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GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO PRESS AFTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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GOVERNOR: GOOD MORNING. WE HAD GOOD DISCUSSIONS THIS MORNING ABOUT THE BUDGET AND ABOUT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. WE CONSIDERED THE VERY SATISFACTORY VOTES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEEK WHICH SAW THE COMPLETION OF WORK ON THE BILL WHICH DEALT WITH THE VOTING METHOD FOR DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, WHICH DEALT WITH APPOINTED MEMBERS AND WHICH DEALT WITH OTHER MATTERS WHICH SHOULDN'T BE THE SUBJECTS OF VERY MUCH CONTROVERSY. WE ALSO CONSIDERED THE DOCUMENTS WHICH THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS AND WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PRC HAD PRODUCED ON THE TALKS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T SUCCEED. AS YOU KNOW, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SET OUT AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE TALKS LAST WEEK. LATE YESTERDAY, THE PRC GAVE THEIR VERSION. WE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO STUDY THAT DOCUMENT CAREFULLY TO GIVE IT THE ATTENTION WHICH IT UNDOUBTEDLY DESERVES. AT FIRST SIGHT, IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE DOCUMENT ADDS ANYTHING NEW TO WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY HEARD IN PREVIOUS LEAKS AND PREVIOUS ALLEGATIONS FROM CHINESE OFFICIALS. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE FEEL WE NEED TO ADD TO THE ACCOUNT THAT WE HAVE SET OUT, WE'LL DO SO A LITTLE LATER. I MUST SAY THAT MY IMPRESSION IS THAT THE COMMUNITY DOESN'T WANT TO SEE CHARGE AND COUNTER-CHARGE WEEK AFTER WEEK THROUGH THE SPRING. I THINK THE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LINE DRAWN AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE US GET ON WITH MORE POSITIVE ISSUES NOT LEAST CO-OPERATING WHERE WE CAN IN THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG. SO, WE WON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT ENDLESS TIC-FOR-TAC. THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HAVE MATURE JUDGMENT. THEY CAN READ THE TWO ACCOUNTS AND MAKE THEIR OWN MINDS UP AND I AM SURE THAT IS WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL WANT TO DO. SO, I REPEAT THAT AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE'D LIKE TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS STARTING WITH THE BUDGET TOMORROW TO WHICH EVERYBODY IS LOOKING FORWARD AND, I HOPE, MOVING INTO AREAS WHERE SERIOUS, PRACTICAL, CONSTRUCTIVE CO-OPERATION WITH CHINA AND CHINESE OFFICIALS CAN AND SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

QUESTION: WHY DID YOU NOT RELEASE THE FULL MINUTES OF THE TALKS? HOW CAN PEOPLE JUDGE IF THEY ONLY GET AN EDITED VERSION?

GOVERNOR: I THINK, AS YOU KNOW, LIKE OTHER DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHERS, THERE ISN'T AN AGREED MINUTE TAKEN AFTER EACH MEETING. SO, EVEN IF YOU WERE TO PRODUCE ALL THE OTHER DOCUMENTATION, YOU STILL HAVE DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSES. I THINK WHAT'S QUITE INTERESTING ABOUT THE TWO DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PRODUCED IS THAT PEOPLE CAN LOOK FROM ONE DOCUMENT TO THE OTHER AND BY AND LARGE, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS, THE FACTS ARE THE SAME IN BOTH. BUT THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF DIFFERENCE IN OPINION AND JUDGMENT AND THAT IS WHERE THE ARGUMENT UNDOUBTEDLY FOCUSES. I THINK THE SADNESS IS THAT AFTER 17 ROUNDS OF TALKS WHICH WE'VE PROPOSED, WE DIDN'T GET VERY FAR. BUT I REPEAT THAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE US SPEND THE NEXT WEEKS EXCHANGING FURTHER ARGUMENTS AND DEBATING POINTS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST. I'D LIKE TO GET ON WITH THE FUTURE.

QUESTION: SIR LEON BRITTAN IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE TORY GOVERNMENT BECAUSE HE IS A NATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, SO HE IS NOT SPEAKING AS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSIONER?

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GOVERNOR: I THINK IF EVERYBODY WAS TO SAY THAT TO SIR LEON WHO IS THE EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER, HE WOULD REGARD IT AS PROFOUNDLY OFFENSIVE. THE EUROPEAN COMMISSIONERS WORK FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION. THAT IS THEIR OBLIGATION. THAT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. AND I THINK THAT ANYBODY WHO SUGGESTED IT TO THE CONTRARY WOULD BE SHOWING A PROFOUND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAY THE EUROPEAN UNION WORKS.

QUESTION: HOW MUCH DAMAGE DO YOU THINK ...

GOVERNOR: OUR INTENTION IS TO AVOID A WAR OF WORDS. I THINK THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG DESERVE TO BE TOLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN 17 ROUNDS OF TALKS. THEY'VE NOW BEEN TOLD BY THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS WHAT HAPPENED. THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN THE PRC'S VERSION. I THINK WE WANT ALL OF US NOW TO GET ON WITH BUSINESS AND BUSINESS INCLUDES ALL THOSE ISSUES WHICH TOUCH ON THE LIVELIHOOD AND WELL BEING AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG ON WHICH WE'D LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD, I AM SURE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FORWARD TOMORROW TO HEARING WHAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S PLANS ARE AND HOW WE INTEND TO TAKE FORWARD THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S EXTREMELY BUOYANT AND SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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CS HOPES RESUMED AIRPORT MEETING TO PRODUCE RESULTS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING SAID SHE WAS GLAD TO LEARN OF THE RESUMPTION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL SPRING RECEPTION, MRS CHAN SAID: "IT IS HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD DISCUSS, IN A PRACTICAL MANNER, THE FOURTH AIRPORT FINANCING PACKAGE WHICH WE PUT FORWARD AND THAT THE MEETING WOULD PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

"AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE NEW AIRPORT NEEDS TO BE BUILT URGENTLY. WE HOPE THAT AFTER THIS MEETING, AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES."

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RESUMPTION OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING WELCOMED

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE EXPERT LEVEL MEETING ON MARCH 3, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE RESUMPTION OF THE FORMAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

"WE ALSO WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE CHINESE SIDE'S RESPONSE TO THE FOURTH FINANCING PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD FOR THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL MEETS THE CONCERNS OF THE CHINESE SIDE, AND WE HOPE THAT THEIR RESPONSE WILL BE POSITIVE.

"WE ALSO WELCOME THE FACT THAT, DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN OTHER AREAS, BOTH SIDES ARE ABLE TO HOLD TALKS ON SUCH ECONOMIC ISSUES, WHICH ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF HONG KONG."

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DISCUSSION ON NEW AIRPORT FINANCE

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THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT EXPERT LEVEL ON 3 MARCH 1994 TO DISCUSS FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT.

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BARONESS DUNN VISITS SAN FRANCISCO

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BARONESS DUNN HAS LEFT FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO RECEIVE THE ASIAN PACIFIC LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AT ITS ANNUAL GALA THIS THURSDAY (MARCH 3).

THE AWARD, AN ANNUAL EVENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CENTRE FOR THE PACIFIC RIM, IS OFFERED TO THE BARONESS FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND PACIFIC RIM COMMERCE.

AT THE UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL GALA, THE BARONESS WILL ADDRESS THE BAY AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS THE KEY CENTRE SERVING THE SOUTH CHINA ECONOMY AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

DURING HER FOUR-DAY STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO, BARONESS DUNN WILL ALSO BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT A FORUM JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA, THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 4.

BARONESS DUNN WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MARCH 6.

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AIRPORT CORPORATION WHITE BILL

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THE TWO-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD ON THE AIRPORT CORPORATION WHITE BILL ENDED YESTERDAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE HAVE JUST FINISHED TWO MONTHS OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATION ON THE AIRPORT CORPORATION BILL. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE."

MORE THAN 6,000 COPIES OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT WERE ISSUED AND A WIDE RANGE OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE CONSULTATION HAD BEEN A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND GROUPS FORMED SPECIFICALLY TO STUDY THE BILL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ACC).

FOUR MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE LEGCO GROUP AND THREE MEETINGS WITH THE ACC GROUP, TOTALLING TOGETHER ABOUT 20 HOURS OF DISCUSSION.

DURING THIS EXERCISE, 24 EXPLANATORY PAPERS WERE PRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE TWO GROUPS.

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THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE TWO GROUPS WERE SET OUT IN WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE BILL WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS INCLUDING THE UNITED DEMOCRATS OF HONG KONG, THE LIBERAL PARTY, MEETING POINT, THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HONG KONG, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD.

SEPARATE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE BILL WERE HELD WITH SOME OF THESE GROUPS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY ALSO MADE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS. THEY INCLUDED THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA) AND THE BOARD OF AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF AIRLINES SERVING HONG KONG, AND SWIRE PACIFIC LTD WHICH HAS VARIOUS AIRLINE AND AIRPORT INVESTMENTS.

THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG COALITION OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES ASKED FOR BRIEFINGS, AND THE BILL WAS DISCUSSED WITH THEM.

IN TOTAL THERE WERE 18 SUBMISSIONS. THESE INCLUDED A SMALL NUMBER OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE NOW NEED TIME TO ANALYSE ALL THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE REVISIONS. WE WILL THEN NEED TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT BILL AND THE PROPOSED REVISIONS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE, IN LINE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

"WE STILL HOPE TO INTRODUCE A BLUE BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THIS SESSION, ONCE TALKS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ON THE SUBJECT HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED."

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MORE RESOURCES TO IMPROVE FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS DIRECTED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVE BOTH THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE WONG TAI SIN/SAI KUNG DISTRICT SPRING RECEPTION, MR STRACHAN SAID THE ALLOCATION WAS MADE IN SUPPORT OF THE CELEBRATION OF 1994 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY AND TO PROMOTE THE IDEA OF PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY.

THE MEASURES TAKEN INCLUDED IMPROVING THE MANNING RATIO OF CASEWORKERS IN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION IN THE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE, ADDITIONAL HOME HELP TEAMS AND FAMILY AIDE WORKERS, INCREASE IN FOSTER CARE PLACES AND SMALL GROUP HOMES, AND SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION IN CHILD CARE SERVICES.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE NEW SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES.

"NINETEEN FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCE CENTRES WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP WORK UNITS TO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR FAMILIES TO MEET AND DEVELOP MUTUAL HELP AND SUPPORT," HE SAID.

LATER IN THE YEAR, A FAMILY CARE DEMONSTRATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE IN OPERATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR FAMILIES TO PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND MALFUNCTIONING.

"IN ADDITION, WE WILL ESTABLISH INTEGRATED TEAMS AS PROPOSED BY THE WORKING PARTY ON REVIEW OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE SERVICES.

"THIS WILL PROVIDE BETTER SOCIAL WORK SERVICES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

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PREPARE VEGETABLES WITH CARE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED TO WASH AND BLANCH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING, AND TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTION IN PREPARING MATRIMONY VINE FOR CONSUMPTION.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR MAHOMMED ALI, FOLLOWING REPORTS OF NINE CASES OF FOOD POISONING ASSOCIATED WITH PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED MATRIMONY VINE.

DR ALI SAID THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAD STEPPED UP CHECKING AND SAMPLING AT THE BORDER CHECKPOINTS AND RETAIL OUTLETS.

THE RECENT OUTBREAKS AFFECTED 22 PERSONS FROM NINE FAMILIES, WITH 18 OF THEM TREATED AND DISCHARGED WHILE THE OTHER FOUR WERE STILL IN HOSPITAL.

INVESTIGATIONS CONFIRMED THAT SEVEN OF THESE NINE FAMILIES MADE VEGETABLE SOUP WITH THE CONTAMINATED PRODUCE.

TO REDUCE FOOD POISONING BY PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- * DO NOT PATRONISE UNLICENSED HAWKERS;
- * DO NOT BUY VEGETABLES WITH AN OBVIOUS STRANGE SMELL;
- * WASH WELL BEFORE COOKING;
- * DIP VEGETABLES INTO CLEAN WATER FOR ONE HOUR TO ALLOW PESTICIDES TO LEACH OUT;
- * BLANCH IN BOILING WATER AND POUR AWAY THE WATER USED FOR BLANCHING AS IT MAY CONTAIN DISSOLVED PESTICIDES; AND
- * COOK THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

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THREE LOTS SOLD FOR \$5,050 MILLION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,050 MILLION AT THE PUBLIC LAND AUCTION HELD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST LOT, AT THE JUNCTION OF FARM ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD, WAS BOUGHT BY LEAD BRIGHT LIMITED AT \$2,260 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$1,300 MILLION.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,059 SQUARE METRES, IT IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL, CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND DAY NURSERY USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 22,500 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1998.

THE SECOND LOT, AT AREA 7, TAI PO, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 18,490 SQUARE METRES, WAS BOUGHT BY CREDIT WORLD LIMITED AT \$2,140 MILLION WITH BIDDING OPENING AT \$1,000 MILLION.

IT IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 26,626 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1998.

THE THIRD LOT, SITUATED AT AREA 4C, TUEN MUN, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,877 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO GREAT CHEER DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AT \$650 MILLION, WITH BIDDING OPENING AT \$380 MILLION.

IT IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 15,600 SQUARE METRES BEFORE MARCH 31, 1998.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, WAS CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR NIGEL BURLEY.

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TEMPORARY LORRY PARK OPEN ON WESTERN RECLAMATION

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A TEMPORARY LORRY PARK IS OPENED ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION TODAY (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE LORRY PARK WOULD OPEN 24 HOURS DAILY, PROVIDING ABOUT 120 PARKING SPACES FOR LORRIES.

IT IS LOCATED TO THE EAST OF THE SHEUNG WAN PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA AND ENTRY IS FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND WESTERN PARK ROAD.

"THE PROVISION OF THIS TEMPORARY LORRY PARK IS EXPECTED TO ALLEVIATE THE CRITICAL PARKING SITUATION IN THIS AREA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IT IS MANAGED BY AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CAR PARK MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR, WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

THE CHARGES ARE:

HOURLY CHARGE	\$13 FOR LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE

	\$18 FOR MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLE
	\$20 FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE
	\$36 FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE
MONTHLY PASS CHARGE	\$1,500 FOR LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE

	\$2,000 FOR MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLE
	\$2,200 FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE
	\$4,000 FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE

HE SAID ADDITIONAL GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES WERE ALSO DESIGNATED ON WESTERN FIRE SERVICES STREET.

OVERNIGHT GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES ARE PROVIDED ON KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, WING LOK STREET, SAI NING STREET, BONHAM STRAND AND BONHAM STRAND WEST.

ALL THESE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE ALSO FROM TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING METERED GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN WESTERN PARK ROAD WILL BE REMOVED ON THE SAME DAY TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

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PURSUIT OF QUALITY - A FIRM COMMITMENT FOR ASD
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THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY IS A COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S (ASD) SERVICES ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST STANDARD AND ARE COMPATIBLE WITH HONG KONG PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF ALL ASD'S ENDEAVOURS AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY BY TAKING A PROACTIVE ROLE IN SOME ASPECTS OF THIS GLOBAL ISSUE.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE TAKEN THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING ON A TOUR OF SOME OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN.

THESE FACILITIES, COSTING SOME \$509 MILLION, INCLUDE COMMUNITY CENTRES, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A FIRE STATION, A POLICE STATION, A CLINIC, A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, A SPORTS GROUND AND A VEHICLE DEPOT FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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SPEAKING AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION AFTER THE TOUR, THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR KENNETH CHAN, SAID TIN SHUI WAI WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF A PROCESS IN WHICH EMPHASIS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT HAS SHIFTED FROM MAINLY A "PRODUCTION LINE" IN KEEPING UP WITH DEMAND FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS THE NEW TOWNS, TO A CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE BUILDING PROCESS, PARTICULARLY FROM A QUALITY PERSPECTIVE.

"THE PROJECTS YOU HAVE SEEN WERE DESIGNED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO AND ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE ALREADY INCORPORATED MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMANDS FOR BETTER QUALITY AS VIEWED THEN, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASISED THAT THIS PURSUIT IS DYNAMIC AND CONTINUING AND AS THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE CONTINUES TO GROW, SO TOO DO THE AFFLUENCE AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY," MR CHAN SAID.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONTINUING SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE IN 1992/93, 63 CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF PROJECTS WERE GAZETTED WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$2,030 MILLION, HE SAID.

DURING 1993/94 THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS LET WILL BE 60 WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$2,652 MILLION. EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, AS A WHOLE, HOWEVER, WILL INCREASE FROM \$4,707 MILLION IN 1992 TO \$5,067 MILLION IN 1993.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, MR CHAN SAID HIS DEPARTMENT INITIATED IN 1993 A CONSULTANCY TO INVESTIGATE THE USE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS IN THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

"THIS INITIATIVE RESULTED IN A WORKSHOP LAST WEEK WHICH FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE IN HONG KONG AND HAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRY THE DETERMINATION IN MINIMISING THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS IN CONSTRUCTION."

MR CHAN ALSO SPOKE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY WHICH, HE ADDED, CONTINUED TO BE HIGH ON THE ASD AGENDA.

"VARIOUS METHODS OF REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY UTILISING MORE EFFICIENT PLANT AND ADOPTING BETTER CONSTRUCTION METHODS TO ACHIEVE BETTER INSULATION STANDARDS ARE BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED," HE SAID.

"THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY AS A MEANS OF REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH A VIEW TO USING IT ON SOME PROJECTS ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS," MR CHAN ADDED.

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BUDGET GUIDE READY TOMORROW

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A BUDGET GUIDE HIGHLIGHTING THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE 1994/95 BUDGET AND HOW THEY AFFECT THE AVERAGE HONG KONG CITIZEN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ENTITLED "WHAT THE 1994 BUDGET MEANS FOR YOU", THE LEAFLET IS A BILINGUAL PUBLICATION TO BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON BUDGET DAY.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT SUCH A GUIDE IS PUBLISHED. A TOTAL OF 200,000 COPIES WILL BE ISSUED.

THE EASY-TO-READ LEAFLET, GIVING BUDGET FACTS AND FIGURES AT A GLANCE, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS IN CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN FROM 4.30 PM TOMORROW, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY DELIVERS HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES PUBLISHING SUB-DIVISION, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL; GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CENTRAL; AND FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES BETWEEN 4.30 PM AND 7 PM.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION, AND THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUTH.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

IT ENCOURAGES SUCH PROJECTS WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT IS MAINLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

A SINGLE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR THE TWO FUNDS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND AT THE EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH, URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS DIVISION OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BOTH THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ADVISING ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE IN ROOM 4015, 40TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 20 WHILE THAT FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS AND JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT FACILITIES FOR YOUTH CAN BE MADE ON 594 5659 WHILE THOSE ABOUT NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS ON 594 5660.

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KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK DESIGN ON SHOW

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AN EXHIBITION ON THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK DESIGN HAS BEEN PUT UP AT THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE (AMO) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TO DISPLAY THE DESIGN OF HONG KONG'S FIRST AUTHENTIC CHINESE GARDEN TO BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF FORMER KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE THEME PARK WILL CAPTURE THE ESSENCE AND STYLE OF THE PRIVATE GARDENS COMMONLY FOUND IN SOUTHERN CHINA IN THE EARLY QING DYNASTY.

THE DESIGN CONCEPT CONVEYS AN EDUCATIONAL VALUE ON THE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF A CHINESE GARDEN AND COVERS FUNCTIONAL AND HISTORICAL ASPECTS.

THE BUILDING MATERIALS WILL BE IMPORTED FROM CHINA AND CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILIONS AND ROCKERIES CARRIED OUT BY CHINESE SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION IS STILL CONTINUING ON THE SITE AT THE MOMENT. THE FOOTING OF THE ORIGINAL WALL TOGETHER WITH SOME GRANITE PATH AND RELICS HAD BEEN FOUND.

"YAMEN", THE OLD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY, WILL BE RESTORED TO FORM THE FOCUS OF THE PARK.

THE SOUTH AND NORTH ENTRANCE GATES WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE SITE MORE EXPLICIT.

THE PARK WILL ALSO INCLUDE PLANTS AND CLASSICAL CHINESE SCULPTURES AS WELL AS A CHILDREN'S KINGDOM.

THREE OLD WELLS WILL BE RESERVED AS A SPECIAL FEATURE AND BE USED TO PROVIDE WATER FOR GARDENING.

OTHER RELICS, SUCH AS STONE TABLETS AND COLUMN BASES, WILL BE PLACED AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS TO ENHANCE VISITORS' INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE SITE.

THE DESIGN OF THE PARK WAS AWARDED A DIPLOMA OF THE CENTRAL SOCIETY OF HORTICULTURE OF GERMANY AT THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION STUTTGART EXPO 93.

THE EXHIBITION WILL GO ON UNTIL THE END OF MARCH. ADMISSION IS FREE.

OPENING HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	9.30 AM - 12.30 PM
	2 PM - 4.30 PM
SATURDAYS	9.30 AM - NOON
SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	CLOSED

THE AMO IS LOCATED AT 136 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

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100 CAR MARKS UP FOR AUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL PUT UP 100 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS FOR AUCTION ON SATURDAY (MARCH 5) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

FIFTY OF THEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT 9.30 AM. THEY ARE:

FP1668	FS928	FS332	FS129	FS338
FS7888	FP9998	AA8138	BH1289	FS107
*DL11	*AL9	*FV16	*AS8888	*FK14
FS1328	FS819	FS668	FS986	AH2558
FS6686	CT139	DR250	BB9281	FS3001
AW362	FS826	FS398	FS8689	AU1972
FS722	FR8113	XX113	FS9692	FS915
*3444	*DK20	*EE95	*AH4444	*DD5005
FS8802	FS8863	FS1220	FS1966	FS706
FR275	XX102	FS817	FS3923	FS3927

IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM, THE OTHER 50 MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FT3338	FT283	FS1668	HK1018	FT6066
FS998	BC180	AF831	FT918	AA908
*DL98	*DK16	*FV11	*FW1	*AL626
FS4428	FT318	FT668	FT1299	FT322
CC317	FS2826	FT908	AW368	FT730
FT9228	AC811	AW6828	FT2863	AH827
FS8887	FT8863	FT138	FS871	FS9867
*1383	*AL28	*FF8686	*BS1991	*BB9595
FT8818	FT986	AS9788	FS3122	CY6118
FS9128	FS8898	FR9692	FT319	FS1957

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTIONS WILL BE THE 216TH AND 217TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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WATER CUT IN TUEN MUN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS MAINTENANCE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	1 MAR 94	1 MAR 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q409	H459
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 3,830MN	HKD 1,890MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 1,300MN	HKD 500MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.47 PCT	3.62 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.48 PCT	3.62 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 6 PCT	ABOUT 87 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.49 PCT	3.65 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 7 MAR 1994 -

TENDER DATE	8 MARCH 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q410
ISSUE DATE	9 MARCH 94
MATURITY DATE	8 JUNE 94
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 1,300 + 260MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,680
REVERSAL OF LAF	+320
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-859
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,141
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	1.3.94
	TWI 125.8 *+0.2*

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.45	18 MONTHS	2508	4.625	100.40	4.39
1 MONTH	3.44	21 MONTHS	2511	4.15	99.39	4.57
3 MONTHS	3.49	24 MONTHS	2602	4.40	99.45	4.75
6 MONTHS	3.62	32 MONTHS	3610	4.20	98.02	5.07
12 MONTHS	4.00	35 MONTHS	3701	4.60	98.61	5.19

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 17,759 MN

CLOSED 1 MARCH 1994

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