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FIGHT CRIME COLLABORATION SHOULD INCREASE : MINISTER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR ALASTAIR GOODLAD TODAY (MONDAY) SAID BOTH THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS HAVE TALKED TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ON THE FIGHT AGAINST SERIOUS CRIME.

NOTING THAT THE HONG KONG POLICE HAD ALSO BEEN CO-OPERATING WITH THE CHINESE IN SOME AREAS, MR GOODLAD HOPED THAT THESE COLLABORATIONS WOULD BE INCREASING IN THIS ASPECT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING A CRIME SCENE IN TAI KOK TSUI, HE SAID: "I AM DETERMINED AS IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT THESE APPALLING CRIMES SHALL IN THE FUTURE BE PREVENTED AND THAT THE VILLAINS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO BOOK."

MR GOODLAD APPLAUDED THE EFFORTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE HONG KONG POLICE AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIME.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, MR GOODLAD PAID A VISIT TO THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT SITE AT CHEK LAP KOK.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE VISIT, HE SAID: "THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAVE GIVEN THE PROJECT EVERY SUPPORT."

ASKED ABOUT ALLEGATIONS THAT CONTRACTS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO TOO MANY BRITISH FIRMS, MR GOODLAD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CRITERIA BY WHICH THE CONTRACTS HAD BEEN AWARDED WERE VERY STRICT AND WERE VERY IMPARTIALLY APPLIED.

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MINISTER OF STATE BRIEFED ON ACP PROJECTS

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR ALASTAIR GOODLAD, WAS TODAY (MONDAY) GIVEN A WIDE-RANGING BRIEFING ON HONG KONG'S AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

MR GOODLAD VISITED THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE IN WAN CHAI AND WAS BRIEFED BY ITS DIRECTOR, MR RAFAEL HUI, AND THE CONSULTANT PROJECT MANAGER, DR HENRY TOWNSEND.

MR GOODLAD THEN HAD A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE VARIOUS ACP WORK SITES BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE NEW AIRPORT SITE AT CHEK LAP KOK FOR A BRIEFING ON THE WORKS THERE.

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GARRISON SAYS GOODBYE TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, TONIGHT (MONDAY) ATTENDED A FAREWELL DINNER AT HMS TAMAR HOSTED BY BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG.

THE OCCASION GAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GARRISON - ROYAL NAVY, ARMY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE - TO SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN FOLEY, PAID TRIBUTE TO LORD WILSON'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPING PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG OVER THE VERY DIFFICULT FIVE YEARS OF HIS GOVERNORSHIP.

HE SAID THE GARRISON VERY MUCH VALUED LORD WILSON'S INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FORCES.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ROLE LADY WILSON HAS FULFILLED DURING THE GOVERNOR'S TERM OF OFFICE.

DURING THE EVENING THE REGIMENTAL BAND OF 1ST BATTALION THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF WALES INCLUDED IN ITS PROGRAMME, "ALL THE BLUE BONNETS ARE OVER THE BORDER", ONE OF THE REGIMENTAL MARCHES OF LORD WILSON'S FORMER REGIMENT THE BLACK WATCH.

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RAIL LINK UNDER STUDY

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COMMENTING ON A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG AND A GROUP OF DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS FROM TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING TODAY (MONDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT BRANCH SAID PUBLIC VIEWS WILL BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY WHICH WILL DRAW UP LONG-TERM RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE TERRITORY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE STUDY IS PROGRESSING WELL AND ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED RAILWAY NETWORK. THE STUDY INCLUDES A RAIL LINK WITH THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

"ALL OPTIONS INCLUDING POSSIBLE ALIGNMENTS FROM TSUEN WAN TO EITHER TUEN MUN OR YUEN LONG ARE STILL OPEN."

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A DIALOGUE ON THE SUBJECT WAS MAINTAINED WITH THE RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS THROUGH TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVES AT THESE BOARDS.

"THEY WILL BE CONSULTED AGAIN WHEN RESULTS OF THE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF 1992 AND BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES A VIEW," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WITH REGARD TO MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN THE SHORT TERM, WORK IS IN HAND TO IMPROVE SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN, TO IMPROVE ROAD JUNCTIONS AND TO RE-ROUTE TRAFFIC IN SOME AREAS.

"IN THE LONGER TERM, FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND SECTIONS OF ROUTE 5 AT SHEK WAI KOK AND CHAI WAN KOK," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE YUEN LONG-TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR AND YUEN LONG WEST LINK WOULD BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR AND THE YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS IN JUNE 1994.

HE SAID THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMPLETION OF THE TIN SHUI WAI WEST ACCESS IN JULY 1995. THESE PROJECTS WOULD GREATLY RELIEVE CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING THE ROUTE 3 (COUNTRY PARK SECTOR), FROM AU TAU TO TSING YI, AS A PRIVATISED PROJECT.

THIS WILL GREATLY RELIEVE THE CONGESTED TUEN MUN HIGHWAY APART FROM PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT NORTH-SOUTH EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

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APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MESSRS VICTOR CHU, PAUL FAN, PHILIP GRAY AND KEVIN WESTLEY AS MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) FROM JUNE 1 THIS YEAR TO MAY 31 NEXT YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

EIGHT OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED FOR A FURTHER TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM JUNE 1.

THEY ARE MESSRS RONALD ARCULLI, CHAN SUN-SUN, RAYMOND KWOK, CHARLES SOO, RICHARD MARGOLIS, LINCOLN YUNG, ZHOU ZHEN-XING AND WATARU YAMAGUCHI.

THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 15 MEMBERS, NAMELY 12 MARKET MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TWO SFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY SFC AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SFC WHO PRESIDES AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

"THE MARKET MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND FROM THE PROFESSIONS TO ADVISE THE SFC ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT," MR NENDICK SAID.

MR NENDICK ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FOUR OUTGOING MEMBERS, MESSRS VICTOR FUNG, PETER NORRIS, LINCOLN SOO AND ROBERT THOMAS FOR THEIR INVALUABLE ADVICE TO THE COMMISSION OVER THE PAST YEARS.

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APPLICATION FOR HKCI REPLACEMENT BY POST
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AS AN IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY MAY BE MADE BY POST.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL ATTENDANCE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED.

FROM JUNE 1, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN HONG KONG AND ARE AGED 18 OR OVER MAY SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THEIR HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY BY POST TO THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (OTHER SERVICES) SECTION, IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, 4/F, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE DROPPED INTO THE DROP-IN BOXES INSTALLED AT THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (OTHER SERVICES) SECTION OR AT ANY IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICES.

APPLICANTS WHO PREFER TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON MAY CONTINUE TO DO SO.

WHEN POSTING THEIR APPLICATIONS, APPLICANTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ENCLOSED A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY AND HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD, TWO IDENTICAL RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS AND A CROSSED CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF DOCUMENT FEES.

FOR APPLICATIONS MADE BY POST OR DEPOSITED AT THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (OTHER SERVICES) SECTION, NORMALLY 10 WORKING DAYS WILL BE NEEDED FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A NEW CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

FIFTEEN WORKING DAYS WILL BE NEEDED FOR APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED AT AN IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE. APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED BY LETTER THE DATE AND OFFICE TO COLLECT THEIR NEW CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY.

THEY SHOULD COLLECT THEIR NEW CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY IN PERSON AND BRING ALONG THEIR PREVIOUS CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY FOR CANCELLATION.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED: "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURES FOR OTHER CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY SERVICES.

"APPLICANTS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PREVIOUS CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY OR WHO NEED A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY FOR URGENT TRAVEL SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON TEL 824 6111.

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QUARRY BAY STREET TO BE RESUMED
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR PART OF QUARRY BAY STREET IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO RESTORE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAFFIC TO A PROPER STANDARD.

UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS, QUARRY BAY STREET IS NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

IN VIEW OF THE POOR CONDITION OF THE STREET WHICH IS PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT, THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE ITS ENVIRONMENT TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER 1993.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, G/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, G/F, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19/F, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL NOT LATER THAN JULY 21 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN YAU MA TEI SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ARE ON THE ROOF OF 9-15 TUNG ON STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON AUGUST 18 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (MONDAY).

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

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LEGCO MEETS ON WEDNESDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER SEVEN BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 27).

FIVE OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992, POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992, GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE BILL, BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 AND CHIROPRACTORS REGISTRATION BILL.

DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER TWO BILLS WILL BE RESUMED BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 AND INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992.

THE HON HENRY TANG WILL MOVE A MOTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WHILE THE HON MIRIAM LAU WILL MOVE A MOTION ON TAXI POLICY.

ALSO, THE HON K.K. FUNG WILL MOVE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE HON PEGGY LAM WILL PRESENT TO AND ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON THE REPORT OF THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE 1991.

IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT 1991.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES. THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 56% OF CAPACITY OR 327.924 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 136.660 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 23.3% OF CAPACITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO CONSERVE WATER AND AVOID WASTAGE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	23.5.92	988
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	25.5.92	+72
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-72
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+400 *

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED ON 26.5.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	1.81 PCT	18 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.50	4.54
1 MONTH	2.06 PCT	21 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.10	4.88
3 MONTHS	2.59 PCT	24 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.76	5.16
6 MONTHS	3.14 PCT					
12 MONTHS	3.83 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,213 MN (RECORD HIGH)

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