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CAR MARKS SOLD FOR CHARITY

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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$29,780,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE LECTURE HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 71 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$4 MILLION.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK 92 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$2.7 MILLION WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$200,000 FOR 420.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
1368	480,000	FS3333	340,000	92	2,700,000	AS3	400,000
XX10	320,000	71	4,000,000	HK7	1,400,000	336	1,500,000
230	420,000	HK17	650,000	79	1,200,000	HK500	400,000
HK22	750,000	148	600,000	FV1	560,000	420	200,000
187	380,000	933	550,000	109	500,000	XX11	600,000
FL1	520,000	XX99	550,000	AA10	400,000	74	320,000
110	400,000	812	450,000	116	680,000	FF2	650,000
DD8888	600,000	CP2	450,000	HK15	700,000	938	820,000
700	600,000	181	1,600,000	127	400,000	BB2222	420,000
1380	360,000	HK222	950,000	AW88	620,000	FA8	340,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 213RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$266,327,905.

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EXCHANGE FUND'S HKB ACCOUNT BALANCE REDUCED

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IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING LOCAL MONEY MARKET CONDITIONS, THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE REDUCTION OF THE BALANCE OF HONGKONGBANK'S ACCOUNT MAINTAINED WITH THE EXCHANGE FUND BY \$1 BILLION TO \$3 BILLION.

THIS REVERSED AN EARLIER INJECTION OF \$1 BILLION MADE ON DECEMBER 7 LAST YEAR.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY SAID THIS MONETARY MEASURE WAS TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF DOMESTIC MONEY MARKET CONDITIONS.

CLEARLY MOVEMENTS IN US\$ MONEY MARKET RATES HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON HK\$ RATES, BUT THESE WERE ONLY ONE OF THE FACTORS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, HE SAID.

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LANTAU TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES AVAILABLE
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THE LANTAU TAXI FARE CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING THE EXISTING FARE SCALES AS AGAINST THE NEW SCALES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY TAXI OWNERS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 7) AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE,
MUI WO SUB-OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD,
MUI WO,
LANTAU ISLAND.
- * PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION,
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT,
ROOM 27, MEZZANINE FLOOR,
2 MURRAY ROAD,
HONG KONG.

TAXI OWNERS SHOULD PRODUCE THEIR TAXI REGISTRATION DOCUMENT WHEN COLLECTING THE CONVERSION TABLES.

THE TABLES SHOULD BE DISPLAYED AT A PROMINENT POSITION INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE METERS ARE RE-CALIBRATED AND SEALED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES FOR THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THERE WILL BE NO CLINIC SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 10 (LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY) AND FEBRUARY 11.

HOWEVER, EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON FEBRUARY 12 (SATURDAY) AND 13 (SUNDAY).

/THE CLINICS

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THE CLINICS ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EVENING CLINIC SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 9 (THE DAY PRECEDING LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY) AND 13.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENTS

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RECIPIENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER COUPONS MAY RECEIVE PAYMENTS EARLIER IF THEIR PAYDAY FALLS ON THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID PAYMENTS SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 10, 11, 12, AND 13 WOULD BE ADVANCED TO FEBRUARY 7, 7, 8 AND 9 RESPECTIVELY.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO COLLECT PAYMENTS AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES, HE SAID.

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WINNERS OF CAREERS QUIZ ANNOUNCED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS OF THE CAREERS QUIZ '94 WHICH ATTRACTED A RECORD NUMBER OF 136,500 STUDENTS FROM 283 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE THREE WINNING SCHOOLS IN FORMS 3, 4 AND 5 SECTIONS ARE YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE; ST MARGARET'S GIRLS' COLLEGE, HONG KONG; AND KOWLOON TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY.

THEY AND THE TWO RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED A TROPHY AT A CEREMONY IN EARLY MARCH.

THE HIGHEST SCORING STUDENTS IN THE THREE SECTIONS ARE: LEE HOI-LAN OF KOWLOON TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE FORM 3 SECTION, LAU MAN-CHUN OF YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN THE FORM 4 SECTION, AND NG CHI-MAN OF CARITAS ST GODFREY PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL IN THE FORM 5 SECTION.

TOGETHER WITH THE THREE RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION, THEY WILL EACH BE AWARDED A PENTAX CAMERA.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN EACH SECTION WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS.

ALL PRIZES ARE SPONSORED BY PENTAX CAMERA.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MRS CLARE SIU, SAID THE QUIZ, ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED TO AROUSE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING A SUITABLE CAREER AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO LOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND FURTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

IT IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE FOURTH EDUCATION AND CAREERS EXPO WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE FROM FEBRUARY 24 TO 27, MRS SIU SAID.

THE EXPOSITION, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WILL FEATURE SOME 170 EXHIBITORS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES, INDUSTRIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AS WELL AS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTES.

DURING THE EXPOSITION, THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE WILL ARRANGE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE CAREERS SEMINARS BY PROFESSIONALS, VIDEO SHOWS AND STUDENT GROUP VISITS.

ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUIZ QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO FIND OUT THE CORRECT ANSWERS, SHE SAID.

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FORUM TO GET PERFORMING ARTS IDEAS

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THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF FIVE PUBLIC FORUMS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WORKING GROUP WAS HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE PURPOSES OF THE FORUMS ARE TO EXPLAIN THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP SINCE IT WAS APPOINTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND TO GATHER OPINIONS FROM BOTH THE ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC ON HOW THE ARTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

TODAY'S FORUM WAS AIMED MAINLY AT GATHERING OPINIONS AND FORWARD-LOOKING IDEAS FROM BOTH THE ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS.

THE SPEAKERS INCLUDED MR LO KING-MAN, PROF DAVID GWILT, MR LAI KIN, MR TSENG SUN-MAN, MR MATHIAS WOO, MR MAN SAI CHEONG AND MR WONG PO-MING.

THEY TALKED ABOUT A RANGE OF TOPICS RELATING TO PERFORMING ARTS, INCLUDING PEER GROUP ASSESSMENT AND GRANT APPLICATIONS AND CRITERIA.

THE FINAL FORUM WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 19 (SATURDAY) FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 3 EDINBURGH PLACE.

IT WILL COVER FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, REPRESENTATION OF THE ARTS COMMUNITY ON THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

THE FIRST SUCH FORUM WAS HELD IN MID-JANUARY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,900
REVERSAL OF LAF	+20
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,920
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	-1,000
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-755
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,165
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 126.9 **0.3* 5.2.94	

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