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GOVERNOR PRESENTS INSIGNIA AND COMMENDATIONS TO 110

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INSIGNIA AND COMMENDATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO 110 PEOPLE BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

OF THEM, 80 WERE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, 24 WERE AWARDED ST JOHN INSIGNIA AND SIX GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS:

CBE

MR JOHN CHAN CHO-CHAK

MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO

OBE

THE HONOURABLE RONALD JOSEPH ARCULLI

MRS KATHERINE FOK LO SHIU-CHING

MR FREDERICK HO WING-HUEN

MR BRIAN JENNEY

MR KEITH LAM HON-KEUNG

DR PUN KWOK-SHING

MR SIU CHUEN

MR DONALD TSANG

MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH

MBE

MR CHAN WAH-CHAU

MR CHAU KA-KI

MRS CHIU SO YIM-SHAN

MR CHUNG KIN-GUP

MR KISHORE KUMAR GURUNG

DR RAYMOND HO CHUNG-TAI (ALSO ATTENDING AS ST JOHN)

MR KO YEE-KWAN

MR KWOK YAO-KEE

MR RAYMOND LAI MING-KEE

MR LAM KAM-HOP

MR LAU KAI

MR LAU SHIU-NIN

MR LEE CHEUK-KING

MRS DAISY LI WOO TZE-HA

MR LING CHIU-LOK

MR LO HO-KWONG

MR JOHN LOO WUN-LOONG

MRS MING CHAN CHUNG-TING, JOAN

MR SUEN KIN-CHUNG

MR WILLIAM WAN HON-CHEUNG

MR WONG CHI-KEUNG

MR WONG KWONG-CHUNG

MR YUEN TAK-MING

MBE(MIL)

MS CHENG MEI-LING FOR THE LATE MAJOR SIMON CHENG CHAN-WING

MAJOR IAN BRUCE FERGUS LANE

QPM

MR CHRISTOPHER JOHN WESTAWAY BAGLEY

MR ALASTAIR WILLIAM JAMIESON GUNN

QFSM

MR JAMES HO KWOK-CHUEN

ISM

MR CHING KING-MAN

MR LAU ON

CPM

- MR WILLIAM IAN NICHOLSON
- MR MICHAEL BRIAN DOWIE
- MR ERIC LEUNG CHI-BUN
- MR RICHARD HUGH YOUNGE
- MR GERARD ANTHONY MCSTRAVICK
- MR STEPHEN HENRY ROBINS
- MR LESLIE BURTON
- MR CHARLES JOHN REARDON
- MR TANG CHIU-WING
- MR FUNG KAM-WONG
- MR LEUNG TUNG-CHOI
- MR CHAUDHRY MOHAMMAD ANWAR
- MR YAM CHI-NAM
- MR AHMAD NAZIR
- MR CHEUNG TAM-CHING
- MR FUNG TAK-SHING

FIRE

- MR TSE YU-HING
- MR LUN PING-CHUEN
- MR LO PING-LAM
- MR CHAN LUNG

BADGE OF HONOUR

- MR HENRY CHAN HAY
- MR WILLIAM CHANG
- MR TONY CHOY KWAI-SANG
- DR CHUNG CHI-YUNG
- MR HO KWAN-CHU

MRS TERESA HOWELL

MR KWAN MING

MR LAI HIN-WA

MR LAM KIN-KWOK

MS LEONA LAM WAI-LING

MR LO KWOK-HUNG

MS MA LAI-WAH

MR PANG KAM-CHUEN

MR TANG YING-HEI

MR WILLY TSAO SING-YUEN

MR WAN YUET-KAU

MR WONG KWOK-KEUNG

MR WONG KWONG

MR YIM KWOK-ON

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATIONS

MR CHOY KIN-CHEUNG

MR CHEUNG KWAI-KEE

MR CHAN WING-FU

MR LEUNG KING-LUN

MR LEE CHI-WAI

MR CHAN LIN-FAI

ST JOHN

OFFICER BROTHER

MR WOO MAN-KAI

DR PETER C Y LEE

MR CHAN CHEUK-SANG

MR CHIU SZE-HOI

/SERVING BROTHER

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SERVING BROTHER

DR WILLIAM FUNG KIN-KONG
MR STANLEY AU PING-LUN
MR ALLAN LEUNG TING-KAI
DR LAWRENCE LAM CHI-KIT
DR LAM CHO-YEE
MR WONG TAT-CHUEN
MR HO SHIU-KUEN
MR LAI TAT-KWAN
DR EDMUND WOO KIN-WAI
DR YEUNG CHUNG-HIM
MR WILLIAM T C CHEUNG
MR WONG CHING-CHI
MR TONY CHAU MUN
MR CHENG HOI-CHUEN
DR RAYMOND HO CHUNG-TAI (ALSO MBE)
MR LEE KWONG
MR CHAN CHAI-ON
MR TSANG SIN-TAK

SERVING SISTER

MISS MAY KWONG MAY-LING
DR CHING KIT-MING

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TWO GOVT LOTS SOLD FOR \$315 MILLION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$315 MILLION AT THE PUBLIC LAND AUCTION HELD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED AT MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND WAS BOUGHT BY HORTIG INTERNATIONAL (HK) LTD AT THE OPENING PRICE OF \$18 MILLION.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 840 SQUARE METRES, IT IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWNS, HOTELS OR OFFICES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 840 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996.

THE SECOND LOT, LOCATED IN MA TIN ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES, AND WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,350 SQUARE METRES, WAS SOLD TO EVER LEAD LIMITED AT \$297 MILLION, WITH BIDDING OPENED AT \$220 MILLION.

IT IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 7,830 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996.

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

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FIVE MORE MEN GET HIV

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FIVE MEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (OCTOBER), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF HIV-INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 408.

NO NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IS 91 WITH 61 DEATHS. THE 30 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 408 HIV-INFECTED, 299 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, NINE WERE INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS, AND 65 WERE INFECTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND SAFE HEAT TREATED CLOTTING CONCENTRATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 35, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

SINCE THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WAS STARTED IN 1985, 299,119 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,324,255 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 29 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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ROAD TEST REPEATERS CAN APPLY FOR EMPTY SLOTS
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ROAD TEST REPEATERS CAN APPLY FOR EMPTY SLOTS CREATED FROM POSTPONEMENTS STARTING FROM DECEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE SLOTS WOULD BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

"THE ARRANGEMENT IS AN IMPROVEMENT TO SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

EXCEPT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TEST FORM, NO EXTRA FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE APPLICATION. THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS HAD TO APPLY IN PERSON AT THE DRIVING TEST SECTION.

THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THEIR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT, A COPY OF THEIR PREVIOUS TEST RESULT OR PARTICULARS OF DRIVING TEST.

APPLICATIONS BY AN AGENT SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SLOTS FOR DRIVING TESTS INVOLVING PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL CARS TO BE CONDUCTED IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HANDLED BY COUNTER 34 OF THE DRIVING TEST SECTION ON NINTH FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TESTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE PROCESSED AT COUNTER 1 AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG.

NO SUCH SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE SHA TIN APPOINTMENTS OFFICE AT THIS STAGE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR APPOINTMENTS OBTAINED UNDER THE SCHEME, APPLICATIONS FOR POSTPONEMENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS FOR HEALTH REASONS, IN WHICH CASE ONLY END-OF-LIST APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE GIVEN.

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FARMING CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED NEXT MONTH
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THE 1993 AGRICULTURAL CARNIVAL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS, WILL BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND DURING THE COMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVE SEASON.

THE SPECTACLE WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 18 TO JANUARY 2. IT IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE JOINT FEDERATION OF HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES (JFAFPMS) AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CARNIVAL AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THE 16-DAY EVENT, ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$7 MILLION, WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG, CHINA, TAIWAN AND OVERSEAS.

"THE MAIN AIM IS TO INCREASE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY, ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND FUTURE TRENDS," HE SAID.

DESCRIBING IT AS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND INTERESTING, DR LEE SAID THERE WOULD BE EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON ADVANCED FARMING TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT.

VISITORS CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN MANY INTERESTING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

"THIS IS A FUNCTION THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS," HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID PRIMARY PRODUCTS, INCLUDING VEGETABLES, PIGS AND POULTRIES, HAD HELPED TO REGULATE AND STABILISE THE SUPPLY AND PRICES OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS.

IN ADDITION, THE FARM PRODUCTION HAS PLAYED A RATHER IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ROLE IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITH A TURNOVER AMOUNTING TO \$1.1 BILLION LAST YEAR.

THE INDUSTRY ALSO HELPS TO CONSERVE THE COUNTRYSIDE, DR LEE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SAID AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FROM THE 1950'S TO 1970'S WERE POPULAR, ATTRACTING VISITORS FROM BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.

"IT IS A PITY THAT SHOWS OF THIS KIND HAVE NOT BEEN ORGANISED SINCE 1972," MR CHEUNG SAID.

FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING TRADITIONAL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAD DECIDED TO JOIN IN THE EVENT.

"I HOPE IT WOULD HELP THE PUBLIC GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND REMIND THEM THAT OUR AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES SECTOR STILL PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR SOCIETY," HE ADDED.

ON SHOW IS A CONSOLIDATED FARMING VILLAGE FEATURING INTEGRATED FARMING, LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY, CHICKEN HATCH DEMONSTRATION, PLANT NURSERIES AND CROP FARMS.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE A GIANT TOMATO ARCHWAY, HUGE HEXAGON ASSORTED VEGETABLE AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, A MINI BEE REARING FARM AND A FLOWER BAZAAR.

THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 70 STALLS SELLING AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG AND A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND NETHERLANDS.

TO ADD SPICE TO THE CARNIVAL, THERE WILL BE VARIOUS KINDS OF STAGE PERFORMANCES AND GAME STALLS AS WELL AS DOG SHOWS, HORSE RIDING AND PIG RACES.

THE EVENT WILL OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM AND WILL EXTEND TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ADMISSION IS \$10 PER PERSON. TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION. THE VENUE IS ALSO EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY MANY OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

DISCOUNT GROUP TICKETS WILL BE OFFERED TO SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROMOTION COMPANY ON 367 5778.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR ADOLF HSU, CHAIRMAN OF JFAPMS, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MISS VERA SO AND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR, MR JOHNNY WOO.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY A NUMBER OF COMPANIES INCLUDING TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY, HUTCHISON-WHAMPOA TELEPHONE, SHARP ELECTRIC APPLIANCES AND NINTENDO, WING HONG WOO CO LTD, DUTCH LADY, FUJI PHOTO PRODUCTS CO LTD AND MONGKOK VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION CO LTD, WITH THE TREASURE MARK DEVELOPMENT LTD AS THE PROMOTER OF THE EVENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MISS SYLVIA NG OR MISS SHIRLEY LAU OF TREASURE MARK DEVELOPMENT LTD ON 367 5778.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO QUIT CARELESSNESS

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR MR CHAN TAT-KING TODAY (MONDAY) APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS IN ALL INDUSTRIES TO TAKE CARE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE FOLLOWING TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH TWO SEPARATE COMPANIES WERE HEAVILY FINED FOR VIOLATING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS.

ON JUNE 15 THIS YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTOR (II) MR CHEUK WAI-MAN OF THE BUILDING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION/KOWLOON OFFICE INSPECTED A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT AUSTIN AVENUE IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND FOUND A FLOOR EDGE ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS UNFENCED.

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS RESULTED IN THE PROSECUTION OF WOON LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED UNDER SECTION 38P(1) OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

UNDER THIS SECTION, THE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR A CONSTRUCTION SITE SHALL ENSURE THAT EVERY OPENING, EDGE OR OTHER DANGEROUS PLACE THROUGH OR FROM WHICH ANY PERSON ON THE SITE IS LIABLE TO FALL A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN TWO METRES IS PROVIDED WITH EITHER SUITABLE STRONG GUARD-RAILS OR COVERINGS SO CONSTRUCTED AS TO PREVENT THE FALL OF PERSONS, MATERIALS AND ARTICLES.

THE MAXIMUM FINE OF THIS OFFENCE IS \$50,000.

THE COMPANY WAS FINED \$45,000 BY THE COURT ON NOVEMBER 12.

ANOTHER COURT CASE INVOLVED A FATAL ACCIDENT IN CENTRAL EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE T-YOUNG'S SERVICES LIMITED, WHO WAS CHARGED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 5(1) OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ELECTRICITY) REGULATIONS, WAS FINED \$30,000. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER THIS SECTION.

THE VICTIM OF THE ACCIDENT WAS AN 18-YEAR-OLD WORKER. HE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE USING A COMPRESSOR IN A CLEANING OPERATION AT THE DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WORK PLACE ON MAY 14. HE LATER DIED IN HOSPITAL.

IT WAS LATER ESTABLISHED THAT THE COVER OF THE COMPRESSOR WAS NOT SECURELY FASTENED AND THE CAP COVERING LIVE TERMINALS WAS LOOSE, RESULTING IN THE FATAL ELECTRICAL LEAK.

"THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WOULD NOT TOLERATE CONTRACTORS WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS TO FLOOR EDGES IN BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS THIS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS OR FATAL ACCIDENTS," MR CHAN SAID.

UNDER THE LAW, IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENT, AND PROPERLY AND REGULARLY MAINTAINED ELECTRICAL APPARATUS IN SAFE WORKING CONDITION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE PUNISHED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LEGISLATION, HE SAID.

MR CHAN ALSO ASKED EMPLOYEES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TO ADOPT A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO SAFETY, INSTEAD OF THE "COULDN'T CARE LESS" OR "I'M ALRIGHT, JACK" ATTITUDE.

"TO PROTECT THEIR OWN LIVES, ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD FULLY CO-OPERATE WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS BY TAKING SAFETY MEASURES AS SPECIFIED IN SAFETY REGULATIONS WHICH COVER ALMOST EVERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

LEGCO TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER TWO BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1).

OF THE TWO BILLS, BREWIN TRUST FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATE ON IT IS DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

DEBATE ON GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 WILL BE RESUMED. IT IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION TO SET UP A DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR OTHER MOTIONS.

ONE MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON JAMES TO UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE. ANOTHER MOTION ON THE TERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF MR ALEX TSUI BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON MRS SELINA CHOW UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) ORDINANCE.

THE HON FRED LI WILL MOVE A MOTION ON SINGLE PARENT FAMILY AND THE HON PETER WONG WILL MOVE A MOTION ON SEWAGE CHARGING POLICY WITH AMENDED MOTIONS PROPOSED SEPARATELY BY DR THE HON C H LEONG AND REV THE HON FUNG CHI-WOOD.

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

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ENTREPRENEURS CAN BUILD A BETTER ASIA-PACIFIC

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HONG KONG AND CANADIAN ENTREPRENEURS CAN JOIN HANDS TO BUILD WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN THE REGION A BETTER, BRIGHTER AND EVEN MORE VIBRANT ASIA-PACIFIC, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A BUSINESS SEMINAR ORGANISED AS PART OF THE METRO TORONTO WEEK IN HONG KONG, MR CHAU SAID BOTH HONG KONG AND CANADA BELONGED TO ASIA-PACIFIC, WHICH WAS THE FASTEST-GROWING REGION IN THE WORLD TODAY.

"THE DYNAMISM OF THE REGION IS DUE IN NO SMALL WAY TO THE ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION PURSUED BY CHINA AND OTHER EAST ASIAN ECONOMIES," HE SAID.

"MANY OF THESE EAST ASIAN ECONOMIES ARE AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF HONG KONG AND CANADA," MR CHAU ADDED.

HE SAID BECAUSE OF THE EXISTING STRONG ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMAN BONDS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND TORONTO, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT BUSINESS TIES BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES WOULD GROW EVER STRONGER.

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NEW PHONE FOR WATER SUPPLIES SUB-OFFICE

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THE MAIN EXCHANGE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S ARGYLE STREET SUB-OFFICE WILL BE CHANGED FROM 395 3131 TO 399 4399 NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 6).

THE PRESENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM, WHICH REQUIRES SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS TO CONNECT PHONE CALLS TO INDIVIDUAL EXTENSIONS, WILL BE REPLACED BY A NEW SYSTEM OPERATING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL DIRECT LINES.

"IN THE FIRST MONTH AFTER THE CHANGE, CALLERS WILL BE TOLD TO USE THE NEW DIRECT LINES IN FUTURE, BUT OPERATORS WILL STILL FORWARD THEIR CALLS TO INDIVIDUALS EXTENSIONS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID THE NEW ARRANGEMENT COULD HELP TO STREAMLINE COMMUNICATION AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE 24-HOUR HOTLINE - 396 0210 - FOR REPORTING TECHNICAL FAULTS OF WATER SUPPLY IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 464.417 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 395.191 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 67.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,711
REVERSAL OF LAF	+289
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-210
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,790
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.9 *+0.1* 29.11.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/ HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.09 PCT	15 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.37	3.62
1 MONTH	3.03 PCT	18 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.83	3.91
3 MONTHS	3.05 PCT	21 MONTHS	2508	4.625	100.95	4.08
6 MONTHS	3.14 PCT	24 MONTHS	2511	4.15	99.91	4.24
12 MONTHS	3.44 PCT	35 MONTHS	3610	4.20	98.74	4.72

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,799MN

CLOSED 29 NOVEMBER 1993

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