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AIRPORT ADVANCE WORKS CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE CONTRACT TO PREPARE AN ADVANCE WORKS SITE FOR THE NEW AIRPORT WAS SIGNED THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON BETWEEN A LOCALLY BASED JOINT VENTURE COMPRISING KUMAGAI GUMI (HK) LTD, HOLLANDSCHE AANNEMING MAATSCHAPPIJ B.V. AND MAEDA CORPORATION AND THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

THE CONTRACT WILL PROVIDE A FLAT AREA OF LAND OF ABOUT 29 HECTARES WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT THE NORTHERN TIP OF CHEK LAP KOK.

WHEN FINISHED, A WORKS AREA WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR FUTURE AIRPORT CONTRACTORS WHO WILL THEN BE ABLE TO START WORK STRAIGHT AWAY WITHOUT HAVING TO BUILD THEIR OWN FACILITIES FROM SCRATCH ON THE ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 360 DAYS AND THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, GREINER-MAUNSELL ENGAGED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

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CIVIL SERVANTS URGED TO USE EXISTING CHANNELS TO EXPRESS VIEWS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON CIVIL SERVANTS TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING DISRUPTIVE ACTION AND INSTEAD MAKE USE OF EXISTING CHANNELS TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE STANDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NON-DIRECTORATE SALARY STRUCTURE REVIEW.

"IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR STAFF TO MEET DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO DISCUSS ANY DIFFERENCES," HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT CIVIL SERVANTS HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT SERVICE. THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO BREACH THIS RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT CREATE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC OR WASTE PUBLIC FUNDS.

EMPHASISING THAT THE STANDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF VERY THOROUGH RESEARCH AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OVER A PERIOD OF SOME 20 MONTHS, MR WIGGHAM REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE FURTHER REVIEWS OF THE SALARY STRUCTURES OF INDIVIDUAL GRADES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

"ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF CIVIL SERVANTS STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE RECENT REVIEW, SOME MAY FEEL THAT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. BUT A BALANCE HAS TO BE STRUCK BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF STAFF, MANAGEMENT AND THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

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"IT IS HARDLY CONDUCTIVE TO THE STABILITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IF ITS PAY STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO ENDLESS CHANGE," HE ADDED.

MR. WIGGHAM CONFIRMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NEXT FOCUS ITS ATTENTION ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE STANDING COMMISSION'S REPORT INCLUDED OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD AND POINTED OUT THAT "IN SHARING THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC FOR IMPROVING OUTPUT AND EFFICIENCY".

"IT IS IMMENSELY IMPORTANT FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF HONG KONG THAT WE MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT AND DEDICATED CIVIL SERVICE WHICH IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC RESPECT," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 1990

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HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED DURING DECEMBER, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH.

FOR 1990 AS A WHOLE, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 15.4 PER CENT, SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN MONEY TERMS.

CONSISTENT WITH THE INCREASE IN DEPOSITS DURING DECEMBER, HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY, EXCEPT THE NARROWEST DEFINITION, ROSE DURING THE MONTH.

TOTAL LOANS AND ADVANCES ALSO REGISTERED AN INCREASE IN DECEMBER.

DEPOSITS

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS, INCREASED BY 1.4 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, FOLLOWING DECLINES OF 0.6 PER CENT AND 0.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OF THESE DEPOSITS, DEMAND DEPOSITS DECLINED BY 3.5 PER CENT WHILE SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 3.1 PER CENT AND 1.4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER.

DURING 1990, TOTAL HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS GREW BY 15.4 PER CENT.

/FOREIGN CURRENCY

FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS ROSE BY 1.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 3.8 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

AMONG THESE DEPOSITS, US DOLLAR AND NON-US DOLLAR DEPOSITS ROSE BY 1.9 PER CENT AND 1.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS INCREASED BY 27.7 PER CENT.

DURING DECEMBER, DEPOSITS OF ALL CURRENCIES WITH LICENSED BANKS AND RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS ROSE BY 1.6 PER CENT AND 0.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THOSE WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 1.9 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER, DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS AND RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS INCREASED BY 23.2 PER CENT AND 17.1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE DEPOSITS WITH DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY 0.7 PER CENT.

MONEY SUPPLY

HK\$M1 FELL BY 0.6 PER CENT WHILE HK\$M2 AND HK\$M3 ROSE BY 1.7 PER CENT AND 1.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER.

THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN NOVEMBER WERE 3.0 PER CENT, 0.1 PER CENT AND 0.0 PER CENT. FOR 1990 AS A WHOLE, THESE MONETARY AGGREGATES ROSE BY 7.8 PER CENT, 15.5 PER CENT AND 14.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT, 1.6 PER CENT AND 1.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN DECEMBER. THEIR CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATES IN NOVEMBER WERE 2.2 PER CENT, 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.9 PER CENT.

OVER THE YEAR, TOTAL M1, M2 AND M3 GREW BY 13.3 PER CENT, 22.4 PER CENT AND 21.5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS AND ADVANCES EXTENDED BY AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS INCREASED BY 1.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 4.2 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS, THOSE DENOMINATED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS GREW BY 1.1 PER CENT DURING DECEMBER, WHILE THOSE DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES ROSE BY 1.3 PER CENT. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 15.6 PER CENT AND 58.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG DECREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, FOLLOWING A DECLINE OF 0.5 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND AN INCREASE OF 2.1 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER.

OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 11.8 PER CENT.

OTHER LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG GREW BY 0.5 PER CENT IN DECEMBER FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 2.1 PER CENT AND 2.0 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 17.9 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG ROSE BY 2.1 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AFTER INCREASES OF 5.0 PER CENT AND 1.4 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 74.7 PER CENT. A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION OF THIS INCREASE WAS CONTRIBUTED BY EURO-YEN LOANS.

LOANS TO FINANCE MERCHANDISING TRADE NOT TOUCHING HONG KONG DECLINED BY 2.2 PER CENT IN DECEMBER, AFTER AN INCREASE OF 7.2 PER CENT IN OCTOBER AND A DECLINE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN NOVEMBER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS DECREASED BY 7.6 PER CENT.

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS AND ADVANCES FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1990, TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG (EXCLUDING THOSE FOR TRADE FINANCING) INCREASED BY 4.6 PER CENT.

OF THESE, LOANS TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR INCREASED BY 2.9 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 1.0 PER CENT AND 2.9 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS INCREASED BY 12.3 PER CENT.

LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 10.3 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASES OF 5.9 PER CENT AND 5.3 PER CENT IN THE PRECEDING TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 32.8 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 5.7 PER CENT, AFTER INCREASES OF 6.6 PER CENT AND 1.4 PER CENT RECORDED IN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 19.1 PER CENT.

LOANS TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS (OTHER THAN AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS) ROSE BY 5.8 PER CENT, FOLLOWING INCREASES OF 3.7 PER CENT AND 5.5 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWO QUARTERS. OVER THE YEAR, THOSE LOANS GREW BY 23.0 PER CENT.

LOANS FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING ROSE BY 0.1 PER CENT, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 2.8 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND A DECLINE OF 0.3 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OVER THE YEAR, THESE LOANS GREW BY 6.6 PER CENT.

NUMBER OF REPORTING INSTITUTIONS

THE NUMBERS OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 166 AND 190 RESPECTIVELY WHILE THAT OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS ROSE BY TWO TO 44.

NOTES :

- * BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1990, 'RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS' AND 'DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' WERE KNOWN AS 'LICENSED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' AND 'REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES' RESPECTIVELY.
- * IN THE TEXT ABOVE, TOTAL HK\$ DEPOSITS, HK\$ TIME DEPOSITS, HK\$m2 AND HK\$m3 HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS. TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS AND US\$ DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE SWAP DEPOSITS.

'SWAP DEPOSITS' ARE DEPOSITS INVOLVING CUSTOMERS BUYING FOREIGN CURRENCIES (MOSTLY US DOLLARS) IN THE SPOT MARKET AND PLACING THEM AS DEPOSITS WITH AUTHORISED INSTITUTIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL SUCH FOREIGN CURRENCIES (PRINCIPAL PLUS INTEREST) FORWARD IN LINE WITH THE MATURITY OF SUCH DEPOSITS. FOR MOST ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, THEY SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - DECEMBER 1990

(HK\$mn)

| Money Supply | Dec 1990 | Earlier months (% change to December 1990) | | |
|---|-----------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | Nov 1990 | Sep 1990 | Dec 1989 |
| M1 - HK\$ | 91.826 | 92.411 (-0.6 %) | 87.520 (4.9 %) | 85.183 (7.8 %) |
| Foreign currency | 15.683 | 13.756 (14.0 %) | 14.922 (5.1 %) | 9.675 (62.1 %) |
| Total | 107.509 | 106.167 (1.3 %) | 102.442 (4.9 %) | 94.858 (13.3 %) |
| M2 - HK\$* | 539.667 | 530.550 (1.7 %) | 533.720 (1.1 %) | 467.109 (15.5 %) |
| Foreign currency* | 670.383 | 660.141 (1.6 %) | 622.579 (7.7 %) | 521.727 (28.5 %) |
| Total | 1,210.050 | 1,190.692 (1.6 %) | 1,156.299 (4.6 %) | 988.836 (22.4 %) |
| M3 - HK\$* | 571.215 | 562.414 (1.6 %) | 565.657 (1.0 %) | 497.498 (14.8 %) |
| Foreign currency* | 716.813 | 706.245 (1.5 %) | 669.962 (7.0 %) | 562.709 (27.4 %) |
| Total | 1,288.028 | 1,268.650 (1.5 %) | 1,235.619 (4.2 %) | 1,060.297 (21.5 %) |
| Notes and coins in circulation | 43.261 | 41.566 (4.1 %) | 40.394 (7.1 %) | 39.670 (9.1 %) |
| of which held by public | 37.693 | 36.338 (3.7 %) | 35.341 (6.7 %) | 34.192 (10.2 %) |
| Total Deposits | | | | |
| Total Demand deposits | 69.815 | 69.829 (0.0 %) | 67.101 (4.0 %) | 60.666 (15.1 %) |
| Total Savings deposits | 231.672 | 226.240 (2.4 %) | 227.356 (1.9 %) | 193.186 (19.9 %) |
| Total Time deposits with licensed banks | 853.632 | 840.892 (1.5 %) | 808.955 (5.5 %) | 683.802 (24.0 %) |
| Total Time deposits with restricted licence banks | 43.784 | 43.505 (0.6 %) | 44.069 (-0.6 %) | 37.399 (17.1 %) |
| Total Time deposits with deposit-taking companies | 32.368 | 33.011 (-1.9 %) | 33.716 (-4.0 %) | 32.605 (-0.7 %) |
| HK\$ deposits* | 520.115 | 512.981 (1.4 %) | 517.620 (0.5 %) | 450.762 (15.4 %) |
| US\$ deposits* | 294.913 | 299.291 (1.9 %) | 293.659 (0.4 %) | 261.966 (12.6 %) |
| Other foreign currency deposits | 416.243 | 411.203 (1.2 %) | 369.918 (12.5 %) | 294.929 (41.1 %) |
| All deposits | 1,231.271 | 1,213.476 (1.5 %) | 1,181.196 (4.2 %) | 1,007.658 (22.2 %) |
| Foreign currency swap deposits | 67.733 | 67.633 (0.1 %) | 71.348 (-5.1 %) | 63.122 (7.3 %) |
| Total Loans and advances | | | | |
| To finance H.K.'s visible trade | 71.087 | 71.336 (-0.3 %) | 70.202 (1.3 %) | 63.562 (11.8 %) |
| To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K. | 9.637 | 9.858 (-2.2 %) | 9.430 (2.2 %) | 10.427 (-7.6 %) |
| Other loans for use in H.K. | 689.368 | 686.089 (0.5 %) | 659.287 (4.6 %) | 584.594 (17.9 %) |
| Other loans for use outside H.K. | 882.678 | 864.710 (2.1 %) | 812.589 (8.6 %) | 505.396 (74.7 %) |
| Other loans where the place of use is not known | 135.839 | 134.874 (0.7 %) | 109.899 (23.6 %) | 107.920 (25.9 %) |
| Loans in HK\$ | 607.018 | 600.278 (1.1 %) | 582.576 (4.2 %) | 525.239 (15.6 %) |
| Loans in foreign currencies | 1,181.591 | 1,166.588 (1.3 %) | 1,078.831 (9.5 %) | 746.659 (58.3 %) |
| Total loans and advances | 1,788.609 | 1,766.866 (1.2 %) | 1,661.407 (7.7 %) | 1,271.899 (40.6 %) |

* Adjusted for foreign currency swap deposits

Note : 'Restricted licence banks' and 'deposit-taking companies' were known as 'licensed deposit-taking companies' and 'registered deposit-taking companies' respectively before 1 February 1990.

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - DECEMBER 1990 # +

(HK\$mn)

| | Dec 1990 | Earlier quarters (% change to December 1990) | | |
|--|----------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | Sep 1990 | Jun 1990 | Dec 1989 |
| Manufacturing | 49.315 | 49.267 (0.1 %) | 49.429 (-0.2 %) | 46.267 (6.6 %) |
| Transport and transport equipment | 41.232 | 38.971 (5.8 %) | 37.658 (9.5 %) | 37.174 (10.9 %) |
| Building, construction, property development and investment | 108.112 | 105.088 (2.9 %) | 102.145 (5.8 %) | 96.299 (12.3 %) |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 74.641 | 70.629 (5.7 %) | 69.663 (7.1 %) | 62.663 (19.1 %) |
| Financial concerns * | 104.730 | 98.988 (5.8 %) | 93.849 (11.6 %) | 85.158 (23.0 %) |
| Individuals: | | | | |
| to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme | 13.664 | 13.899 (-1.7 %) | 13.883 (-1.6 %) | 10.605 (28.8 %) |
| to purchase other residential property | 132.166 | 119.858 (10.3 %) | 113.773 (16.2 %) | 99.493 (32.8 %) |
| other purposes | 60.896 | 60.599 (0.5 %) | 58.843 (3.5 %) | 55.105 (10.5 %) |
| Others | 104.612 | 101.968 (2.6 %) | 105.222 (-0.6 %) | 91.830 (13.9 %) |
| Total | 689.368 | 659.287 (4.6 %) | 644.466 (7.0 %) | 584.594 (17.9 %) |

Starting from December 1988, more detailed statistics on loans to the transport sector, to building, construction, property development and investment and to financial concerns are available. They are published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics from the January 1989 issue onwards.

+ In December 1988, the return for reporting loans for use by sector was revised. As a result of this, some authorized institutions have now more properly classified their loans according to intended usage rather than the business of the loan recipients.

* This excludes funds advanced to authorized institutions

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NO NEW CASES OF FOOD-POISONING

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NO NEW CASES OF FOOD-POISONING CAUSED BY THE INTAKE OF PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN REPORTED SO FAR TODAY (MONDAY).

DESPITE THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BY WASHING AND BLANCHING VEGETABLES BEFORE COOKING.

"MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN SCREENING AND SAMPLING VEGETABLES ESPECIALLY THOSE IMPORTED FROM SHENZHEN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OVER THE WEEKEND, 17 MORE PEOPLE WERE TAKEN ILL IN FOOD-POISONING CASES CAUSED BY PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, BRINGING TO 61 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS SINCE THE OUTBREAK LAST WEEK.

OF THESE, SIX ARE STILL IN HOSPITAL. THEY ARE ALL IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

TO AVOID FOOD POISONING BY EATING PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- * DO NOT BUY VEGETABLES WITH AN OBVIOUS STRANGE SMELL;
- * TEAR OFF AND DISCARD THE LEAVES AT THE PERIPHERY;
- * WASH WELL BEFORE COOKING;
- * SOAK VEGETABLES IN CLEAN WATER FOR SOME TIME TO ALLOW PESTICIDE TO LEACH OUT;
- * BLANCH IN BOILING WATER AND POUR AWAY THE WATER USED FOR BLANCHING AS IT MAY CONTAIN DISSOLVED PESTICIDE; AND
- * COOK THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

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LEGCO MEMBERS TO DEBATE ON LAW AND ORDER MOTION

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF FOUR QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER TWO BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

OF THE TWO BILLS, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS WHILE THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 WILL GO THROUGH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

ALSO, THE HON ANDREW WONG WILL MOVE THREE MOTIONS UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE HON HUI YIN-FAT WILL MOVE A MOTION THAT READS: "THAT THIS COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE INCREASE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR, ORGANISED CRIME, ROBBERY WITH FIREARMS, SMUGGLING AND CAR THEFTS, AND URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS IN HONG KONG TO COMBAT CRIME AND TO SEEK CHINA'S FULL CO-OPERATION IN DEALING WITH CROSS BORDER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES".

DR THE HON HENRIETTA IP WILL SPEAK ON THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRAVEL AGENTS' RESERVE FUND FOR THE PERIOD 1.4.89-31.3.90 WHILE THE HON PETER POON WILL SPEAK ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS SCHEME INVITES APPLICATIONS

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APPLICATIONS FOR OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS (ORS) AWARDS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE 1991/92 SCHOOL YEAR.

ABOUT 850 NEW ORS AWARDS WILL BE OFFERED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS IN 1991 TO OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL.

EACH AWARD WILL COVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEE FOR A HOME (UK) POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE FEE CHARGEABLE TO AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

THE SCHEME IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMITTEE OF VICE-CHANCELLORS AND PRINCIPALS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE:

- (A) GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY OR STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1991;
- (B) ACCEPTED OR CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ADMISSION IN THE 1991/92 ACADEMIC YEAR AS REGISTERED RESEARCH STUDENTS TO A FULL-TIME COURSE FOR A HIGHER DEGREE OR WHO ARE ALREADY UNDERTAKING SUCH A COURSE AND DO NOT HAVE AN ORS AWARD; AND
- (C) LIABLE TO PAY TUITION FEES AT THE RATE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS.

THE ONLY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDS ARE OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL; OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS MEANS, NATIONALITY, PROPOSED FIELD AND INSTITUTION OF STUDY WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE AWARDS MAY BE HELD IN ANY FIELD OF STUDY.

SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF THE AWARD-HOLDER, THE AWARD MAY BE RENEWED FOR A SECOND OR THIRD YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE NORMAL OR REMAINING LENGTH OF THE RESEARCH COURSE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE OFFICIAL FORM (ORS/1) WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY OF ANY OF THE UK ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD SUBMIT HIS APPLICATION FOR THE ORS AWARD THROUGH ONLY ONE INSTITUTION.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY AT THE INSTITUTION IS APRIL 30, 1991.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ORS SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY AT 16 ICE HOUSE STREET, FIFTH FLOOR, CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 801 5776).

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MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL GALA ON MARCH 3

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MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ANNUAL GALA TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL. THE CONCERT BEGINS AT 3 PM.

THE ANNUAL GALA IS THE FIRST MUSICAL ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN THE YEAR OF THE RAM DURING WHICH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS TRAINEES UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME IN THE PAST YEAR CAN BE REVIEWED.

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A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE EVENT WOULD PROVIDE THE TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC AND BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.

"PARENTS, WHEN WATCHING THEIR CHILDREN PERFORM ON STAGE AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, WOULD FEEL PROUD OF THE YOUNGSTERS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

"THE TRAINEES' OUTSTANDING TECHNIQUE WILL ALSO GUARANTEE AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON FOR THE AUDIENCE," HE SAID.

SOME OF THE TRAINEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONCERT WERE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL OR HAD REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN GOODWILL VISITS TO SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT WILL BE THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR.

THEY WILL PRESENT PIECES INCLUDING TCHAIKOVSKY'S "OVERTURE 1812", HANDEL'S "CONCERTO GROSSO IN G MAJOR", AND THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL "THE AMBUSH" AND "THE CAVALRY".

THE CLIMAX OF THE CONCERT WILL BE A JOINT PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR AS WELL AS THE CHORAL ENSEMBLES FROM DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, WAH YAN COLLEGE, TIN KWONG ROAD GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL. THEY WILL PRESENT VERDI'S "TRIUMPHAL MARCH FROM AIDA".

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY. OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA, AT \$30 AND \$40 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBTIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 823 5314.

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STUDENT GARDENERS TO RECEIVE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOUR

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WINNING STUDENTS FROM 98 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FOR THEIR LABOUR WORK IN A VEGETABLE POT-GROWING COMPETITION AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 5) AFTERNOON.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS (CURRICULUM) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR SIMON HO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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STUDENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WERE GIVEN SEEDS OF FIVE SPECIES SUITABLE FOR POT GROWING LAST SEPTEMBER TO NURTURE FROM SEEDLING TO FULL-GROWN STAGE WITH THE HELP OF TEACHERS AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION, STUDENTS LEARNT MORE ABOUT THE GROWTH OF PLANTS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHOI HING LEE SEEDS COMPANY LIMITED.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE BETWEEN 3 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW AND BETWEEN 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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