLIENT-BASED CULTURE IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR AND WINNERS ARE SELECTED EVERY THREE MONTHS TO ENHANCE AWARENESS ABOUT GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE AND GIVE RECOGNITION TO MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND ESTABLISH ROLE MODELS OF HELPFUL AND COURTEOUS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

A TOTAL OF 76 NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE NOVEMBER 1993. FIFTEEN NOMINEES WERE SELECTED FOR THE QUARTERLY AWARDS AND TWO FOR THE ANNUAL AWARDS.

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NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN KWUN TONG

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A NEW GREEN MINIBUS PLYING BETWEEN SHUN LEE AND TSUI PING (KAI LIM ROAD) WILL START OPERATION ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE ROUTE NO.47 WILL TRAVEL VIA LEE ON ROAD, SAN LEE STREET, SHUN CHING STREET, SHUN KING STREET, SHUN ON ROAD, SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIP WO STREET, TSUI PING ROAD AND KAI LIM ROAD.

IT WILL RUN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY IN 12 TO 15-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE FOR EACH TRIP IS \$4.

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FLUSHING WATER CUTS IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND MONG KOK

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL THE PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS.

MEANWHILE, IN ORDER TO CONNECT WATER MAINS, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL ALSO BE CUT OFF FROM 8 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 2) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES BOUNDED BY WATERLOO ROAD, THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, TONG MI ROAD, CHERRY STREET AND THE SEAFRONT.

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CLOSURE OF TO KWA WAN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN TO KWA WAN SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE USED FOR DWELLING IS LOCATED ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN 19 WING KWONG STREET.

A NOTICE APPLYING FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON MARCH 24, 1995 HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
TENDER RESULTS
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TENDER DATE	29 NOV 94	29 NOV 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q448	Y496
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$5,000 MN	HK\$2,590 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,500 MN	HK\$500 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	5.33 PCT	6.35 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	5.35 PCT	6.38 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 42 PCT	ABOUT 10 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	5.36 PCT	6.40 PCT

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 5 DEC 1994-

TENDER DATE	6 DEC 94	6 DEC 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q449	H479
ISSUE DATE	7 DEC 94	7 DEC 94
MATURITY DATE	8 MAR 95	7 JUN 95
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,500 MN + 300 MN	HK\$800 + 160 MN

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,541	0930	+50
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,282	1000	+150
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+180
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+181	1200	+181
LAF TODAY	-440	1500	+181
		1600	+181
LAF RATE 3.75% BID/5.75% OFFER	TWI 121.6	*-0.1*	29.11.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.97	18 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.57	6.77
1 MONTH	4.99	24 MONTHS	2611	6.90	99.71	7.18
3 MONTHS	5.30	29 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.40	7.48
6 MONTHS	5.68	35 MONTHS	3710	7.25	99.12	7.73
12 MONTHS	6.27	58 MONTHS	5909	7.45	97.23	8.32

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 20,307 MN

CLOSED 29 NOVEMBER 1994

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