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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR WORKS ON GOVERNMENT ACP PROJECTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEEK APPROVALS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH ARE NEEDED TO ENABLE SOME URGENT GOVERNMENT WORKS ITEMS TO PROCEED ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP).

THEY INVOLVE CONTRACTS FOR PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FACILITIES AT CHEK LAP KOK, INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN, REMAINING WORKS ON THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, AND ADVANCE WORKS FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE WORKS INVOLVED ARE ALL URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME, SO THAT THE PROJECTS CAN BE COMPLETED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY MID-1997.

"THE ITEMS DO NOT BREAK ANY NEW GROUND IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS. THEY ARE ALL COVERED BY THE OVERALL ESTIMATE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACP PROJECTS, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN REDUCED BY \$7.6 BILLION TO \$52.5 BILLION IN MONEY OF THE DAY.

"THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN ALLOWED FOR IN THE MEDIUM-TERM FORECASTS PUBLISHED IN THE 1993 BUDGET. THEY CAN THEREFORE GO AHEAD ONCE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

"THE APPROVALS WE WILL BE SEEKING EARLY NEXT MONTH FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE INVOLVE UPGRADING SOME ITEMS TO CATEGORY A OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND ADJUSTING THE SCOPE OF WORKS FOR SOME OTHER APPROVED ITEMS, SO THAT CONTRACTS CAN BE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR SCHEDULED PROGRAMME."

THE FUNDS BEING SOUGHT (IN MONEY OF THE DAY) COMPRISE \$1.39 BILLION FOR GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AT CHEK LAP KOK, \$1.29 BILLION FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, AND \$1.87 BILLION FOR TUNG CHUNG PHASE 1.

NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING HAS TO BE SOUGHT FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY ADVANCE WORKS WHICH WILL BE FUNDED INITIALLY AS PART OF FOUR GOVERNMENT HIGHWAYS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

AS WITH OTHER ENTRUSTMENT WORKS UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (MTRC) BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE MTRC WILL REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT FULLY WHEN THE AIRPORT RAILWAY IS CONSTRUCTED.

THE \$1.39 BILLION FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN FACILITIES AT CHEK LAP KOK WILL COVER PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMPRISING THE AIRPORT'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, AND METEOROLOGICAL AND POSTAL MECHANISATION EQUIPMENT, TOGETHER WITH RELATED CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH THESE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED ITEMS NOW IN LINE WITH OUR INTENTION TO COMPLETE THE AIRPORT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY MID-1997.

"THE GOVERNMENT FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AIRPORT. WE THEREFORE NEED TO GO AHEAD WITH THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE."

THE \$1.29 BILLION FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WILL COVER THE REMAINING WORKS ON THIS PROJECT. THEY CONSIST OF ESSENTIAL WORKS SUCH AS THE TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS FOR THE LANTAU TOLL PLAZA, AND VARIOUS WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE INTERCHANGE WITH ROUTE 3 ON TSING YI.

THE \$1.87 BILLION FOR TUNG CHUNG PHASE 1 IS NEEDED TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO START INVITING TENDERS FOR CONTRACTS COVERING ESSENTIAL ITEMS SUCH AS ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS, WATER-MAIN INSTALLATIONS, SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES, AND THE FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS.

THE ADVANCE WORKS FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PART OF FIVE GOVERNMENT ACP CONTRACTS ON THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, AND THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION. THEY INCLUDE WORKS SUCH AS RAILWAY FENCING, BRIDGEWORKS, A SUBWAY, AND VENTILATION BUILDING STRUCTURES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THESE WORKS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE AIRPORT RAILWAY ALIGNMENT. WE HAVE CARRIED OUT SIMILAR ADVANCE WORKS ELSEWHERE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ACP CONTRACTS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"IT WILL BE MUCH LESS DISRUPTIVE AND MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO CARRY OUT THESE WORKS NOW AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, RATHER THAN TO CARRY THEM OUT LATER AFTER THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

"THE TOTAL COST INVOLVED IS ESTIMATED TO BE ONLY \$145 MILLION, WHICH IS WITHIN THE APPROVED PROJECT ESTIMATES INVOLVED."

DISCUSSION PAPERS CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED FUNDING HAVE BEEN ISSUED TODAY TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF THE ACP.

THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 25, IN ADVANCE OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONDS TO LU PING'S STATEMENT

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RESPONDING TO THE STATEMENT BY MR LU PING, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE CHINESE STATE COUNCIL, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY):

"WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY DIRECTOR LU'S STATEMENT. WE REMAIN READY AT ALL TIMES TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES CONCERNING HONG KONG'S FUTURE IN A CALM AND RATIONAL WAY, ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS. WHAT WE NEED NOW IS A SERIOUS DISCUSSION: THESE ISSUES ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO BE REDUCED TO THE LEVEL OF PERSONALISED RECRIMINATION.

"WE ARE PROCEEDING STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND, AS FAR AS THE AIRPORT IS CONCERNED, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU). WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IF WE DISAGREE IN ONE AREA THAT DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD DISAGREE ON EVERYTHING.

"IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE THAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES SHOULD BE SEPARATED, AS PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN URGED PRESIDENT CLINTON TO DO IN SEATTLE.

"ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG'S ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS, WE CONTINUE TO URGE THE CHINESE SIDE TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. ON THE AIRPORT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY AND POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE SIDE TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE, TO TRY TO RESOLVE ONCE AND FOR ALL THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

"DIRECTOR LU'S STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINS SOME FACTUAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THERE HAS BEEN NO BREACH OF THE MOU. THE FINANCIAL PROPOSALS PUT TO THE CHINESE SIDE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOU. OUR REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MOU, AS ARE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME AS POSSIBLE BY 1997. THE MOU IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE LIMIT OF HK\$5 BILLION APPLIES ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN DEBT, NOT TO DEBT RAISED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY. THIS HAS BEEN CLEAR FROM THE START AND IS WELL UNDERSTOOD BY THE CHINESE SIDE. IT IS ALSO UNTRUE THAT WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE INVITATION FROM THE ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP OF THE PRELIMINARY WORKING COMMITTEE FOR HONG KONG OFFICIALS TO APPEAR BEFORE IT IN PEKING. WE RESPONDED PROMPTLY AND IN CLEAR TERMS."

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EDUCATION OFFICERS CONDUCT SURPRISE INSPECTION

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DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS FROM MONG KOK TODAY (SATURDAY) CONDUCTED A SURPRISE INSPECTION AT AN EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT SUSPECTED OF OFFERING "MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS" (MIL) COURSES WITHOUT APPROVAL.

THE INSPECTION WAS MADE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE HONG KONG COMPUTER LANGUAGES AND COMMERCE COLLEGE (MONG KOK) WAS PUT UNDER OBSERVATION FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS BEFORE OFFICERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE ENTERED THE DUNDAS STREET PREMISES AT 3.15 PM.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT IS REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS A SCHOOL BUT NO APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO RUN THE MIL COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A QUANTITY OF DOCUMENTS SUSPECTED TO BE CONNECTED WITH RUNNING THE MIL COURSE AT THE PREMISES WAS SEIZED.

"ADVICE IS BEING SOUGHT FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT ON TAKING LEGAL ACTION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC IN SEEKING FURTHER EDUCATION TO CHECK WHETHER THE SCHOOL AND COURSES HAD BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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CONTRACTORS URGED TO OBSERVE SAFETY LAWS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR CHAN TAT-KING TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS TO DANGEROUS OPENINGS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

HE SAID FAILURE OF THE MANAGEMENT TO CARRY OUT A SIMPLE SAFETY PRECAUTION LIKE THIS MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF LIFE OF THE WORKER AND MAY INCUR SEVERE PUNISHMENT UNDER EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS HEAVILY FINED FOR VIOLATING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY LAWS.

ON JULY 8 LAST YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTOR LAM CHI-WING OF THE BUILDING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH AND TAI PO REGION INSPECTED A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN FANLING. HE FOUND A TWIN LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION HAD NO SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS.

/FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS

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FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS RESULTED IN THE PROSECUTION OF MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 38P(1) OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS. THE COMPANY WAS FINED THE MAXIMUM OF \$50,000 BY THE COURT ON JANUARY 11 THIS YEAR.

THE LAW STATES THAT 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.

"IN FACT, PUTTING UP GUARD-RAILS TO DANGEROUS OPENINGS IS NO BIG DEAL. IT IS A FAIRLY SIMPLE JOB AND SHOULD BE ACHIEVABLE WITHIN A SHORT TIME IN MOST CASES, BUT IT WILL SERVE TO PREVENT WORKERS FROM FALLING FROM HEIGHT.

"CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FALLING FROM HEIGHT USUALLY RESULT IN DEATHS OR SERIOUS INJURIES," MR CHAN SAID.

HE URGED THOSE CONTRACTORS WHO HAD NOT BEEN TAKING SUCH A SAFETY MEASURE TO DO IT AS SOON AS THEY CAN.

"OTHERWISE, THEY WILL FACE EVEN HARSHER PUNISHMENT AS THE MAXIMUM FINE UNDER THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF LAW HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO GO UP TO \$200,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS," HE ADDED.

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OUTREACHING SERVICES FOR ELDERLY LIVING ALONE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS HAD JOINED HANDS TO REACH OUT TO ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING ALONE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SHAM SHUI PO OUTREACHING ELDERLY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE - ACTION COUNCIL, MR STRACHAN SAID THE POLICY OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY THROUGH CARE BY THE COMMUNITY.

SOME ELDERLY PEOPLE COULD NOT BENEFIT FROM EXISTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THEM OR THEY WERE TOO FRAIL AND HOME-BOUND TO GO TO THE CENTRE FOR SERVICES, HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SERVICE WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THESE ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"IN EARLY 1991, THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED TWO WELFARE AGENCIES TO EXPERIMENT OUTREACHING SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AT RISK, WITH ONE TEAM IN WAN CHAI AND ANOTHER TEAM IN TSUEN WAN.

/"OUR EVALUATION

"OUR EVALUATION INDICATES THAT THESE TEAMS HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING ELDERLY PERSONS AT RISK, PROVIDING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THEM, AND BUILDING UP A SUPPORT NETWORK OF COMMUNITY CARE RESOURCES TO THEM.

"THESE TWO OUTREACHING TEAMS NOW RECEIVE SUBVENTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE SERVICE CAN BE DELIVERED ON A LONG-TERM BASIS," HE SAID.

EARLIER THIS MORNING, MR STRACHAN PRESENTED AWARDS TO 50 ELDERLY VOLUNTEERS AT A CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

HE SAID ELDERLY PEOPLE COULD FORM AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF VOLUNTEERS BECAUSE THEY HAD RICH EXPERIENCE.

MEANWHILE, THE WORKING GROUP ON CARE FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD EXAMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HOW THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS CAN BE EXTENDED, HE ADDED.

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STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME SETS UP CUSTOMER GROUP
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THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY (SFAA) HAS ESTABLISHED A CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP FOR THE LOCAL STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME (LSFS).

THE FIRST MEETING CUM INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE GROUP WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 24) AT 6 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF SFAA.

CHAired BY THE DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF SFAA, THE GROUP CONSISTS OF SIX SFAA STAFF MEMBERS AND 21 STUDENTS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM AMONG THE APPLICANTS.

STUDENT MEMBERS APPOINTED WILL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR UNTIL JANUARY 1995.

THE GROUP WILL PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN APPLICANTS AND THE SFAA ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESPECT OF THE LSFS, AND ON SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH SERVICES.

WHILE STUDENT MEMBERS MAY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT THE GROUP, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO GIVE THEIR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE WAY THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED EITHER THROUGH TELEPHONE 802 1691 OR IN WRITING TO THE SFAA ON NINTH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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FOUR DISTRICTS TO HOLD FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES

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PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN FOUR DISTRICTS TO CALL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THEY ARE PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES.

IN TUEN MUN, AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOOD CITIZENS WHO HAVE HELPED POLICE IN COMBATING CRIME. LEAFLETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO RESIDENTS.

THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT YAN OI SQUARE, KAI MAN PATH. TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R J CLIBBORN-DYER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A CONCERT FEATURING POP SINGERS WILL BE STAGED AT YUEN LONG STADIUM, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, STARTING AT 1.15 PM. THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBERT CHAN AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PAUL BARKLEY.

AT 2 PM, A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A FIGHT CRIME SLOGAN AND BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION AND AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ WILL BE STAGED AT TSUEN WAN PLAZA, 4 - 30 TAI PA STREET.

SPRING SCROLLS BEARING FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES WILL BE DISHED OUT TO RESIDENTS.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHOW, POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR N A RAE, AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

IN MONG KOK, RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW AT 2.30 PM AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND AT SAI YEE STREET. THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY A PIPE BAND AND POP SINGERS, IN ADDITION TO A CEREMONY TO PRESENT GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BART IRELAND; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAO KWOK-LAU, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR NG WAI-KIT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES IN THE FOUR DISTRICTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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YOUTH CLUB SOUVENIR COVER SALE HELPS CHARITY

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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED \$1.23 MILLION FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST THROUGH THE SALE OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR COVERS.

AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE END OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, PRESENTED THE \$1.23 MILLION CHEQUE TO TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MRS LOUIS MOK AND MRS BETTER SUN.

MR WONG WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$94,000 BY MR LAW TING-PONG, REPRESENTING SPONSORSHIP BY LAW'S FOUNDATION TOWARDS PART OF THE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES.

THE \$1.23 MILLION CAME FROM LAST MONTH'S SALE OF THE SOUVENIR COVERS WHICH WAS PART OF THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO CELEBRATE ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE COVER DEPICTS THE CLUB'S WORLD-RECORD GIANT POSTER ASSEMBLED BY ITS MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 26 LAST YEAR TO MARK THE "INTERNATIONAL FAMILY YEAR", WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

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PUBLIC FORUMS ON ARTS DEVELOPMENT

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THE SECOND 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 FORUMS SERVE 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 AT LARGE ON HOW THE ARTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

TODAY'S FORUM AND THE NEXT TWO FORUMS ARE EACH FOCUSED ON A PARTICULAR ART FORM.

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

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE WAY FORWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LITERARY ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE THIRD AND FOURTH FORUMS.

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS TODAY GAVE THEIR VIEWS ON VARIOUS TOPICS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF VISUAL ARTS:

SPEAKER -----	TOPIC -----
* MR OSCAR HO, REPRESENTING HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WORKING GROUP	PROMOTION OF VISUAL ARTS IN HONG KONG
* PROFESSOR WILLIAM TAY, DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	EXAMPLES OF ARTS COUNCILS IN TAIWAN AND IN THE UNITED STATES
* DR DAVID CLARK, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	RESEARCH AND THE NURTURING OF PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF ART
* MS EVELYNA LIANG, ARTIST	ART FOR THE COMMUNITY
* MR YEUNG WAI-FUNG	ART EDUCATION AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
* MR WONG SHUN-KIT, ARTIST	SUPPORTING THE VISUAL ARTISTS
* MR JASON YUEN, URBAN COUNCILLOR	PROFESSIONALISM OF THE VISUAL ARTISTS AND LEGISLATION FOR THE VISUAL ENVIRONMENT
* MR POON CHIN-HUNG, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR	THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

THE NEXT THREE FORUMS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 5 AND 19, ALL BEING SATURDAYS, FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 3 EDINBURGH PLACE.

THE NEXT TWO WILL COVER THE LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS. THE FINAL ONE WILL COVER FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, REPRESENTATION OF THE ARTS COMMUNITY IN THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

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EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL

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THE ANNUAL EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NUMBERS 4 TO 6 TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM. CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL PRESENT MOTORCYCLE SHOWS. EXHIBITIONS ON THE THEMES OF FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND DRUG ABUSE WILL BE PUT UP.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, STALL GAMES AND "PLAYHOUSES" FOR CHILDREN.

THREE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GIBERTO JORGE; ACTING EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MS ANNIE CHOI AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG.

THE ACTIVITY IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S ISLAND EAST REGIONAL OFFICE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE VICTORIA PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES NUMBERS 4 TO 6. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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WATER CUT IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT HEADLAND ROAD, SOUTH BAY ROAD, BEACH ROAD AND 58, 60, THE EVEN NUMBERS OF 70-84 AND 94-98 AS WELL AS 110 REPULSE BAY ROAD.

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	4,000
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	4,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-2,210
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,790
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 127.4 *+0.2* 22.1.94

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