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GOVERNOR ARGUES FOR RIGHT OF ENTRY TO UK

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE WAS ARGUING FOR THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO COVER ALL BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HIS MESSAGES TO BRITAIN WERE THAT IF BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS OF ALL SORTS IN HONG KONG WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO UK, IT WOULD DO AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD IN THE TERRITORY.

"AND MY SECOND MESSAGE -- AND I REPEAT THIS IS A MESSAGE TO BRITAIN -- WAS THAT IF THAT WAS DONE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD ACTUALLY WISH TO GO WOULD BE VERY SMALL AND NOTHING LIKE THE LARGE NUMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN THROWN AROUND IN BRITAIN IN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF OMELCO, DAME LYDIA DUNN, AND MR ALLEN LEE, WOULD BE GOING TO LONDON NEXT WEEK TO REINFORCE HONG KONG VIEWS ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE.

SIR DAVID SAID NOW WAS A TIME FOR EVERYONE, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY, TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA, AND THAT THERE WAS WORK TO BE DONE BY A LOT OF PEOPLE.

"WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME; WE'RE STILL IN A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN HONG KONG.

"IT'S A TIME WHEN WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, WHEN WE NEED UNITY IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY CHINA TO RESTORE THE DAMAGE THAT'S BEEN DONE TO CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG. AND THERE HAS BEEN DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE TO HONG KONG, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

"THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY BRITAIN TO HELP RESTORE CONFIDENCE HERE; PRACTICAL MEASURE OF SUPPORT.

"IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF SOMETHING SIMPLY FOR THE GOVERNOR, SOMETHING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, IT'S FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT MANY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG SEEM TO HAVE THROWN IN THE TOWEL : "THERE'S NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN WORRIED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN CHINA."

"AND IT'S NOT SURPRISING AT ALL THAT'S THE CASE. BUT THIS IDEA OF PEOPLE SIMPLY THROWING IN THE TOWEL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT," HE SAID.

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"I DON'T THINK WE'RE A THROWING-IN-THE-TOWEL TYPE OF COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR OBSERVED THAT EVENTS IN CHINA HAVE HAD A VERY CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON BRITAIN AS A WHOLE, AND ON POLITICAL OPINIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"IT'S HAD A VERY MARKED IMPACT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THERE IS, I BELIEVE, IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, A VERY REAL DESIRE TO LOOK FOR WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN HELP HONG KONG AND I VERY MUCH WELCOME THAT," HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HOPED SIR GEOFFREY HOWE WOULD COME HERE AND LISTEN TO VIEWS FROM ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING THE MAN IN THE STREET.

"HE IS SOMEBODY WHO IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO HONG KONG AND SOMEBODY VERY READY TO LISTEN," SIR DAVID SAID.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF STUDENTS FROM CHINA COMING TO HONG KONG ASKING FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, SIR DAVID SAID: "AT THE MOMENT WE'VE HAD NO CHANGE AT ALL IN THE PATTERN OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA."

"IT'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY NORMAL. IF WE GET INDIVIDUAL CASES WHICH REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION, THEN WE DEAL WITH EACH OF THOSE INDIVIDUALLY," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID WE ALWAYS HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEALING WITH INCREASES IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

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TALKS TO CONTINUE WITH VIETNAM ON REPATRIATION OF VBP: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO TALK TO VIETNAM IN A BID TO WIDEN THE EXISTING PROGRAMME OF REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND MAKE IT MORE COMPREHENSIVE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

BUT IN THE LONG TERM, THE ANSWER TO THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM WAS THAT VIETNAM SHOULD SORT OUT THEIR OWN ECONOMY AND PART OF THAT PROCESS WOULD BE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IN GENEVA, SIR DAVID REITERATED THAT THE MESSAGE WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THE IDEA OF AUTOMATIC RESETTLEMENT FOR THOSE WHO LEFT VIETNAM BY BOAT HAD BEEN AT AN END IN HONGKONG AND IN OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

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HE SAID THE ONLY WAY VIETNAMESE COULD RESETTLE OVERSEAS WAS THROUGH THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAMME AND THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY.

"THE OTHER PROSPECT IS REMAINING IN A CAMP UNTIL YOU'RE REPATRIATED TO VIETNAM," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CONFERENCE DID MAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT STEPS FORWARD IN SETTING OUT THAT MESSAGE AND DEALING WITH THE RESETTLEMENT OF GENUINE REFUGEES.

HE SAID A PRACTICAL POINT HE MADE IN THE CONFERENCE -- AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ALSO MADE -- WAS THAT HONG KONG COULD NOT SIMPLY GO ON WITH THE SITUATION THAT HUNDREDS OF BOAT PEOPLE CAME TO HONG KONG AT A TREMENDOUS RATE.

SIR DAVID SAID ON THE QUESTION OF INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WERE LARGE SECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHO SIMPLY WOULD NOT FACE FACTS.

"AND WHO ON THE ONE HAND WILL SAY THAT THERE'S NO QUESTION OF RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES, AND ON THE OTHER HAND WILL SAY THAT THEY SHOULD NOT GO BACK TO VIETNAM UNLESS THEY POSITIVELY VOLUNTEER TO DO SO.

"TO MY MIND, THAT IS ILLOGICAL, AND INDEED, I THINK IT IS INHUMANE.

"BECAUSE WHAT IT IS SAYING IS THAT THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD SIMPLY PILE UP IN CAMPS AROUND THE REGION," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THERE WAS A MOVEMENT OF FAMILIES FROM VIETNAM AND MANY OF THOSE WHO FLED THE COUNTRY WERE YOUNG PEOPLE -- HALF OF THEM AGED 20 AND UNDER AND A THIRD OF THEM AGED 15 AND UNDER.

"SO WHAT THAT SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION IS SAYING: THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN SHOULD SIMPLY REMAIN IN CAMPS FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR BECAUSE THE WORLD COMMUNITY WON'T FACE THE FACT THAT THEY OUGHT TO GO BACK TO THEIR OWN HOMELAND UNDER ACCEPTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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HK ENJOYS FREEDOM TO CHOOSE
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ONE OF THE MANY FREEDOMS ENJOYED IN HONG KONG IS THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE FOR ONESELF THE CAREER PATH THAT ONE WILL FOLLOW AND THE EMPLOYER FOR WHOM ONE WILL WORK.

SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR PETER TSAO, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE CAREER EXPO' 89 ORGANISED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL.

HE SAID: "HONG KONG'S MAIN RESOURCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ITS PEOPLE. IT IS THEREFORE VITAL THAT WE MAKE THE BEST USE OF THIS RESOURCE BY GIVING FULL FLOW TO ITS TALENTS."

MR TSAO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE CAREER EXPO' FOR PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CHOICE IN AN ATTRACTIVE SETTING.

"BY OFFERING SUCH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG JOB SEEKERS, CAREER EXPO' 89 PLAYS A PART IN ENSURING THAT THE RIGHT TALENTS END UP IN THE RIGHT SLOTS AND THAT THE FULL MEASURE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S CREATIVITY CAN BE UTILISED TO BEST ADVANTAGE."

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 1989
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COPIES OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 1989 MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES FROM 7 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HONOURS LIST WILL BE MADE IN LONDON AT 0001 HOURS GMT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

PUBLICATION IS PERMITTED IN HONG KONG NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW, BUT NO NEWS AGENCY OR OVERSEAS RADIO TRANSMISSION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY CARRY THE INFORMATION WITHOUT THE EMBARGO QUALIFICATION.

THE NEWS MAY BE BROADCAST FROM 6 AM TOMORROW OVER LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.

ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD ANY OF THE RECIPIENTS OF HONOURS BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEWS, OR FOR ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO THEIR CAREERS, OR BE APPROACHED IN ANY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR AWARDS BEFORE THESE HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

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PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS FOR VBP REVIEW BOARDS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING THE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF REVIEW BOARDS TO CONSIDER APPEALS FROM VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE (VBP) WHO ARE REFUSED REFUGEE STATUS.

THE IMMIGRATION (REFUGEE STATUS REVIEW BOARDS) (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 1989 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REVIEW BOARDS FORM PART OF THE MEASURES TO SPEED UP THE SCREENING OF VBP AND THE PROCESSING OF APPEALS FROM THOSE VBP WHO ARE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR A REVIEW BOARD TO BE CONSTITUTED BY A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND A MEMBER SITTING TOGETHER, AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIT IN PLACE OF OR IN ADDITION TO THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. EXCEPT WHEN THE CHAIRMAN IS PRESENT, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SHALL PRESIDE AT THE SITTING OF A BOARD.

SCREENED-OUT VBP OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES CAN APPLY FOR A REVIEW BY GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ANY REPRESENTATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE WHICH THE APPLICANT WANTS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THEM BEING NOTIFIED OF THE SCREENING DECISION.

THE SCREENING DECISION TO REFUSE REFUGEE STATUS AND ALL MATERIAL, UPON WHICH THE DETERMINATION WAS BASED, SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPELLANT AND TO THE UNITED NATION HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

THE REGULATION PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY GIVE DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD AS TO THE PROCEDURE ON ANY REVIEW, PROVIDING THAT THE DIRECTIONS ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE ORDINANCE OR THE REGULATIONS.

A REVIEW BOARD SHALL CONDUCT REVIEWS IN PRIVATE.

AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER A BOARD HAS MADE ITS DECISION ON AN APPLICATION, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE DECISION TO THE APPLICANT.

IN ADDITION, THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR APPLICANTS OR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO APPEAR BEFORE A BOARD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ARISING ON THE PAPERS BEFORE THE BOARD.

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RETIRED JUDGE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF VBP REVIEW BOARDS

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A DISTRICT JUDGE WHO RETIRED ONLY THIS WEEK, HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REFUGEE STATUS REVIEW BOARDS WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR, THE APPOINTMENT OF MR FRANCIS BLACKWELL, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REVIEW BOARDS FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES TO SPEED UP THE SCREENING OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE PROCESSING OF APPEALS FROM THOSE WHO ARE REFUSED REFUGEE STATUS.

MR BLACKWELL, 63, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS A MAGISTRATE IN JANUARY 1972. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN JULY 1977.

IN 1979, HE BECAME ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT, AND IN 1982 A DISTRICT JUDGE.

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LEGISLATION FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AND THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE TWO BILLS PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW LICENCE TO THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO. LTD. ("COMMERCIAL RADIO") BEGINNING ON AUGUST 26, 1989 AND FOR THE AWARD OF A SECOND LICENCE FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING BY TENDER IN 1990.

COMMERCIAL RADIO'S CURRENT 10-YEAR LICENCE WAS GRANTED ON AUGUST 26, 1979 UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 106).

"AMENDMENT TO THIS ORDINANCE IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE UPDATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE GRANT OF THE COMPANY'S NEW LICENCE," SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ARE EXTENDED TO COVER RADIO BROADCASTING UNDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID NEITHER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE NOR THE PRESENT RADIO LICENCE CONTAINED ANY PROVISIONS ON CROSS MEDIA OWNERSHIP.

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"UNDER THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE, HOWEVER, THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ON CROSS MEDIA OWNERSHIP PREVENT PERSONS OR COMPANIES WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIED MEDIA-RELATED INTERESTS FROM HOLDING OFFICE IN OR BENEFICIALLY OWNING MORE THAN 15 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A TELEVISION LICENSEE," HE SAID.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, IT IS PROPOSED THAT PERSONS OR COMPANIES WITH SUCH MEDIA-RELATED INTERESTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO OWN UP TO 35 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF A RADIO LICENSEE, EXCEPT THAT A RADIO LICENSEE IN HONG KONG WILL STILL BE LIMITED TO A 15 PER CENT SHAREHOLDING IN ANOTHER RADIO LICENSEE.

"SIMILARLY, UNDER THE PRESENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR RADIO, THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON SHAREHOLDINGS BY PERSONS WHO FAIL TO SATISFY LOCAL RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.

"THE BILL PROPOSES IMPOSING A LIMIT OF 49 PER CENT ON THE AGGREGATE SHAREHOLDING WHICH 'UNQUALIFIED' PERSONS (I.E. PERSONS WHO DO NOT SATISFY CERTAIN HONG KONG RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS) MAY HOLD IN A RADIO LICENSEE."

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL ALSO PROPOSES THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON THE DISPOSAL OF SHARES OF A RADIO LICENSEE.

UNDER THE BILL, NO MORE THAN 15 PER CENT OF THE VOTING SHARES OF LICENSEE CAN BE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE LICENCE BEING GRANTED EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS WHO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE WILL SHOW LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THAT APPLICATION AND ARE NOT ABLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR INTERESTS AT WILL ONCE A LICENCE HAS BEEN GRANTED," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

A NUMBER OF THE OTHER NEW PROVISIONS IN THE BILL FOLLOW SIMILAR PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TELEVISION LICENSEES UNDER THE TELEVISION ORDINANCE.

THE PROVISIONS PROPOSED IN THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL EXTEND THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY TO MATTERS RELATING TO RADIO BROADCASTING.

THESE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY HAS IN RELATION TO TELEVISION BROADCASTING THROUGH THE TELEVISION AND THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ORDINANCES.

THEY INCLUDE ISSUING CODES OF PRACTICE AND DIRECTIONS ON PROGRAMME, ADVERTISING AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS, CONDUCTING INQUIRIES INTO THE REVOCATION OF LICENCES WHEN SO DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT PROGRAMMES AND OTHER MATTERS AND IMPOSING FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTIONS BY A LICENSEE OF STATUTORY PROVISIONS, DIRECTIONS CODES OF PRACTICE OR LICENCE CONDITIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON THE TWO BILLS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, 1ST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL OR OMELCO, 8 JACKSON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IVORY IMPORTS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED A MORATORIUM ON IMPORTS OF RAW IVORY FROM ALL SOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT AGAINST A CONTINUED DECLINE IN NUMBERS.

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL SUSPEND THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR A LICENCE TO IMPORT RAW IVORY INTO THE TERRITORY UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SUSPENSION, THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, SAID THE STEP WAS TAKEN AS PART OF HONG KONG'S FULL COMMITMENT IN CONSERVING ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING AFRICAN ELEPHANT.

"THE MORATORIUM IS APPLICABLE TO ALL IVORY TRADERS AND IVORY IMPORTERS WITH THE ONLY EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO OR HAVE ENTERED INTO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANY SPECIFIC SHIPMENT OF RAW IVORY PRIOR TO TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

"SPECIAL CONSIDERATION MAY BE GIVEN TO THESE TRADERS OR IMPORTERS WHO SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SHIPMENTS IN QUESTION BEFORE JULY 1, 1989," MR IU SAID.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, HE ADDED, THE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBSTANTIATED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF SUCH COMMITMENT OR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION.

MR IU SAID THE LOCAL IVORY TRADERS ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THEY HAD EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT.

THE MORATORIUM ON RAW IVORY IMPORT WAS THE LATEST MEASURE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IN ENHANCING CONTROL OF THE IVORY TRADE.

"IN VIEW OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY SOME OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY TAKEN ITS STRICT CONTROL ONE STEP FURTHER BY INTRODUCING THOROUGH REGISTRATION AND MARKING OF RAW IVORY AND LARGE CUT PIECES ACQUIRED BEFORE 1986," MR IU SAID.

ALL IVORY STOCKS ACQUIRED AFTER JANUARY 1986 HAVE ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED AND MARKED.

"IN ADDITION, URGENT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTER DATA BASE OF ALL REGISTERED IVORY.

"ON THE OPERATIONAL FRONT, A SPECIAL TASK FORCE WAS FORMED EARLY THIS MONTH BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT IN CLOSE CO-ORDINATION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TO SUPPRESS ANY ILLEGAL IVORY IMPORT OR EXPORT THROUGH HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS COMPLIED FULLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) WITH REGARD TO ENDANGERED SPECIES. THIS INCLUDES STRICT CONTROL ON IVORY.

ITS REPRESENTATIVES WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY AT THE CITES AFRICAN ELEPHANT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN JULY AND THE CITES BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CITES AUTHORITY IN WORKING OUT STRICTER AND MORE PRACTICAL CONTROLS ON THE IVORY TRADE.

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RELIEF GRANTS PAID OUT TO DISTRESSED FARMERS

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EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS OF MORE THAN \$586,900 HAD BEEN PAID TO NEEDY FARMERS WHO SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON BRENDA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

OF THE TOTAL, \$372,000 HAD BEEN PAID TO 831 CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND THE REMAINING \$214,900 TO 143 FISH POND FARMERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM 1,306 APPLICANTS OF WHOM 974 FARMERS WERE FOUND ELIGIBLE AFTER CHECKING AND ASSESSMENT BY DEPARTMENT STAFF.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, TYPHOON BRENDA HAD CAUSED FLOODING TO 119 HECTARES OF FARMLAND IN YUEN LONG AND THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

LIVESTOCK LOSSES INCLUDED SOME 53,520 POULTRY AND 1,180 PIGS. AGRICULTURAL LOSSES WERE ESTIMATED TO COST AT \$6 MILLION.

THE TYPHOON ALSO CAUSED OVER-FLOODING TO SOME 160 HECTARES OF FISH PONDS WITH LOSSES OF 265 TONNES OF POND FISH ESTIMATED AT \$3 MILLION.

"APART FROM THE RELIEF GRANTS, DISTRESSED FARMERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE THEIR FARMS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOW-INTEREST LOANS FROM THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND.

"LOANS FROM THESE FUNDS ARE GRANTED TO INDIVIDUAL FARMERS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND WORKING CAPITAL AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK AND FEED, FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES, SEEDS, PLANTING MATERIAL, FARM EQUIPMENT, THE ERECTION OF FARM STRUCTURE, LAND FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FISH PONDS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING LOW-INTEREST LOANS CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE DEPARTMENT'S AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE AT 0-4769904 OR THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION AT 3-7332168 AND 3-7332169.

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BILL AIMS AT MORE EFFECTIVE WORKING OF LEGAL AID SCHEME

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THE LEGAL AID (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) PROPOSES A NUMBER OF TIDYING-UP PROVISIONS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE WORKING OF THE LEGAL AID SCHEME.

"HOWEVER, THE BILL PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FOR A SPOUSE WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM THE FIRST CHARGE OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID FROM \$1,500 TO \$2,500," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT SAID.

"AND THE AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE WAIVED AGAINST THE FIRST CHARGE IN CASES OF EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IS PROPOSED TO INCREASE TO \$30,000," HE ADDED.

"THESE PROVISIONS WILL ENABLE THOSE IN GREATEST NEED TO RECOVER A SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER PROPORTION OF THE AMOUNTS AWARDED TO THEM IN COURT PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT SUFFERING A REDUCTION IN RESPECT OF THEIR OWN LEGAL COSTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 28.

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LEGAL AID ALLOWANCES REVISED

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THE PERSONAL ALLOWANCES SET AGAINST CAPITAL AND INCOME IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL AID HAS BEEN INCREASED FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME BASIC RATES.

THE LEGAL AID (ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN REVISED AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

THE INCREASES (WHICH APPLY TO ANY PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR LEGAL AID AND ANY PERSON WHO IS DEPENDANT ON HIM) ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

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AMOUNTS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN COMPUTING DISPOSABLE CAPITAL

	EXISTING RATE	NEW RATE
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* PERSON WITH NO DEPENDANTS	\$7,100	\$7,880
* PERSON WITH DEPENDANTS -		
IN RESPECT OF THE PERSON HIMSELF	\$4,730	\$5,250
IN RESPECT OF EACH DEPENDANT	\$4,730	\$5,250

AMOUNTS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN COMPUTING DISPOSABLE INCOME

	EXISTING RATE	NEW RATE
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A) PERSON WITH NO DEPENDANTS	\$560	\$620
B) PERSON AND ONE DEPENDANT	\$420 EACH	\$465 EACH
C) SECOND AND THIRD DEPENDANTS	\$410	\$455 EACH
D) MORE THAN THREE DEPENDANTS	\$400	\$445 EACH

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GRANTING OF BANK LICENCES

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BANCO HISPANO AMERICANO, CREDITO ITALIANO, OSTERREICHISCHE LANDERBANK AND PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK HAVE BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"BANCO HISPANO AMERICANO IS THE THIRD LARGEST BANK IN SPAIN. CREDITO ITALIANO IS THE EIGHTH LARGEST BANK IN ITALY. OSTERREICHISCHE LANDERBANK IS THE THIRD LARGEST BANK IN AUSTRIA. PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES OF PNC FINANCIAL CORPORATION WHICH IS THE 13TH LARGEST BANK HOLDING COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.

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THE FOUR BANKS HAVE OPERATED A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG SINCE 1980, 1978, 1984 AND 1982 RESPECTIVELY.

"THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE GROWING TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE FOUR COUNTRIES HAVE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IN THE BANKING SECTOR OF HONG KONG," HE POINTED OUT.

THE GRANTING OF THE LICENCES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS TO 165, OF WHICH 133 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF EIGHT BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

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REVOCATION OF BANK LICENCES

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THE BANKING LICENCES OF CHAN MAN CHEONG FINANCE COMPANY, LEE SHING, AND MING TAI FINANCE COMPANY HAVE BEEN REVOKED, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE THREE INSTITUTIONS WERE THE ONLY UNINCORPORATED BANKS LEFT IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

ON THE BACKGROUND OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST, A NUMBER OF PARTNERSHIPS AND UNINCORPORATED PROPRIETORSHIP WERE FORMED TO CHANGE MONEY, DEAL IN GOLD, SERVE AS REMITTANCE HOUSES AND - IN SOME CASES - TAKE DEPOSITS.

"THE FIRST BANKING ORDINANCE IN 1948 GAVE SUCH A WIDE DEFINITION OF BANKING THAT SOME OF THESE INSTITUTIONS FELL TO BE LICENSED AS BANKS.

"THE 1964 AND 1986 BANKING ORDINANCE ALLOWED THESE SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED UNINCORPORATED BANKS TO CONTINUE (UNDER CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIC TO THEM, PARTICULARLY A CEILING OF \$2 MILLION ON TOTAL DEPOSITS AND OTHER BORROWINGS)," HE ADDED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNINCORPORATED BANKS HAS DIMINISHED TO THREE OVER THE YEARS THROUGH NATURAL WASTAGE, HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT THE BANKING BUSINESS OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS HAS BEEN MORIBUND FOR SOME YEARS, THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTIONS BEING GOLD TRADING AND MONEY CHANGING.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO REPEAL THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO UNINCORPORATED BANKS IN THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

"THE REVOCATION REFLECTS THE EVOLUTION OF BANKING," HE NOTED.

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PROPOSED RECLAMATION AT ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WORKS AT ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER TO PROVIDE LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT OVER 19 HECTARES OF SEA-BED AT ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND NORTH OF THE FORMER LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS, SHAU KEI WAN, TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE 34,500 PERSONS; COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES; OPEN SPACE AND OTHER USES.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ADEQUATE MEASURE WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID CAUSING DISTURBANCE TO THE SEA TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 1989.

MEANWHILE, AUTHORISATION HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR GOVERNMENT TO LAY TWIN PUMPING MAINS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GENERAL DREDGING WORKS WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 80 HECTARES OF THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN.

THE MAINS WILL CONVEY SLUDGE EFFLUENT FROM THE SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS FOR MARINE DISPOSAL BY SHIP VIA A PURPOSE-BUILT TERMINAL AT THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE DREDGING WORKS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THE SHING MUN RIVER AS PART OF AN OVERALL SCHEME TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN TOLO HARBOUR.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED AROUND AUGUST 1990.

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 1990.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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BILL ON REPRESENTATION IN ARBITRATIONS

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THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989, WHICH SEEKS TO CONFIRM THAT PARTIES TO AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT MAY BE REPRESENTED BY ANY PERSON OF THEIR CHOICE, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 28.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO AMEND THE ARBITRATION ORDINANCE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 44, 45 AND 47 OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE DO NOT APPLY TO ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS AND THAT PARTIES TO AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT ARE NOT RESTRICTED AS TO WHO MAY REPRESENT THEM.

SECTION 44 OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT ANY UNQUALIFIED PERSON ACTING AS A BARRISTER SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE. SECTION 45 PROVIDES THAT NO UNQUALIFIED PERSON SHALL ACT AS A SOLICITOR AND SECTION 47 PROVIDES THAT NO UNQUALIFIED PERSON SHALL PREPARE CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT COMMON LAW, THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF AUDIENCE OF BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS IN THE COURTS DOES NOT EXTEND TO ARBITRATIONS WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES OUTSIDE THE NORMAL COURT SYSTEM.

"A PARTY IN AN ARBITRATION SHOULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM BEING REPRESENTED BY THE ADVOCATE OF HIS CHOICE WHATEVER THE ADVOCATE'S PROFESSION AND FROM WHATEVER LEGAL JURISDICTION THAT PERSON MAY COME," HE SAID.

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NEW ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR WATER CONSUMERS

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RESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE BETTER SERVED WITH THE OPENING OF THE SHAU KEI WAN CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS, PO MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN, THE CENTRE IS THE NINTH OF ITS KIND SET UP BY THE DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

THE CENTRE WILL DEAL WITH ENQUIRIES FROM CONSUMERS ON ALL ASPECTS OF WATER ACCOUNTS AND HAS A SHROFF OFFICE FOR COLLECTING WATER CHARGES.

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IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.30 AM TO 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAY. THE OPENING HOUR OF THE SHROFF OFFICE IS 9 AM ON WEEKDAYS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, SAID THE CENTRE WAS REGARDED AS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS IMPROVING CONSUMER SERVICES UNDER A PROGRAMME DRAWN UP BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AUTO-PAY SERVICE FOLLOWING AN OVERALL ENHANCEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO SAID THE INSTALLATION OF A PRE-RECORDED TELEPHONE INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR WATER CONSUMERS AND AN OVER-THE-COUNTER SERVICE FOR CHANGE OF CONSUMERSHIP WOULD ALSO BE PUT INTO OPERATION LATER THIS YEAR.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE WERE THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR Y.S. YEUNG.

THE OTHER EIGHT ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ARE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY; STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, STANLEY; ARGYLE STREET DEPOT, MONG KOK; NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KWUN TONG; TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD; KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN; SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SAI KUNG; AND KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TSUEN WAN.

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NEW CLINIC FOR AP LEI CHAU
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLINIC AT MAIN STREET ON AP LEI CHAU TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN ABERDEEN AND THE ISLAND.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STORY BUILDING WHICH COMPRISES A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC WITH ASSOCIATED TEACHING FACILITIES TO BE USED BY DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PRACTICE, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE AND A DENTAL CLINIC.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE CONSULTATION ROOMS, DENTAL SURGERY ROOMS, MINOR SURGERY ROOM, COMPUTER LABORATORY AND SEMINAR ROOM.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START THIS SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE OF SUBMITTING TENDERS IS AT NOON ON JULY 7, 1989.

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SINGLE LANE CLOSURE ON TSING YI BRIDGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE THE STAGE II IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON TSING YI BRIDGE, THE SINGLE LANE CLOSURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE NIGHT CLOSURE PROGRAMME.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED 24 HOURS DAILY FROM 5.40 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 18) FOR FIVE MONTHS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI TSING ROAD (TSING YI BOUND) BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH KWAI TAI ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, INCLUDING THE WHOLE TSING YI BRIDGE, WILL BE CLOSED. A SECTION OF CARRIAGEWAY AT TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ROUNDABOUT, CONNECTING SOUTHBOUND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TSING YI ROAD, WILL BE REOPENED.

TRAFFIC ON KWAI TSING ROAD GAINING ACCESS TO TSING YI WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, TSUEN WAN ROAD, TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

THE SLIP ROAD FROM TSUEN WAN ROAD LEADING TO THE TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT WILL BE SOLELY USED BY VEHICLES GOING TO TSING YI. MOTORISTS ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD INTENDING TO GO TO TSUEN WAN WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE TAI CHUNG ROAD INTERCHANGE AT CHAI WAN KOK.

KMB ROUTES NOS. 42, 43, 43A, 43C, 43D AND 43M WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEING ON JOURNEYS TO TSING YI. ROUTE 30X WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, KWAI TSING ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD BEFORE RESUMING ITS NORMAL ROUTEING ON JOURNEYS TO TSUEN WAN.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) ROUTES NOS. 88B, 88C AND 88M WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD AND TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD BEFORE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ROUTEING ON JOURNEYS TO TSING YI.

PLB ROUTE NO. 88 WILL BE CONVERTED TO A CIRCULAR ROUTE AND TERMINATE AT KWAI FONG MTR STATION ONLY. THE ROUTE WILL THEN BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD, FUNG SHUE WO THA, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, CHEUNG MEI ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TSING YI BRIDGE AND KWAI TSING ROAD.

PLB ROUTE NO. 88S WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA TSUEN WAN ROAD, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE, CHEUNG ON ESTATE, FUNG SHUE WO ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TSING YI ROAD, CHUNG MEI ROAD, TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TSING YI BRIDGE AND TSUEN WAN ROAD.

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A FARE OF \$1.50 WILL BE CHARGED ON ROUTES NO. 88, 88B AND 88C AND \$3 ON ROUTE NO. 88M WITH A SECTION FARE OF \$1.50 ON JOURNEYS TO TSING YI DURING THE DIVERSION VIA TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

AS THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC USING THE TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT ON THE WAY TO TSING YI DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM TSUEN WAN ARE ADVISED TO USE THE TAI CHUNG ROAD INTERCHANGE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BOWEN DRIVE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT BOWEN DRIVE IN THE MID-LEVELS BETWEEN BOWEN GARDEN AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO BOWEN ROAD PLAYGROUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 18).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST UNTIL 6 PM ON JULY 1 TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

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SUSPENSION OF WATER SUPPLY IN HA KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HA KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 12 MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY (JUNE 17) TO 6 AM ON SUNDAY BECAUSE OF WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE TEXACO ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, HING SHING ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI LIN PAI ROAD, LAI KING HILL ROAD, CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND THE WATERFRONT.

THESE INCLUDE CONTAINER TERMINAL, CHING LAI COURT, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, KWAI HING ESTATE, KWAI FONG ESTATE, LAI KING ESTATE AND THEIR NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

ALL PREMISES AT KUNG YIP STREET, WAH SING STREET, WAI LAI PATH, AS WELL AS KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON,
AT THE AIRPORT ON JUNE 16, 1989

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GOVERNOR GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT

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THE FOLLOWING IS A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) ON HIS RETURN FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IN GENEVA:

GOVERNOR: GOOD MORNING. I WON'T DO MUCH IN THE WAY OF AN INTRODUCTION. YOU ALL KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING, I'VE BEEN AWAY FOR JUST OVER A WEEK. FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO GO AND SEE THE MINISTERS, AND SEE THE PRIME MINISTER. SECONDLY, I WAS APPEARING IN FRONT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. AND THIRDLY, I'VE JUST BEEN IN GENEVA FOR THE CONFERENCE ON VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

SINCE YOU PROBABLY COVERED, OR HAVE SEEN A LOT ABOUT THE FIRST TWO OF THOSE SERIES OF EVENTS, LET ME JUST BRIEFLY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

THE MESSAGE WHICH OUGHT TO GO BACK TO VIETNAM, WHICH MUST GO BACK TO VIETNAM, IS THAT THE IDEA OF AUTOMATIC RESETTLEMENT AS A RESULT OF LEAVING BY BOAT IS NOW AT AN END. IT'S BEEN AT AN END IN HONG KONG FOR SOME TIME; IT'S AT AN END THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA. SO I HOPE THAT THE MESSAGE WHICH WILL GO BACK VERY LOUD AND VERY CLEAR TO VIETNAM, AND ESPECIALLY NORTH VIETNAM, IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE VIETNAM AND GO TO NORTH AMERICA WHICH IS WHERE MOST OF THEM WANT TO GO, DON'T LEAVE BY A SMALL BOAT ALONG THE COAST OF CHINA TO HONG KONG. STAY IN VIETNAM, AND IF YOU'VE GOT A HOPE OF BEING RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES, THEN THE ONLY WAY OF DOING THAT IS THROUGH THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAMME, NO OTHER WAY. THE OTHER PROSPECT IS REMAINING IN A CAMP UNTIL YOU'RE REPATRIATED TO VIETNAM.

THE CONFERENCE DID MAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT STEPS FORWARD. IT SET OUT THAT MESSAGE. IT DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF RESETTLEMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GENUINE REFUGEES, WITH A LARGE PROGRAMME FOR DEALING WITH THAT. IT CAME UP WITH A VERY GENEROUS OFFER FROM THE PHILIPPINES' FOREIGN MINISTER FOR A REGIONAL HOLDING CENTRE IN THE PHILIPPINES. AND THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION IN ALL ITS FORMS TO VIETNAM, WAS GIVEN A VERY THOROUGH AIRING AT THE CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH THERE WERE, AS YOU KNOW, DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION.

WE ARE, OURSELVES, ON A BILATERAL BASIS CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE ON THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION. LET ME LEAVE IT AT THAT AS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND JUST TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU'VE GOT.

/SIMON COLE (ITN):

SIMON COLE (ITN): WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ABOUT NATIONALITY IN GREAT BRITAIN? THIS SEEMS TO BE THE BIG ISSUE. WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE HERE?

GOVERNOR: THE MESSAGE I GAVE WAS A MESSAGE TO BRITAIN AND THAT MESSAGE WAS THAT IF BRITAIN WOULD GIVE A RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS OF ALL SORTS IN HONG KONG, A RIGHT OF ENTRY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THAT THAT WOULD DO AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD IN HONG KONG. AND MY SECOND MESSAGE - AND I REPEAT THIS IS A MESSAGE TO BRITAIN - WAS THAT IF THAT WAS DONE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD ACTUALLY WISH TO GO WOULD BE VERY SMALL AND NOTHING LIKE THE LARGE NUMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN THROWN AROUND IN BRITAIN IN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. SO THOSE WERE TWO MESSAGES TO BRITAIN.

THE MESSAGE TO HONG KONG IS THAT THOSE PARTICULAR POINTS WERE PUT ACROSS VERY CLEARLY IN BRITAIN AND ARE CONTINUING TO BE PUT ACROSS. THE TWO SENIOR MEMBERS OF OUR TWO COUNCILS, DAME LYDIA DUNN AND MR ALLEN LEE, WILL BE GOING TO LONDON AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK TO REINFORCE THAT MESSAGE. I'M VERY GLAD THAT THEY'RE DOING IT.

SIMON COLE : ARE YOU ENCOURAGED BY WHAT YOU HEARD IN LONDON ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

GOVERNOR: I CAN'T SAY I'M ENCOURAGED AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE THE INITIAL ANSWER THAT I GOT FROM MINISTERS AND FROM THE PRIME MINISTER WAS THAT WHAT I WAS SEEKING FOR WAS, IN THEIR VIEW, POLITICALLY VERY DIFFICULT INDEED. THAT THEY WOULD CONCEIVE OF FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS BUT NOT SOMETHING GOING SO FAR AS I'D ASKED FOR. BUT I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR. AND I SEE DAME LYDIA AND MR LEE'S VISIT AS PART OF THAT PROCESS.

PAUL HARRINGTON: (HONG KONG STANDARD): SOME RECENT REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE, PERHAPS A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG. IF IT DOES BECOME A QUESTION OF NUMBERS, AT WHICH STAGE WILL THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DECIDE THAT IT HAS GOT AS MUCH AS IT IS GOING TO GET OUT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF NUMBERS?

GOVERNOR: I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT PARTICULAR REPORT. WHAT WE ARE ARGUING FOR AT THE MOMENT IS SOMETHING COVERING ALL OF THE BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS IN HONG KONG. NOW IF FOR THE MOMENT THAT TURNS OUT TO BE IMPOSSIBLE, WHAT I SAID TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WAS THAT AS AN INTERIM MEASURE I WOULD LOOK FOR THE MAXIMUM OF GENEROSITY AND THE MAXIMUM OF FLEXIBILITY IN WHATEVER BRITAIN WAS DOING.

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PAUL HARRINGTON: YES, WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO AREN'T NECESSARILY BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS? THE ONES ABOVE THE 3.25 MILLION.

GOVERNOR: I SEE THE FIRST OBLIGATION ON BRITAIN AS BEING TOWARDS THOSE WHO HOLD BRITISH PASSPORTS OF THE VARIOUS KINDS IN HONG KONG. AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE VARIOUS DIFFERENT KINDS OF BRITISH PASSPORTS HELD BY HONG KONG PEOPLE. I SEE THAT AS BEING THE FIRST AND THE KEY OBLIGATION FOR BRITAIN.

PHILLIP HAY (BBC-RADIO): YOUR MISSION TO LONDON WAS CERTAINLY BEING DESCRIBED HERE AS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF YOUR TWO YEARS HERE AS GOVERNOR. HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS YOUR OWN PERFORMANCE? WHAT DID YOU ACTUALLY COME BACK WITH IN YOUR HAND?

GOVERNOR: I NEVER SIT AROUND TRYING TO ASSESS MY OWN PERFORMANCE; I LEAVE THAT TO OTHER PEOPLE. MY PURPOSE WAS TO GO AND PUT ACROSS, VERY CLEARLY TO PEOPLE IN BRITAIN, A MESSAGE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WHICH HONG KONG IS NOW FACING. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I BELIEVE NEED TO BE DONE ABOUT IT, AND TO PUT THAT ACROSS. NOW, THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH HAS TO BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS. IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU DRAW A LINE ON AND SAY, WE'VE GOT 8 OUT OF 10, 5 OUT OF 10, OR WHATEVER, IT'S GOT TO BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS.

PHILLIP HAY: WOULD YOU CONSIDER ANY HEADLINES THEN, CONSEQUENTLY, THAT DESCRIBE THE MISSION AS "LESS THAN SATISFACTORY" AS SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU UNHAPPY IN THAT RESPECT?

GOVERNOR: I HAVE A TOTAL MISTRUST OF HEADLINES, IF I MIGHT SAY SO. I THINK IT'S BETTER TO READ THE FULL TEXT.

TRIONA HOLDEN (BBC TV NEWS): CAN YOU TELL ME, WHAT IMPRESSION DID YOU GET ON HOW FEELINGS AND THINKING HAD CHANGED IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TERMS, FOLLOWING WHAT HAPPENED IN TIAN AN MEN SQUARE, AS REGARDS THE NATIONALITY QUESTION IN HONG KONG?

GOVERNOR: WELL, ON A SERIES OF ISSUES, I THINK IT HAS HAD A VERY CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON BRITAIN AS A WHOLE, AND ON POLITICAL OPINION - POLITICAL OPINION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, POLITICAL OPINION IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT - IT'S HAD A VERY MARKED IMPACT. THERE IS, I BELIEVE, IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, A VERY REAL DESIRE TO LOOK FOR WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN HELP HONG KONG AND I VERY MUCH WELCOME THAT. I CANNOT SAY TO YOU, AS YOU KNOW, THAT IT HAS GONE AS FAR AS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT ON THE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY.

/TRIONA HOLDEN:

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TRIONA HOLDEN: CAN I JUST ASK YOU, AS WELL, HERE IN HONG KONG IF YOU GOT STUDENTS COMING FROM CHINA, WHICH IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, FILTERING THROUGH AND ASKING FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THEM?

GOVERNOR: AT THE MOMENT WE'VE HAD NO CHANGE AT ALL IN THE PATTERN OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA. IT'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY NORMAL. IF WE GET INDIVIDUAL CASES WHICH REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION, THEN WE DEAL WITH EACH OF THOSE INDIVIDUALLY.

TRIONA HOLDEN: DO YOU HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THAT HAPPENING? BECAUSE IT IS LIKELY, ISN'T IT?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S LIKELY OR NOT, IS THE HONEST ANSWER TO THAT. WE HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEALING WITH AN INCREASED INFLUX OF PEOPLE FROM CHINA. WE ALWAYS HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEALING WITH INCREASES IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. BUT I EMPHASISE THE POINT, IF THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL CASES, THEN THEY'RE DEALT WITH INDIVIDUALLY.

JEFF SIMMS (ABC TV): THE BASIC LAW TALKS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. THERE ARE MORE CALLS FOR GREATER DEMOCRACY HERE. TODAY'S PAPER SHOWS THAT CONFIDENCE IS AT ITS LOWEST SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO RESTORE SOME CONFIDENCE IN THE PLACE?

GOVERNOR: THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY A LOT OF PEOPLE; THIS DOESN'T DEPEND SOLELY ON THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY CHINA TO RESTORE THE DAMAGE THAT'S BEEN DONE TO CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG. AND THERE HAS BEEN DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY BRITAIN TO HELP RESTORE CONFIDENCE HERE; PRACTICAL MEASURE OF SUPPORT. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE BY ALL OF US HERE, AND BY THAT I MEAN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME: WE'RE STILL IN A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN HONG KONG. IT'S A TIME WHEN WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, WHEN WE NEED UNITY IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US. IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF SOMETHING SIMPLY FOR THE GOVERNOR, SOMETHING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, IT'S FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

JEFF SIMMS: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT - HAVING LIVED HERE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO - THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME, PEOPLE ARE NOT PREPARED JUST TO LOOK AT THE SHORT TERM, THE TWO TO FIVE YEAR TURN AROUND. MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE THROWN THE TOWEL IN.

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GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK THAT PEOPLE HERE SIMPLY THROW THE TOWEL IN. THERE'S NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN WORRIED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN CHINA. AND IT'S NOT AT ALL SURPRISING THAT THAT'S THE CASE. BUT THIS IDEA OF PEOPLE SIMPLY THROWING IN THE TOWEL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T THINK WE'RE A THROWING IN THE TOWEL TYPE OF COMMUNITY.

FIONA MCMAHON (SCM POST): WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK IT WILL HAVE ON HONG KONG IF BRITAIN DOESN'T IN FACT RECONSIDER ANY OF ITS MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS US AND GIVE US PASSPORTS? AND HOW DIVISIVE WOULD IT BE IF MRS THATCHER ONLY - IF HER FLEXIBILITY ONLY APPLIED TO CIVIL SERVANTS AND TOP BUSINESSMEN?

GOVERNOR: WELL, THAT'S A SERIES OF RATHER HYPOTHETICAL POINTS. WHAT WE ARE ARGUING FOR AT THE MOMENT IS SOMETHING WHICH GOES WIDER THAN THAT AND WE'RE CERTAINLY ARGUING FOR THE MAXIMUM OF GENEROSITY. I CAN'T ANSWER THE HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION OF: "WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF WE DON'T GET AS FAR AS WE'D LIKE TO GET?"

QUESTION: DO YOU ACCEPT THAT BOTH THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM AND THE PROBLEM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY HAVE BECOME, IN A SENSE, PROBLEMS OF NUMBERS RATHER THAN PRINCIPLES AT THIS STAGE?

GOVERNOR: NO, I DON'T THINK THAT THEY SHOULD DO. I THINK THAT THEY ARE BOTH QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE, IF YOU LIKE. THE PRINCIPLE IN THE CASE OF BRITISH NATIONALITY BEING: WHAT SHOULD BE DONE; WHAT ASSURANCES GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BRITISH PASSPORTS BUT ARE IN HONG KONG? THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE BEING: WHAT DO YOU DO WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GENUINE REFUGEES; WHO HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THIS TERRITORY? DO YOU SIMPLY LEAVE THEM IN CAMPS FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR? OR DO YOU DO, WHAT TO MY MIND IS THE SENSIBLE, THE PRACTICAL, AND INDEED THE HUMANE THING, AND THAT IS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY? I THINK BOTH OF THOSE - I DON'T USE MYSELF VERY MUCH TO THIS IDEA OF PRINCIPLES, RIGID PRINCIPLES - BOTH OF THOSE ARE THOUGH, A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE AND OF PRACTICALITY.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE PORT OF FIRST ASYLUM IS A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE THAT WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO DITCH SHORTLY?

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GOVERNOR: WELL THE POINT THAT I MADE IN MY SPEECH AT GENEVA, AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ALSO MADE - AND THIS IS A PRACTICAL POINT-THAT WE CANNOT SIMPLY GO ON WITH THE SITUATION THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WHICH WAS HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COMING IN AT A TREMENDOUS RATE, EVERY DAY, WITHOUT ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR RE-SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES, AND FOR REPATRIATION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES. AND THAT'S A STRAIGHTFORWARD POINT OF FACT, A PRACTICAL POINT.

STUART PALLISTER (ATV): DID MRS THATCHER OR SIR GEOFFREY INDICATE HOW FAR THEY WOULD GO REGARDING THE FLEXIBILITY ISSUE?

GOVERNOR: NO. NO. I WAS PRESSING FOR DEALING WITH ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HOLD BRITISH PASSPORTS HERE. THERE ANSWER, AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, WAS THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS POLITICALLY VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM BUT THEY SAW ROOM FOR FLEXIBILITY. BUT NOT PRECISELY WHAT THAT FLEXIBILITY MIGHT BE.

KENNETH WONG (RTHK): THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN STERN WARNINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND NOT TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN CHINA. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT?

GOVERNOR: I HAVEN'T READ THE FULL EDITORIAL BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TRAVELLING BY AIR, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING OF IT WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT. I MAY HAVE GOT IT WRONG --

KENNETH WONG: THIS IS FROM THE CCTV.

GOVERNOR: I THOUGHT THAT WHAT HAD BEEN SAID WAS THAT IT WAS PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN CHINA, BUT THAT IF PEOPLE WERE TRAVELLING TO CHINA THEN THEY SHOULD OBEY THE LAWS OF CHINA. NOW MY CONCERN IS A HONG KONG CONCERN THAT IN HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD OBEY THE LAWS OF HONG KONG. IT'S PLAIN COMMONSENSE IF YOU'RE SOMEWHERE ELSE, THAT YOU SHOULD OBSERVE THE LAWS OF THAT OTHER PLACE, WHEREVER IT IS.

QUESTION: ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE REGARDED YOU BEFORE YOUR TRIP TO LONDON AS A WHITEHALL MAN, AND NOW REGARD YOU AS A HONG KONG MAN?

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GOVERNOR: I'VE BEEN TRAVELLING FOR THE LAST TEN DAYS, SO I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU A PERSONAL ANSWER SINCE YOU ASK ME A PERSONAL QUESTION AND THAT IS: ON A PERSONAL BASIS - I'VE NOW BEEN HERE AS GOVERNOR FOR JUST OVER TWO YEARS, I SUPPOSE - I HAVE NOT IN ANY WAY CHANGED; FROM THE MOMENT I CAME, MY CONCERN HAS BEEN TO LOOK AFTER HONG KONG'S INTERESTS AND TO PUT THOSE FORWARD AS STRONGLY AS I POSSIBLY CAN, IN THE WAY THAT I THINK IS THE BEST WAY OF GETTING THEM HEARD. SOMETIMES THAT REQUIRES WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES; SOMETIMES THAT REQUIRES SPEAKING OUT OPENLY. I HAVEN'T CHANGED.

QUESTION: SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, OF COURSE, ARRIVES IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH. AFTER ALL THE FURIOUSNESS, I WOULD SUGGEST, WITH THE BRITISH POSITION OVER NATIONALITY, WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION DO YOU THINK HE IS LIKELY TO GET FROM THE MAN IN THE STREET WHO IS CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE HERE?

GOVERNOR: WELL, YOU'VE BEEN HERE LISTENING TO WHAT THE MAN IN THE STREET SAYS, YOU COULD PROBABLY GUESS THAT BETTER THAN I CAN. WHAT I HOPE HE WILL DO IS COME HERE AND LISTEN TO THOSE VIEWS FROM THE MAN IN THE STREET - FROM THE MAN IN THE STREET AND THE MAN WHEREVER HE MAY BE - ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, AND INDEED I'M SURE HE WILL. HE IS SOMEBODY WHO IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO HONG KONG AND SOMEBODY VERY READY TO LISTEN.

QUESTION: YET LOOKING AT THE SCALE OF THE ANXIETY, WOULD YOU EXPECT HIM TO GET SOMETHING OF A ROUGH RIDE, THOUGH?

GOVERNOR: THAT, I DON'T KNOW.

QUESTION: IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS IN SHANGHAI RECENTLY, WITH THE DEATH PENALTY BEING GIVEN TO THREE PEOPLE, WE DO IN HONG KONG STILL HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY ON THE STATUTE BOOKS. DO YOU THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT 1997?

GOVERNOR: WE DO HAVE VERY STRONG VIEWS IN THE COMMUNITY HERE, ON THE QUESTION OF THE DEATH PENALTY, AND THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD WISH TO KEEP THE DEATH PENALTY. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IT IS ALWAYS AT THE MOMENT, COMMUTED. BUT THERE IS A STRONG FEELING IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THAT SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE. IT IS THE CASE AT THE MOMENT AND IT'S LIKELY TO GO ON BEING THE CASE. BUT I WOULD EXPECT QUITE STRONG OPPOSITION TO REMOVING IT FROM THE STATUTE BOOKS.

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QUESTION: BUT AFTER 1997, I MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THE PENALTY MAY NOT BE COMMUTED QUITE SO OFTEN.

GOVERNOR: WELL, AFTER 1997, WHETHER OR NOT YOU TOOK IT OFF THE STATUTE BOOKS, IT IS SURELY UP TO THE LEGISLATURE AFTER 1997 TO DECIDE THAT SHOULD BE ON THE STATUTE BOOKS. IF YOU TAKE IT OFF, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE LEGISLATURE WOULD WISH TO PUT IT ON AGAIN; IT'S THEIR RIGHT.

QUESTION: BUT IF IT'S ALREADY IN PLACE, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR THEM, WON'T IT?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK IT MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE IF IT IS SOMETHING WHICH IS A STRONGLY HELD VIEW OF THE COMMUNITY.

DAVID SCHLESINGER (REUTER): TURNING BACK TO THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM FOR A MOMENT. ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED THAT THE DIFFICULT QUESTION OF INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WAS PUT OFF YET AGAIN, UNTIL OCTOBER? CAN HONG KONG, PHYSICALLY, WAIT SO LONG?

GOVERNOR: I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE ARE LARGE SECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHO SIMPLY WILL NOT FACE FACTS. AND WHO ON THE ONE HAND WILL SAY THAT THERE'S NO QUESTION OF RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES, AND ON THE OTHER HAND WILL SAY THAT THEY SHOULD NOT GO BACK TO VIETNAM UNLESS THEY POSITIVELY VOLUNTEER TO DO SO. TO MY MIND, THAT IS ILLOGICAL, AND INDEED, I THINK IT IS INHUMANE. BECAUSE WHAT IT IS SAYING IS THAT THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD SIMPLY PILE UP IN CAMPS ROUND THE REGION. AND A POINT THAT I MADE AT GENEVA, WHICH A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD SIMPLY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND, IS THAT WE'RE SEEING A MOVEMENT OF FAMILIES. OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE'VE GOT COMING HERE FROM NORTH VIETNAM - THEY ARE NEARLY ALL FROM NORTH VIETNAM - HALF OF THEM ARE AGED 20 OR UNDER. A THIRD OF THEM ARE CHILDREN OF 15 OR UNDER. SO WHAT THAT SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION IS SAYING: THESE YOUNG CHILDREN, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, SHOULD SIMPLY REMAIN IN CAMPS FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR BECAUSE THE WORLD COMMUNITY WON'T FACE THE FACT THAT THEY OUGHT TO GO BACK TO THEIR OWN HOMELAND - UNDER ACCEPTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. OF COURSE THEY MUST BE ACCEPTABLE.

DAVID SCHLESINGER: THAT SEEMS TO BE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES?

GOVERNOR: IT'S NOT SIMPLY TO THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT WASN'T ONLY THE UNITED STATES THAT PUT FORWARD THAT VIEW. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO PUT FORWARD THAT VIEW. IT INCLUDED THE UNITED STATES.

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QUESTION: IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S SPEECH THAT THE FIRST ASYLUM POSSIBLY MIGHT BE ABANDONED. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS ABANDONING FIRST ASYLUM?

GOVERNOR: WHAT HE WAS SAYING, AND WHAT I WAS SAYING, WAS A PRACTICAL REALITY THAT WE CAN'T GO ON AS WE WERE BEFORE UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS ARE PUT IN PLACE FOR RESETTLEMENT; UNLESS WE START TO WORK ON THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION; UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT A HOLDING CENTRE; WE JUST SIMPLY CAN'T GO ON. NOW, THE GREAT UNKNOWN IN ALL THIS IS, HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO COME INTO HONG KONG? AT THE MOMENT WE DON'T KNOW. I HOPE THAT THE MESSAGE FROM GENEVA WILL BE: 'DON'T LEAVE VIETNAM IN A SMALL LEAKY BOAT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET TO NORTH AMERICA. YOU'RE GOING TO FINISH UP IN A CAMP AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO VIETNAM.'

IF WE GET TO THE POINT THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING ON AS BEFORE AND THEN WE SAY, WE CAN'T GO ON PROVIDING ASYLUM, I WOULDN'T LIKE TO GO INTO THE PRECISE DETAILS OF HOW THAT WOULD BE DONE. I HOPE WE CAN AVOID THAT POINT. THE MESSAGE WAS, WE HAVE A REAL CRISIS IN HONG KONG. THE WORLD SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF IT, BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION TO DEAL WITH IT, SO WE DON'T GET TO THAT POINT WHERE WE SAY, WE CAN NO LONGER PROVIDE ASYLUM.

QUESTION: REPORTS, SIR DAVID, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE MIGHT BE WILLING TO TAKE BACK MORE OF THEIR NATIONALS FOR A CASH SUM. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD MAKE GOOD ECONOMIC SENSE TO PAY \$1,000 PER HEAD?

GOVERNOR: WELL, WE'RE GOING ON TALKING TO THE VIETNAMESE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION. TRYING TO BUILD ON THE EXISTING PROGRAMME THAT WE'VE GOT, TO WIDEN THAT PROGRAMME AND MAKE IT MORE COMPREHENSIVE. THE ACTUAL COST OF SENDING BACK PEOPLE, UP TO NOW, HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY WHAT YOU SAY; IT'S BEEN APPROXIMATELY US\$1,000 PER HEAD. NOW THAT'S THE COST OF TRANSPORT, REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE; SO THE SUM YOU MENTION IS THE PRECISE COST THAT IT'S BEEN UP TO NOW.

IT IS, OF COURSE, - I MEAN JUST TO FOLLOW UP YOUR POINT - IT IS A GREAT DEAL CHEAPER THAN KEEPING PEOPLE HERE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

STUART PALLISTER: TO FOLLOW ON FROM THAT, ONE OF THE REAL SOLUTIONS TO THIS SEEMS TO BE THAT ECONOMIC AID SHOULD BE GIVEN TO VIETNAM. WHAT ARE THE INDICATIONS THAT BRITAIN AND HONG KONG WILL BE OFFERING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BEFORE OR AFTER SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE TROOPS ARE PULLED OUT OF KAMPUCHEA?

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GOVERNOR: WE'RE NOT IN THE BUSINESS, IN HONG KONG, OF OFFERING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. THAT'S SOMETHING FOR SOVEREIGN STATES WHO ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF GIVING AID --

STUART PALLISTER: WELL, WHAT ABOUT BRITAIN?

GOVERNOR: WHEN THE VIETNAMESE DO PULL OUT OF CAMBODIA - AND I HOPE THEY STICK TO THEIR PROGRAMME OF THE END OF SEPTEMBER - THAT OPENS THE WAY FOR ECONOMIC AID FROM COUNTRIES ALL AROUND THE WORLD WHO SO FAR HAVE BLOCKED IT. AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE BRITAIN, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY; I'D HOPE IT WOULD INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES. LONG TERM, THE ANSWER TO THIS MUST SURELY BE THAT THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD SORT OUT THEIR OWN ECONOMY - OF WHICH THEY'VE MADE THE MOST UNHOLY MESS - AND PART OF THAT PROCESS WOULD BE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. BUT THIS IS A LONG TERM PROCESS; IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE A VERY REAL IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL PROBLEM WITH VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WHICH WE MUST GO ON TRYING TO SOLVE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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SUPPLEMENT

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EMBARGOED NEWS ITEM:

NOTE TO EDITORS OF
NEWSPAPERS, NEWS AGENCIES
AND BROADCASTING STATIONS:

The following announcement on the Queen's Birthday Honours list will be made in London at 0001 hours GMT on Saturday, June 17.

Publication is permitted in Hong Kong newspapers tomorrow (Saturday, June 17), but no news agency or overseas radio transmission of the announcement may carry the information without the embargo qualification.

The news may be broadcast from 6 am onwards tomorrow (Saturday, June 17) over the local radio and television stations.

On NO account should any of the recipients of Honours be contacted for interviews, or for information related to their careers, or be approached in any way in connection with their awards before these have been publicly announced.

HONOURS

- KBE - Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- CBE - Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- OBE - Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- ISO - Companion of the Imperial Service Order
- MBE - Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- BEM - British Empire Medal
- QPM - The Queen's Police Medal
- QFSM - The Queen's Fire Service Medal
- CPM - Colonial Police Medal

Badge of Honour

Queen's Birthday Honours List 1989

KBE

The Honourable Piers JACOBS, OBE, JP

Mr Jacobs has been Financial Secretary since May, 1986 and is a member of the Executive Council.

Mr Jacobs joined the Hong Kong Civil Service in 1962 as a Legal Assistant in the Registrar General's Department. He became Registrar General in 1976 and Secretary for Economic Services in 1983.

CBE

The Honourable Geoffrey Thomas BARNES, JP

Secretary for Security, and former Commissioner Against Corruption. He joined the Hong Kong Government Service in 1970 after service in Sarawak. He has held a number of posts in the Government including posts with the Police and the former Commerce and Industry Department. He was made a JP in 1980.

The Honourable Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen, OBE, JP

Member of the Legislative Council. He has been a member of various Legco committees, and Convener of the OMELCO Standing Panels on Industry and Community Affairs. Outside the Legislative Council, he has served on a number of boards and committees, and is Chairman of the Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation. He was made a JP in 1981 and awarded an OBE in 1984.

Mr Arthur GARCIA

Appointed the first Commissioner for Administrative Complaints this year, and before that was a Judge of the High Court from 1979. He has been in the Hong Kong public service since 1939 and is Chairman of the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme, Chairman of the Solicitors Costs Committee and Chairman of the Social Service Committee of Caritas.

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The Honourable Peter TSAO Kwang-yung, CPM, JP

Secretary for Administrative Services and Information. He joined the Government service in 1955 and has held a variety of posts, including Commissioner for Trade, Industry and Customs, and Director of Information Services. He was made a JP in 1976, and was awarded the Colonial Police Medal.

OBE

Mr Anthony AU-YEUNG Fu, JP

Commissioner of Inland Revenue since 1985. He joined the Inland Revenue Department in 1965 and became Deputy Commissioner in 1979. He was made a JP in 1978.

The Honourable CHAN Ying-lun, JP

Member of the Legislative Council since 1983. He serves on the Housing Authority and was Chairman of the Committee on the Review of Domestic Rent Policy. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Education, the Eastern District Board and a number of committees. He was made a JP in 1986.

Mr Graham CHENG Cheng-hsun, JP

Chairman of the Productivity Council. He is also Chairman of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board and a member of the Industry Development Board. He has many interests in the field of education. He was made a JP in 1985.

Mr George HINDHAUGH, QPM, CPM

Deputy Commissioner of Police. He joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1975 following service in the then Nyasaland and British Solomon Islands Protectorate Police Forces. His previous appointments included Regional Commander Hong Kong Island, and Kowloon, and Director of Operations at Headquarters. He was awarded the Colonial Police Medal in 1968 and the Queen's Police Medal in 1983.

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Mr Anthony John VAIL, JP

Member of Council of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and President in 1980-81. He became founder Chairman of the Environmental Division of the Institution in 1987, the Hong Kong Group of British Consulting Engineers in 1985 and the Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong in 1986. He is also a member of a number of building committees and was made a JP in 1984.

Mr Steuart Alfred WEBB-JOHNSON, JP

Minister for Hong Kong in Brussels. He joined the Hong Kong Government Administrative Service in 1956 and has held a variety of posts. Much of his career has been spent in the London Office of the Hong Kong Government, and he took up his present appointment in Brussels in 1987. He was made a JP in 1961.

ISO

Mr Jose LEI Meng-can

Director of Architectural Services. He joined the then Public Works Department in 1955. He has held a number of posts in the Department, and was appointed Director of Architectural Services in 1986. He is a keen sportsman and has represented Hong Kong in rifle shooting in the Asian, Commonwealth and Olympic Games. He was made a JP in 1980.

Mr John Howard MARCH, QFSM, CPM

Director of Fire Services. He joined the Fire Services Department in 1962 following six years with a local authority fire brigade in the United Kingdom. He became Deputy Director of Fire Services in 1984 and was promoted to Director in 1987. He was awarded the Colonial Police Medal in 1976 and the Queen's Fire Service Medal in 1983.

Mrs Elizabeth WONG CHIEN Chi-lien, JP

Director of Social Welfare. Mrs Wong joined the Civil Service in 1969. She has held a variety of senior appointments, including Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs and Deputy Secretary for Lands and Works. She was appointed Director of Social Welfare in 1987 and was made a JP in 1982.

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Mrs Irene YAU LEE Che-yun, JP

Director of Information Services. Mrs Yau joined the Government service in 1964. She became Deputy Director of Information Services in 1986 and was appointed Director in 1987. She was made a JP in 1986.

MBE

Mr CHAN Chi-sum

Mr Chan is Assistant Director, Urban Services Department.

Mr Jackie CHAN Kong-sang

Mr Chan is a well known film actor and director in Hong Kong. He performed at the "Youth Spectacular" for the Queen in 1986.

Mr CHAN Siu-leung

Mr Chan joined the Civil Service in 1954. He is at present Assistant Director of Accounting Services, the Treasury.

Mr Leslie GRAY

An interpreter for the Judiciary for 31 years. He is the Chief Court Interpreter.

Mr Timothy HA Wing-ho, JP

Supervisor and Principal of St Paul's College. He has served on the Board of Education and is a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee.

Mr Edward Arthur HACKER

Mr Hacker was the Creative Director of the Information Services Department from 1967. He retired earlier this year.

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Mrs LEE LO Yuk-sim, JP

Member of the Management Committee of the Housing Authority since 1979. Chairman of the Tenancy Appeals and Complaints Committees of the Housing Authority. Other community activities include chairman of the Squatter Area Committee of the Wong Tai Sin District Board.

Madam LEUNG Sing-tak, JP

A retired school principal. Vice Chairman of the New Territories Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Association.

MBE (Military Division)

Major Frank DRAKE

Major Drake joined the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) in 1967. He has been an active Reserve Officer since 1984.

Lieutenant Commander David HSU Ta-wai

Lieutenant Commander Hsu is a founder member of the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps. He also has 35 years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve and 14 years in the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

BEM (British Empire Medal)

Mr CHAN Hung

Mr Chan began his career in the Urban Services Department in 1956 and is now a Senior Foreman.

Mr CHAN Yiu-yee

Mr Chan worked as a chauffeur for the British Consulate in Macau from 1957-1967, prior to joining the Hong Kong Government as a Motor Driver in 1967.

Miss Florence CHING Foo-ying

Miss Ching is a Senior Clerical Officer, who joined the Government in 1957.

Mr LEE Yiu-leung

Mr Lee was appointed as Assistant Land Surveyor in the Government some 34 years ago and was promoted to Principal Survey Officer in 1981.

Mr LO Chi-pui

Mr Lo began his career in 1956 as a temporary clerk in the immigration section of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force. He is now a Clerical Officer I.

Mr SHIN Kam-chuen

Mr Shin joined the Civil Service as a lifeguard in 1962 and is a supervisor of life-saving services at public beaches in Hong Kong.

Mr TAM Kam-kau

Mr Tam joined the General Clerical Service in 1957 and is now a Senior Clerical Officer.

Mr TSANG Chi-kun

Mr Tsang is a Senior Electrical Technician in the Hospital Services Department, having joined the Civil Service in 1959.

Mr YEUNG Kon-ying

Mr Yeung joined the then Prisons Department as a warder in 1953 and is at present an Assistant Officer in the Correctional Services Department.

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Mrs Lillian YICK HO Hang-yuk

Mrs Yick joined the Government Service as a Personal Secretary in 1965 and rose to Senior Personal Secretary in 1977.

Mr Joseph YIM

Mr Yim joined the Civil Service as a Foreman in the Urban Services Department in 1958 and rose to Senior Overseer in 1978.

Mr YOUNG Kuen

Mr Young joined the then Medical and Health Department as a Labourer in 1961. He is at present a Chief Hospital Foreman.

Mrs WAN LEUNG Kong-ye

Mrs Wan joined the Government 29 years ago. She has served as a Confidential Assistant in the Executive Council Annexe for over 17 years.

Mrs WU KOO Poo-suen

Mrs Wu has served in the Social Welfare Department for 24 years, teaching craft work to the deaf and mentally handicapped.

BEM (Military Division)

Staff Sergeant TSE Kit

Staff Sergeant Tse is a Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant of A Squadron, Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers). He has served for 18 years.

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QPM (The Queen's Police Medal)

Mr David Toby EMMET, CPM

Mr Emmet joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1963. His present rank is Assistant Commissioner of Police.

Mr Cecil Alfred John SHEPPARD, MBE, CPM

Mr Sheppard joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1976, having served 21 years in Bechuanaland/Botswana. His present rank is Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police.

QFSM

Mr TAM Yuk-fan, CPM

Mr Tam joined the Fire Services Department as a Sub-officer in 1954 and is at present a Chief Fire Officer.

CPM

Mr AU Big-leung

Mr Au joined the Fire Services Department in 1958 as a Watchkeeper in the Fire Control Centre. He is at present a Senior Divisional Officer in Kowloon.

Mr CHAN Hin-wang

Mr Chan joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as an Inspector in 1957 and was promoted to his present rank of Superintendent in 1971.

Mr CHAU Siu-keung

Mr Chau joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Constable in 1965. He was promoted to Chief Inspector in 1984.

Mr CHEUNG Wai-shing

Mr Cheung joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Sub-Inspector in 1960. He was promoted to his present rank of Superintendent in 1975.

Mr Christopher John GLOVER

Mr Glover joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1966. He is at present a Senior Superintendent.

Mr HO Chak-lam

Mr Ho joined the Government as a Clerk in 1960 and transferred to the Fire Services Department in 1962. He is now a Senior Divisional Officer. He is a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

Mr Alan Thomas HORNSBY

Mr Hornsby joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as an Inspector in 1966 and was promoted to his present rank of Senior Superintendent in 1985.

Mr KEUNG Kar-pan

Mr Keung joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Constable in 1953 and rose to his present rank of Station Sergeant in 1972.

Mr LAU Kin-yeuk

Mr Lau joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Sub-Inspector in 1954 and rose to Chief Inspector in 1972.

Mr LEE Kai-choi

Mr Lee joined the Fire Services Department as a Fireman in 1958 and rose to his present rank of Principal Fireman in 1980.

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Mr LO Ching-wai

Mr Lo joined the Fire Services Department in 1964 and is at present a Senior Divisional Officer.

Mr LO Hung-shun

Mr Lo joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1960 as a Constable and rose to his present rank of Superintendent in 1982.

Mr John Leslie PETTENGELL

Mr Pettengell joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1964. He is at present a Senior Superintendent.

Miss Millie STRADMOOR

Miss Stradmoor joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Woman Probationary Inspector in 1968, and rose to her present rank of Superintendent in 1982.

Mr Iain Edward WARD

Mr Ward joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1966. He is at present a Superintendent in the Marine Region.

Mr YAM Chuk-shun

Mr Yam joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1957 as a Police Constable. He was promoted to Chief Inspector in 1982.

Mr YEUNG Kwok-lim

Mr Yeung joined the Fire Services Department as a Fireman in 1957 and rose to his present rank of Principal Fireman in 1979.

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BADGE OF HONOUR

Mr CHAN Tin-sang

Mr Chan has served as Chairman of Yan Oi Tong and plays a major role in the promotion of welfare and services to youth, which includes the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and Tuen Mun Festival.

Mr Warren CHOW Yum-wah

Mr Chow is a member of the Wan Chai District Board. He is President and Executive Committee member of the Wan Chai Junior Police Call Activity Promotion Committee and is a member of the Tai Hang/So Kon Po Area Committee.

Mr HO Koon-shun

Mr Ho is Headmaster of the Sai Kung Public Primary School, a District Board member and Chairman of the District Board Environmental Improvement Committee.

Mr Tony KAN Chung-nin

Mr Kan is a member of the Sha Tin District Board and Chairman of the District Board's Development and Housing Committee. In 1988, he became Chairman of Yan Oi Tong and is a member of the Advisory Committee on Private Building Management.

Mr Johnson LAI

Mr Lai is a Director of Kwun Tong Industries and Commerce Association, Chairman of a Chinese Essay Writing Competition and an active member of the Lions Club in North Kowloon.

Mr Howard LEUNG Chak-cheung

Mr Leung is recognised for his significant contribution in promoting among the public the awareness and care of the countryside environment and his work on the Country Parks Board. He has published a number of booklets, the most recent being the "Lantau Trail" and "Family Walks".

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Mr TANG Ngan-hoi

Mr Tang is Chairman of the New Territories Schools Sports Association (Yuen Long Branch) and a committee member of the Yuen Long District Sports Association.

Mr TANG Pui-tat

Mr Tang is Vice Chairman of the Tai Po Rural Committee and an Executive Council member of the Heung Yee Kuk. He is a member of the Tai Po District Board.

Dr Harold SCHOCK

Dr Schock is a missionary, serving at the American Baptist Mission. He has contributed to the work in the anti-narcotics field and in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts.

Mr Norman SIN Siu-wah

Mr Sin is a member of the Tsuen Wan District Board, and pioneered the Tsuen Wan Youth Ambassador Scheme.

Mr WONG Shu

Mr Wong is a member of the Tuen Mun District Board, Vice Chairman of St John Ambulance Brigade and a Director of Yan Oi Tong schools.

Mr WONG Yick-kee

Mr Wong is Chairman of Yau Ma Tei North Area Committee. He served on the Yau Tsim District Fight Crime Committee and is now Chairman of the Management Committee of the Henry G. Leong Community Centre.

Mr WU Wing-kai

Mr Wu is a member of the Kowloon City District Board, and Chairman of the Hung Hom South Area Committee.

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Mr YAU Hon-kee

Mr Yau is a member of the Kwai Tsing District Board and the Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi Community Halls/Centres Policy Committee. He is Chief Editor of the Sau Mong Editorial Group.

Mr Jose YU Sun-say

Mr Yu is a member of the Kwun Tong District Board and President of the Kwun Tong Industries and Commerce Association.

MILITARY DIVISION

OBE

Lieutenant Colonel Peter James GUY, Royal Army Medical Corps
(at present serving in West Germany)

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Howard KEFFORD, 7th Duke of
Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

MBE

Major Peter Harold BLUNDELL, Queen's Gurkha Engineers

Major Tekbahadur GURUNG, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha
Rifles.

BEM

Corporal LAM Kam-Yuk, Gurkha Transport Regiment

Staff Sergeant John Joseph TURNER, Royal Engineers

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DIPLOMATIC AND OVERSEAS LIST

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Mr Horace KADOORIE, CBE, JP

His Knighthood is in recognition of his work and contributions to British Gurkha interests in Nepal.

MBE

Mr James YI Jun-yun

Former Senior Information Officer of the British Trade Commission. Now employed on a part-time basis in the Government Secretariat.