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LOW INTEREST SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING LOAN BEING CONSIDERED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING USING THE \$2 BILLION PROPOSED FOR THE QUICK START SCHEME OF SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING TO SET UP A LOW-INTEREST LOAN FUND WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON WHEN HE BRIEFED A JOINT MEETING OF THE LEGCO'S HOUSING AND LANDS AND WORKS PANELS TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE PREFERRED OPTION HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE MANY VIEWS PUT FORWARD ON HOW BEST TO USE THE \$2 BILLION," SAID MR EASON.

THE LOW-INTEREST LOAN OPTION IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND FAIR BECAUSE IT WOULD ENABLE A ROLLING FUND BE SET UP TO BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE BY RECOUPING THE SUBSIDY FROM SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS. IT MAY BECOME PART OF THE LONG-TERM SCHEME AS AN OPTION FOR POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO HELP MEET THE DOWNPAYMENT OF A FLAT THEY WISH TO BUY ON THE MARKET. THEY WILL BE GIVEN A LOW-INTEREST LOAN IN THE ORDER OF 20-25% OF THE SALE PRICE OF A FLAT AND UP TO A LIMIT OF \$500,000.

THE REPAYMENT OF A SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING LOAN BY INSTALMENT WILL ONLY BEGIN IN THE FOURTH YEAR WHEN A BENEFICIARY'S FINANCIAL POSITION HAS IMPROVED.

THE MAIN PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING ASSISTANCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* THE APPLICANT MUST HAVE HAD AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND BE WITHIN THE AGE OF 30-45,
- \* TOTAL FAMILY INCOME MUST BE WITHIN THE RANGE \$20,001 - \$40,000 PER MONTH,
- \* EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST THREE FAMILY MEMBERS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO MARRIED COUPLE AND SINGLE PARENT (IN THAT ORDER) WHO HAVE TWO OR MORE CHILDREN.
- \* EACH APPLICANT MAY ONLY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION,
- \* ALL PERSONS INCLUDED IN AN APPLICATION MUST NOT HAVE HAD ANY DOMESTIC PROPERTY REGISTERED IN THEIR NAMES IN HONG KONG WITHIN 24-MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED,

/\* THE APPLICANT .....

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- \* THE APPLICANT AND HIS FAMILY MUST BE LIVING IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION,
- \* RESALE OF A FLAT WITHIN THE FIRST THREE YEARS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED UPON REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN IN FULL PLUS ANY GAIN IN PROPERTY VALUE.

"THE IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS WILL BE PUT TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," SAID MR EASON, "WE HOPE TO LAUNCH THE SCHEME IN SUMMER. THE FIRST BATCH OF BENEFICIARIES SHOULD NUMBER ABOUT 1,000. BUT WE WILL REVIEW THE TIMING AND NUMBER OF THE SECOND BATCH BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RESULTS OF THE FIRST BATCH."

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#### GOVERNMENT OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO STEPHEN CHEONG'S FAMILY

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, OFFER THEIR DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MR STEPHEN CHEONG WHO PASSED AWAY IN HOSPITAL THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, MR PATTEN SAID: "I WAS VERY SADDENED TO HEAR THE NEWS THIS MORNING ABOUT THE DEATH OF ONE OF OUR FOREMOST LEGISLATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIES, STEPHEN CHEONG.

"OBVIOUSLY, I AM SURE LIKE THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO HIS WHOLE FAMILY. IT'S OBVIOUSLY AND EXTRAORDINARILY DISTRESSING TIME FOR THEM BUT I HOPE THEY WILL BE AT LEAST BUOYED UP TO SOME EXTENT BY THE SYMPATHY OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY."

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID MR CHEONG HAD MADE A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG ON VARIOUS FRONTS.

"IN TERMS OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE, HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS, IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION - HE WAS A KEEN SUPPORTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND THE THIRD UNIVERSITY AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIES THROUGH THE MANY BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES HE HAD SERVED ON.

"HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED...I'D LIKE TO SEND MY DEEP CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN. HE'S A GREAT LOSS," SIR DAVID SAID.

SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN WAS ALSO SADDENED BY THE NEWS.

"I'VE KNOWN AND WORKED WITH HIM FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. HE HAD MADE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY SADDENED BY STEPHEN CHEONG'S DEATH

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (TUESDAY) EXPRESSED HIS SORROW AT THE DEATH OF MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

HE NOTED THAT MR CHEONG HAD MADE A KEY CONTRIBUTION OVER MANY YEARS TO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY SECTORS BY CHAMPIONING THEIR INTERESTS BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

"MR CHEONG HAD ALSO SERVED IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, MAINLY THROUGH ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF NUMEROUS BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

"I PERSONALLY HAD THE BENEFIT OF HIS ADVICE IN THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, AND LATER IN THE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

"HE WAS ALSO OF COURSE A DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION. HE WILL BE VERY SADLY MISSED," MR MACLEOD SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS DEEP SYMPATHY TO MR CHEONG'S FAMILY.

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO TRAIN SEPARATION COMPLETED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED THE FINDINGS OF AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTING OFFICER OF THE BRITISH RAILWAY INSPECTORATE, MR ALAN COOKSEY, INTO THE MTR TRAIN UNCOUPLING INCIDENT LAST MONTH.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR COOKSEY CONFIRMED THAT THE MTRC HAD CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THE CAUSE OF THE UNCOUPLING.

THE 'MOUTHPIECE' FROM THE COUPLING DEVICE ON ANOTHER TRAIN HAD BECOME DETACHED AND HAD JAMMED BETWEEN THE COUPLERS OF THE 5TH AND 6TH CARS OF THE INCIDENT TRAIN ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 27.

THIS LED TO A REDUCTION IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MECHANICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO COACHES, AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT SEPARATION.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROBABILITY OF THE CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE TRAIN SEPARATION WAS EXTREMELY LOW.

"CONSEQUENTLY, THE PROBABILITY OF A SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRING IS INSIGNIFICANTLY LOW," HE CONCLUDED.

/MR COOKSEY .....

MR COOKSEY CONSIDERED THAT THE MEASURES TAKEN BY MTRC IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST ANY REPETITION WHILE LONGER TERM ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED, WERE BOTH RESPONSIBLE AND SUFFICIENT.

HE REMINDED THE HONG KONG PUBLIC THAT MTRC HAS AN EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORD. HE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THERE ARE ANY SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES IN THE MTR OPERATION.

NEVERTHELESS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF SAFETY THROUGH CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENTS, HE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MTRC SHOULD -

- \* CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A SIMPLE BUT ROBUST TRAIN SEPARATION INDICATOR FOR THE TRAIN DRIVER;
- \* PROCEED WITH ITS PROPOSED DETAILED HAZARD ANALYSIS OF THE COUPLER TO ESTABLISH ANY AREAS OF RISK NOT SO FAR IDENTIFIED; AND
- \* REVIEW AND FINE-TUNE THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN TRAIN OPERATORS AND CONTROL ROOM STAFF.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY THANKED MR COOKSEY FOR COMPLETING HIS INVESTIGATION SO PROMPTLY.

"HIS RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED AND ARE BEING FOLLOWED UP BY THE MTRC."

"TO MONITOR PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED MEASURES, MR COOKSEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER," HE SAID.

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#### BEDSPACE APARTMENTS BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

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THE BEDSPACE APARTMENTS BILL, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A LICENSING SCHEME TO REGULATE THE FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY OF BEDSPACE APARTMENTS, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ON JUNE 2.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) SAID THE BILL HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT A RECENT MEETING.

THERE ARE ABOUT 160 BEDSPACE APARTMENTS IN THE TERRITORY - EACH WITH 12 OR MORE BEDSPACES FOR RENTAL PURPOSES - ACCOMMODATING ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE.

AS THESE APARTMENTS ARE USUALLY HOUSED IN OLD TENEMENT BLOCKS WHERE FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY STANDARDS ARE POOR, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR INTRODUCING A LICENSING SCHEME TO REGULATE THESE PREMISES.

UNDER THE LICENSING SCHEME ENshrINED IN THE BILL, ALL EXISTING BEDSPACE APARTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO INITIALLY OPERATE UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND ULTIMATELY UNDER A LICENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN ANTICIPATED THAT THE SCHEME'S IMPLEMENTATION WILL RESULT IN ABOUT ONE-TENTH OR ABOUT 400 OF THE ESTIMATED BEDSPACE APARTMENT LODGERS HAVING TO BE REHOUSED.

"THE CNTA WILL ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE DISPLACED WILL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE IN GETTING AN ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION.

"THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) WILL ASSIST THOSE AGED 60 OR ABOVE AS WELL AS THE DISABLED THROUGH COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY OR HOSTELS FOR SINGLE PERSONS.

"THOSE NOT WITHIN SWD'S PURVIEW WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE SINGLETON HOSTELS SET UP BY CNTA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UPON ENACTMENT OF THE BILL, THERE WILL BE AN EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR BEDSPACE APARTMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN OPERATE UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION WHILE CARRYING OUT THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CNTA'S OFFICE OF LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING THESE APARTMENTS AND ADVISING THE OPERATORS ON THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN A CODE OF PRACTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AN APPEAL BOARD WILL BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH APPEALS ARISING FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

THE BOARD, HE SAID, WOULD COMPRISE A PANEL OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WOULD BE CHAIRED BY A PERSON WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR APPOINTMENT AS A DISTRICT JUDGE.

THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL ALSO EMPOWER THE DISTRICT COURT TO ORDER ANY BEDSPACE APARTMENT TO BE CLOSED IF THERE IS ANY DANGER TO OCCUPIERS OR IF THE CLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE REMEDIAL WORKS TO BE EXECUTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LICENSING SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 1994/95.

HE ADDED THAT THE BILL WILL BE GAZETTED THIS FRIDAY (MAY 21).

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR FRANCIS LO, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA AT 3.30 PM TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE CNTA CONFERENCE ROOM, 30TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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MANUFACTURING ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MARCH

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1% IN MARCH OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY INCREASED MODERATELY BY 6% AND 4% RESPECTIVELY.

ORDERS POSITION REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM A YEAR AGO IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE FABRICATED METAL INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 2% WAS RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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

ORDERS POSITION IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IMPROVED BY 6% OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH. SMALLER INCREASES WERE REPORTED IN THE WEARING APPAREL (2%), TEXTILES (2%) AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES (1%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECORDED A DECREASE OF 2%.

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDUSTRY	AS AT THE	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	END OF MARCH 1993	FEBRUARY 93	MARCH 92
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	(MONTHS)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.56	+1	+1
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WEARING APPAREL	4.85	+2	*
TEXTILES	2.48	+2	+4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.88	+6	-2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.41	-2	*
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.85	+1	+6
OTHERS	3.88	-2	-1

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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OWNER GIVEN MAXIMUM FINE TWICE FOR NEGLECTING WORK SAFETY

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST CARRY OUT THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS WEAR SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AT ALL TIMES.

THE ACTING CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR KAN HON-SANG, MADE THE ADVICE FOLLOWING TWO RECENT CASES IN WHICH THE E MAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 FOR EACH OF THE TWO SUMMONSES BY A SHA TIN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO ENSURE ITS WORKERS WEAR SAFETY HELMETS AT ITS SHA TIN CONSTRUCTION SITES.

MR KAN SAID THE OFFENCES WERE DETECTED BY FACTORY INSPECTORS DURING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE CAMPAIGN ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

"DURING ONE INSPECTION, SIX WORKERS WERE FOUND NOT WEARING SAFETY HELMETS WHILE WORKING ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE," HE SAID.

"TWO DAYS LATER, OUR FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED ANOTHER NEARBY CONSTRUCTION SITE AND FOUND 22 WORKERS NOT WEARING SAFETY HELMETS.

MR KAN REITERATED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO TAKE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS STILL CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS TOO HIGH.

/"MOREOVER, ACCIDENTS .....

"MOREOVER, ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM NOT WEARING SAFETY HELMETS ARE COMMON AND OFTEN LEAD TO SERIOUS OR EVEN FATAL INJURIES," HE SAID.

MR KAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS REQUIRED A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS FOR ALL HIS WORKERS AND TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKERS WEAR THEM WHILE REMAINING ON SITE.

PROPRIETORS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY PROVISION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 WHILE EMPLOYEES MAY BE FINED UP TO \$10,000.

HE ALSO SAID A SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED SINCE LAST MONTH ON CONSTRUCTION SITES WITH UNSATISFACTORY SAFETY RECORDS AND HIGH-RISK WORK ACTIVITIES.

"FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL CONCENTRATE ON TARGET AREAS LIKELY TO CAUSE FALL OF PERSONS SUCH AS SCAFFOLDS, WORKING PLATFORMS, FLOOR OPENINGS, FLOOR EDGE AND CAISSON," HE SAID.

"WE WILL ALSO CHECK ON THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SAFETY BELTS AND SAFETY HELMETS," HE ADDED.

APART FROM HIGH-RISK AREAS, MR KAN SAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO HOUSEKEEPING ON THE SITES TO ENSURE THEIR PROPER AND ORDERLY MAINTENANCE AS POOR HOUSEKEEPING HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF MANY ACCIDENTS ON SITE.

HE CALLED ON EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO PAY HEED TO THE HOUSEKEEPING OF THEIR SITES.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES RELEASED

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

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

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

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

/NAME RECORD .....

NAME RECORD (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	OF OFFENCE	COURT
1. SHING TAO RESTAURANT LTD	JORDAN RD, YAU MA TEI	20.9.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000 PLUS \$500 COST	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON
2. TRADE BATTLE LTD	MAIN ST, AP LEI CHAU, ABERDEEN	2.1.92- 8.4.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
3. BOLDWIN CONSTRUCTION CO LTD	TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG	1.2.92- 30.4.92	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	FANLING
4. CHUNSIN LTD	FUK LO TSUN RD, KOWLOON CITY	20.3.92- 28.1.93	APCO : "	3,900	1ST	SAN PO KONG
5. CENTROCORP LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, TSUEN WAN	27.5.92- 6.6.92	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
6. TALFUL DEVELOPMENT LTD	WONG CHUK HANG RD, ABERDEEN	1.6.92- 4.11.92	APCO : "	1,500	2ND	KWUN TONG
7. SUPER BENEFIT DEVELOPMENT LTD	LOCKHART RD, CAUSEWAY BAY	24.6.92- 6.1.93	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
8. WONG WANG- TSING	SHA TAU KOK RD, FANLING	15.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
9. WONG CHAU- SHING	WO LIU HANG RD, FO TAN	18.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE	80,000	2ND	SHATIN

/10. FANTA (CFC) .....

10.FANTA (CFC) CONSTRUCTION CO LTD (MARINE DUMPING CONTRACTOR)	HOI BUN RD, KWUN TONG	21.9.92	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA OFFSHORE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER WITHOUT A LICENCE	5,000	3RD	EASTERN
11.PERFECT MABLE COMPANY LTD	TONG HANG, FANLING	23.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	1ST	FANLING
12.RICHWAY DEVELOPMENT LTD	ON YUK RD, TSUEN WAN	2.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	8,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
13.YING FUNG DISTILLERY LTD	KWU TONG, SHEUNG SHUI	6.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
14.JARDINE MATHESON LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, SHAM SHUI PO	7.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
15.LUEN HOP (SCORE HILL) DYEING FACTORY	PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG	12.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	50,000	2ND	FANLING
16.GRANDVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD	WUHU ST, HUNG HOM	14.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
17.TUEN KIN-CHUNG	TONG TO SHAN TSUEN, SHA TAU KOK	16.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE MIRS BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING

18.FUTURE'S SAFE CO. LTD	WANG LOK ST, YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	17.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	"
19.FUTURE'S SAFE CO LTD	"	19.10.92	WPCO : "	10,000	2ND	"
20.BONETLON LTD	HUNG TO RD, KWUN TONG	19.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
21.YING WAH BLEACHING AND DYEING FACTORY LTD	KA HING RD, KWAI CHUNG	20.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	8,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
22.MAXIM'S CATERERS LTD	YEE WO ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	23.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
23.YU KWOK- PING	CHAI WAN RD, CHAI WAN	30.10.92	NCO : USE A PRODUCT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 17(1)	2,000	1ST	"
24.FAR EAST WAGNER CONSTRUCTION LTD	JUNCTION OF SEYMOUR RD AND CASTLE STEPS	8.11.92	NCO : CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT	5,000	1ST	WESTERN
25.LEE KOON-WAH	"	8.11.92	NCO : "	5,000	1ST	WESTERN
26.SHAMROCK RESTAURANT LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	13.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	12,000	3RD	SOUTH KOWLOON
27.UNITED CIRCUITS (HK) LTD	TIN HAU RD, TUEN MUN	19.11.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	1ST	TUEN MUN

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28.FUNNING ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	ON NING GARDEN, JUNK BAY	20.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	4,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
29.WINCO PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY LTD	PING CHE, FANLING	24.11.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	20,000	1ST	FANLING
30.WINSURE CO LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	24.11.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	4TH	SOUTH KOWLOON
31.CLEMENT LAPIDARY JEWELLERY FACTORY LTD	HANKOW RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	26.11.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	"
32.FUNING ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD	ON NING GARDEN, TSEUNG KWAN O	28.11.92	NCO : "	4,000	2ND	KWUN TONG
33.HONG KONG CONNECTOR CO LTD	SAN ON STREET, TUEN MUN	2.12.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	TUEN MUN
34.ANDERSON ASPHALT LTD	QUEEN'S RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	12.12.92	APCO : CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE	3,000	1ST	SHA TIN
35.WIDEGUIDE DYEING CO LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	15.12.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	12,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
36.CHI SHUN BLEACHING AND DYEING FTY LTD	WO YI HOP RD, KWAI CHUNG	15.12.92	APCO : "	6,000	2ND	"
37.SURIN LTD	QUEEN'S RD WEST, SAI YING PUN	16.12.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	7,500	2ND	WESTERN

38.SWEET- HEART GARDEN RESTAURANT LTD	SOY STREET, MONG KOK	18.12.92	NCO : "	8,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
39.DINKEEP INVESTMENT LTD	ON NING GARDEN, TSEUNG KWAN O	19.12.92	NCO : "	3,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
40.SUNFOONG DYEING & BLEACHING FACTORY	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	24.12.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	13,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
41.ENFUL INVESTMENTS LTD	PRINCE EDWARD RD WEST, KOWLOON CITY	30.12.92	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
42.BULKELEY DEVELOPMENT LTD	KNUTSFORD TERRACE, TSIM SHA TSUI	30.12.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	25,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
43.TOMMY LAUNDRY CO	CASTLE PEAK RD, TUEN MUN	4.1.93	APCO : FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	2,000	1ST	TUEN MUN
44.GOLDEN POND RESTAURANT LTD	HILL RD, SHEK TONG TSUI	12.1.93	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	7,500	1ST	WESTERN
45.ENFUL INVESTMENTS LTD	PRINCE EDWARD RD WEST, KOWLOON CITY	12.1.93	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	2ND	SAN PO KONG
46.HOPEWELL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO LTD	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	5.2.93	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	3,000	1ST	EASTERN

47. TOMMY CASTLE 15.2.93 APCO : 2,000 2ND TUEN  
 LAUNDRY CO PEAK RD, FAILURE TO MUN  
 TUEN MUN ABATE AN AIR  
 POLLUTANT  
 NUISANCE  
 (GENERAL)

## NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE  
 NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE  
 WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE  
 DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING  
 PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

APCO :	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL	594 6200
NCO :	MR STEVEN HO	TEL	594 6500
WPCO :	CASE 8, 9, 11, 13, 17 AND 29	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL 685 1133
	CASE 15, 18, 19 27 AND 33	MR BARRY CHOW	TEL 417 6132
DASO :	MR PAUL HOLMES	TEL	755 3553

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE  
 DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION.

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## CONTRACT FOR CHINA WATER ELECTRICAL WORKS AWARDED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED AN \$18  
 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL  
 EQUIPMENT AND THE BUILDING SERVICES WORK FOR THE TAI PO TAU 'D'  
 PUMPING STATION.

THE NEW INSTALLATION IS PART OF A \$2.1 BILLION PROJECT TO  
 EXPAND THE FACILITIES FOR TRANSFERRING WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXPANSION PROJECT BY THE END OF 1994,  
 THE RECEPTION AND TRANSFER CAPACITY WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE  
 EXISTING 620 MILLION CUBIC METRES A YEAR TO 1,100 MILLION CUBIC  
 METRES.

THE TAI PO TAU 'D' PUMPING STATION, WHICH ULTIMATELY HOUSES 14  
 PUMPS AND PROVIDES A TOTAL CAPACITY OF THREE MILLION CUBIC METRES A  
 DAY, WILL BE THE LARGEST RAW WATER PUMPING STATION IN HONG KONG.

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THE PRESENT CONTRACT INCLUDES THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, BUILDING SERVICES EQUIPMENT, CONTROL AND INSTRUMENTATION EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ACCESSORIES.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES/CHINA WATER, MR KO CHAN-GOCK AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF INCHAE INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED.

THE PROJECT CONSULTANT IS BINNIE CONSULTANTS LIMITED.

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#### NEW 6TH FORM CURRICULUM LEAFLET

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED 140,000 COPIES OF A LEAFLET ON THE NEW SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SECONDARY FIVE TO SIX STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE EASY-TO-READ LEAFLET - AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM - EXPLAINS THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE NEW BROAD-BASED AND BALANCED CURRICULUM AT THE ADVANCED AND ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVELS.

"THE AS-LEVEL SUBJECTS WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1992 FOR STUDENTS WHO WOULD EITHER CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OR WHO WOULD JOIN THE WORKFORCE UPON COMPLETION OF SIXTH FORM EDUCATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE LEAFLET ALSO EXPLAINS THAT THE AS-LEVELS SUBJECTS ARE DESIGNED TO HALVE THE TEACHING AND STUDYING TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REVISED A-LEVELS WHICH HAD BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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#### TWO MOTION DEBATES ON LEGCO AGENDA

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) DEBATE TWO MOTIONS, ONE ON THE ARTS POLICY REVIEW REPORT AND THE OTHER ON THE POLICY OF INTEGRATING REHABILITATION SERVICES INTO THE COMMUNITY.

THE ARTS POLICY MOTION IS PROPOSED BY THE HON CHRISTINE LOH WHILE THE OTHER IS MOVED BY THE HON FRED LI WAH-MING.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL ASK 19 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE MEETING. ALL THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

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THEY ARE THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1993; LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE WILL PRESENT A REPORT OF BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (SEPTEMBER 1991 - AUGUST 1992).

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

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EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE JOBS FOR DISABLED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION FROM FRIDAY (MAY 21) AT METROPLAZA IN KWAI FONG TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE WORKING ABILITIES OF DISABLED PEOPLE.

"THE EXHIBITION FORMS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (SELECTIVE PLACEMENT), MRS JENNIE CHOR, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MRS CHOR POINTED OUT THAT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION ACHIEVED A RECORD PLACEMENT OF 1,366 DISABLED WORKERS LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING A 25 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"MEANWHILE, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES RECEIVED ALSO INCREASED BY 53.5 PER CENT, FROM 2,488 IN 1991 TO 3,820 IN 1992," SHE SAID.

"THIS SHOWS MORE AND MORE EMPLOYERS ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON DISABLED PERSONS.

"THROUGH ENHANCED PUBLICITY, WE HOPE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ABILITIES OF DISABLED WORKERS, AND EMPLOYERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE MORE DISABLED WORKERS," SHE ADDED.

MRS CHOR SAID THE EXHIBITION WILL INTRODUCE THE DEPARTMENT'S FREE PLACEMENT SERVICE TO THE DISABLED AND FREE RECRUITMENT SERVICE TO EMPLOYERS AS WELL AS ITS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING DISABLED EMPLOYEES ON DIFFERENT KIND OF JOBS.

IN ADDITION, FOUR DIFFERENT VIDEO SHOWS ON THE WORK OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL BE SCREENED DAILY DURING THE EXHIBITION.

"LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM VISITORS AND TO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS," MRS CHOR SAID.

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"THEY WILL ALSO RECORD VACANCY INFORMATION FROM PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS AND PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS FOR FURTHER CONTACTS," SHE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL SUNDAY (MAY 23) ON LEVEL 3, CRYSTAL ATRIUM, METROPLAZA IN KWAI FONG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS  
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TENDER DATE	18 MAY 93	18 MAY 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q320	Y389
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 3,180 MN	HKD 790 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 1,000 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.00 PCT	3.32 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.00 PCT	3.37 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 100 PCT	ABOUT 10 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.05 PCT	3.40 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 24 MAY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	25 MAY 93	25 MAY 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q321	H365
ISSUE DATE	26 MAY 93	26 MAY 93
MATURITY DATE	25 AUG 93	24 NOV 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 1,000+200 MN	HKD 400+80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,070
REVERSAL OF LAF	+80
BALANCE AFTER REVERSL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-520
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,630

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.5 \*\*0.3\* 18.5.1993

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.18 PCT	15 MONTHS	2408	4.375	101.12	3.48
1 MONTH	3.10 PCT	18 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.48	3.63
3 MONTHS	3.00 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.55	3.85
6 MONTHS	3.10 PCT	24 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.56	4.02
12 MONTHS	3.33 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,703 MN

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