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TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER VISITING THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TODAY (THURSDAY):

GOVERNOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. NICE TO BE IN SAI KUNG AGAIN, ESPECIALLY ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY LIKE THIS. I'VE BEEN PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT MARGARET THATCHER HAS BEEN ABLE TO JOIN ME TODAY. SHE IS A REGULAR VISITOR TO HONG KONG, ONE OF HONG KONG'S BEST FRIENDS AND ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS, AS YOU KNOW, OF OUR STABILITY AND OUR PROSPERITY. SO, SHE'LL ALWAYS BE A VERY WELCOMED GUEST HERE. I THINK, AS YOU KNOW, SHE IS MAKING A SPEECH TOMORROW EVENING WHICH, I DARE SAY, MANY OF YOU WILL BE COVERING WHEN SHE WILL BE MAKING, I THINK, SOME GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT HONG KONG AND ABOUT ASIA AS A WHOLE.

I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE LAST TIME I WAS IN SAI KUNG, I WAS PRESSED VERY HARD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING HEALTH FACILITIES IN TSEUNG KWAN O AND I WAS PLEASED THAT IN MY POLICY ADDRESS, WE WERE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH BUILDING THE NEW HOSPITAL AT TSEUNG KWAN O. TODAY, A NUMBER OF EQUALLY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS WERE RAISED, CONNECTING, FOR EXAMPLE, TSEUNG KWAN O WITH THE MAIN URBAN AREA. PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUES LIKE CAR-PARKING AS MORE PEOPLE COME TO SAI KUNG FOR THEIR RECREATION INCLUDING, I AM SURE, A NUMBER OF YOU AT THE WEEKENDS. SO, WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THOSE ISSUES AND WE WILL WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD HERE IN TACKLING THEM IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, DO YOU THINK IF CHINESE REFUSAL TO REPORT THE HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHT SITUATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS A BREACH OF THE JOINT DECLARATION?

GOVERNOR: WE'VE SET OUT CLEARLY AND NOT PROVOCATIVELY OUR VIEWS ON THE MEANING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO THAT. WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WILL BE DOING THAT NEXT IN GENEVA AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. AND I THINK THAT A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM HERE IN HONG KONG WILL BE GOING TO ATTEND THOSE SESSIONS AT WHICH WE GIVE EVIDENCE. WE WILL BE ASKED AT THOSE SESSIONS OUR VIEWS ON THE REPORTING OBLIGATIONS AND WE'LL SAY WHAT WE'VE SAID ALL ALONG. WHAT WE'VE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A PAPER THAT WE GAVE CHINESE OFFICIALS IN 1992. WE'VE MADE THE POSITION PLAIN AND IT'S FOR CHINESE OFFICIALS TO SAY IF THEY DISAGREE WITH THAT.

QUESTION: YOUR POLICY SPEECH DIDN'T GET THE BEST RECEPTION FROM LEGISLATORS. DO YOU SEE THIS AS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE FOR THE COMING YEAR AND YOU FEEL LIKE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO RUN INTO DIFFICULTY IN PASSING SOME OF YOUR PROPOSED POLICIES?

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GOVERNOR: NO. I THINK IT'S CALLED DEMOCRACY. SOME PEOPLE SAY WE SHOULD DO MORE. SOME PEOPLE SAY WE SHOULD DO LESS. SOME PEOPLE SAY WE SHOULD BE MORE ASSERTIVE IN STANDING UP FOR HONG KONG'S INTERESTS. SOME PEOPLE SAY WE SHOULD BE LESS STRONG IN STANDING UP FOR HONG KONG'S INTERESTS. I THINK WE'VE GOT IT ABOUT RIGHT. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THE RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. THE WEALTH PER HEAD OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAS GONE UP BY SEVEN AND A HALF PER CENT. WE'VE SEEN OUR ECONOMY GROWING BY FIVE AND A HALF PER CENT A YEAR. WE'VE SEEN HUGE INCREASES IN EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION, ON HOUSING, ON WELFARE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES. I AM CONTENT TO REST ON THAT RECORD.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, WILL YOU SAY LADY THATCHER IS STILL FORMIDABLE?

GOVERNOR: I THINK LADY THATCHER WAS, IS AND REMAINS FORMIDABLE. WHEN LADY THATCHER ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AND WALKED INTO A LOBBY OF HER HOTEL, THERE WAS A SPONTANEOUS ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE NOTED, FROM THE HOTEL RESIDENTS. THERE AREN'T MANY POLITICAL LEADERS WHETHER ACTIVE OR PARTLY RETIRED, AROUND THE WORLD WHO WOULD GET THAT SORT OF REPUTATION AND I THINK IT'S A REFLECTION OF PEOPLE'S RECOGNITION OF THE FORMIDABLE CONTRIBUTION THAT SHE'S MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREE MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD AND FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD.

QUESTION: LADY THATCHER IS SUPPOSED TO... DECLARATION ON THIS VISIT?

GOVERNOR: NO, BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING TO HER THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW.

QUESTION: IS CHINA OBLIGED TO REPORT TO THE UN ABOUT HONG KONG'S HUMAN RIGHTS?

GOVERNOR: I'VE SAID EXACTLY WHAT OUR VIEW ON THE SITUATION UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION IS. THAT CHINA IS OBLIGED JUST AS WE'RE OBLIGED. I THINK THE JOINT DECLARATION IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ON THAT. WE'VE SAID THAT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, WE'VE SAID IT WITHOUT BEING PROVOCATIVE, BUT IN OUR VIEW THERE ISN'T AN OUNCE OF DOUBT ON THE SUBJECT.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, WILL THE BRITISH SIDE RESPOND TO THE ISSUE OF PROVISIONAL LEGISLATURE WHICH THE CHINESE SIDE IN JLG?

GOVERNOR: NO, IT'S AN IDEA WHICH HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY A SUB-GROUP OF A WORKING PARTY OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, AND I HAVE NOTED THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON THE IDEA. ANY MORE?

QUESTION: THE LAND AUCTION APPARENTLY TODAY IN FANLING AND SHA TIN DID NOT APPEAR AS HIGH AS EXPECTED AND IS LOWER THAN EXPECTED. WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE THIS TO?

GOVERNOR: I HAVEN'T SEEN REPORTS OF THAT SO YOU HAVE TO ASK ME WHEN I HAVE. BUT THE BIDS, IF YOU LOOK OVER THE LAST MONTHS HAVE GONE UP AND DOWN, IN SOME CASES, NOT SURPRISINGLY, REFLECTING THE QUALITY OF THE SITE AND THE QUALITY OF THE LAND, AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON IT. BUT I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THOSE PARTICULAR AUCTIONS TO GIVE YOU A MORE INTELLIGENT AND INFORMED ANSWER. MANY APOLOGIES. ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED.

GAZETTAL OF FOUR CONSUMER PROTECTION ORDINANCES

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FOUR ORDINANCES, WHICH SEEK TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND UNSAFE CONSUMER GOODS, WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SALE OF GOODS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994 AND SUPPLY OF SERVICES (IMPLIED TERMS) ORDINANCE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE TOMORROW WHILE THE CONSUMER GOODS SAFETY ORDINANCE AND THE UNCONSCIONABLE CONTRACTS ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT IN OCTOBER 1995 TO ALLOW A ONE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO ADJUST.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SALE OF GOODS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994 MODIFIED THE EXISTING LAW GOVERNING CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF GOODS BY IMPROVING THE DEFINITION OF MERCHANTABLE QUALITY REQUIRED OF GOODS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT A CONSUMER SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE GOODS UNLESS HE HAS HAD A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THEM, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS SIGNING OF AN ACCEPTANCE NOTE.

THE SUPPLY OF SERVICES (IMPLIED TERMS) ORDINANCE SEEKS TO CODIFY SOME COMMON LAW PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF SERVICES.

IT STIPULATES THAT A SUPPLIER OF SERVICE IS OBLIGED TO PERFORM THE SERVICE WITH REASONABLE CARE AND SKILL, AND WITHIN REASONABLE TIME.

THE BUYER ON THE OTHER HAND SHOULD PAY A REASONABLE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE IF THIS IS NOT DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACT. THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT AFFECT ANY DUTIES ARISING FROM EXISTING LAWS IF THEY ARE STRICTER THAN THOSE IMPOSED BY THE ORDINANCE ITSELF.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSUMER GOODS SAFETY ORDINANCE WOULD IMPOSE A STATUTORY DUTY ON MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND SUPPLIERS OF CONSUMER GOODS TO ENSURE THAT THE GOODS THEY SUPPLY FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION WERE SAFE.

THE ORDINANCE CREATES A GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENT AND PROVIDES FOR JUDICIAL GUIDELINES IN DETERMINING THE REASONABLE LEVEL OF SAFETY REQUIRED OF DIFFERENT CONSUMER GOODS.

THESE GUIDELINES INCLUDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CONSUMER GOODS ARE PRESENTED; THE USE OF ANY MARKS, INSTRUCTIONS OR WARNINGS FOR THEIR CONSUMPTION; THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH ANY RELEVANT ESTABLISHED OVERSEAS SAFETY STANDARDS; AND THE EXISTENCE OF ANY MEANS TO MAKE THEM SAFER.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE LEGISLATION. HE WILL BE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE NOTICES TO SUPPLIERS REQUIRING THEM TO WARN CONSUMERS OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS, AND TO RECALL OR PROHIBIT THE SUPPLY OF UNSAFE CONSUMER GOODS.

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A DEDICATED TEAM OF 52 OFFICERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE LEGISLATION.

PREPARATORY WORK HAS NOW BEGUN. THIS INCLUDES SENDING A SENIOR OFFICER TO OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES FOR TRAINING ON CONSUMER GOODS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT, RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND FORMULATION OF OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES.

"TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENT STIPULATED IN THE ORDINANCE, MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND SUPPLIERS OF CONSUMER GOODS MAY APPROACH THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL AND OVERSEAS SAFETY STANDARDS ON CONSUMER GOODS.

"THE BUREAU PLANS TO PROCURE MORE STANDARDS ON CONSUMER GOODS SAFETY AND TO INFORM HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE ORGANISATIONS AND MANUFACTURERS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED CHANNELS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SUPPLIERS MAY ALSO HAVE THEIR CONSUMER GOODS TESTED BY LABORATORIES ACCREDITED UNDER THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME AND OVERSEAS LABORATORIES WITH EQUAL STANDING," HE ADDED.

"IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LEGISLATION, THE COURT MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTENCE OF A TESTING CERTIFICATE IN DECIDING WHETHER THERE IS A DEFENCE OF DUE DILIGENCE."

A PERSON WHO SUPPLIES UNSAFE CONSUMER GOODS COMMITS AN OFFENCE. HE SHALL BE LIABLE ON FIRST CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR, AND ON SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$500,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

THE UNCONSCIONABLE CONTRACTS ORDINANCE EMPOWERS THE COURT TO STRIKE DOWN OR REWRITE UNCONSCIONABLE TERMS IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS. THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES GUIDELINES TO THE COURT IN DETERMINING UNCONSCIONABILITY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN PREPARING THESE FOUR PIECES OF LEGISLATION, WE FULLY RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR STRIKING A BALANCE BETWEEN ENHANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND NOT INTERFERING UNNECESSARILY WITH THE WAY IN WHICH BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED.

"WE BELIEVE THESE ORDINANCES WILL PROVIDE OUR CONSUMERS WITH APPROPRIATE LEGAL REMEDIES AGAINST UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES."

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THREE BILLS PROPOSE NEW UNIVERSITY TITLES

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THREE AMENDMENT BILLS THAT SEEK TO GIVE LEGAL EFFECT TO THE PROPOSED NEW UNIVERSITY TITLES FOR THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG (CPHK), THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC (HKP) AND THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (HKBC) AND THEIR INTERNAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

"THE THREE BILLS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE IN MAY 1994 OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND THE THREE INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE WORKING DRAFTS OF THE BILLS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

AS FAR AS THE CPHK IS CONCERNED, THE MOST NOTABLE AMENDMENTS ARE THE CHANGE OF THE TITLE OF THE INSTITUTION TO "CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG" (ABBREVIATION CITYU) AND THAT OF THE DIRECTOR TO "VICE-CHANCELLOR".

THE AMENDMENT BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "COURT" AS THE SUPREME ADVISORY BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD BY THE "SENATE".

THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE REVISED AND THE NEW MEMBERSHIP WILL INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS THE DEANS, A SENATE NOMINEE, TWO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVOCATION AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS' UNION.

AS REGARDS THE HKBC, THE AMENDMENT BILL PROVIDES FOR THE CHANGE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL TITLE TO "HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY" AND THE PRESIDENT'S TITLE TO "PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR".

THE MOST CRUCIAL CHANGE WILL BE IN THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTION. THE "BOARD OF GOVERNORS" WILL BE REPEALED AND THE COUNCIL WILL BE RECONSTITUTED TO BECOME THE HIGHEST EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY. A "COURT" WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS THE SUPREME ADVISORY BODY OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY.

FOR HKP, THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL TITLE WILL BE "THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY" AND THE DIRECTOR'S TITLE WILL BE AMENDED TO READ "PRESIDENT".

THE COUNCIL WILL REMAIN THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INSTITUTION BUT ITS MEMBERSHIP WILL BE RECONSTITUTED TO INCLUDE AN INCREASED NUMBER OF LAY AND ACADEMIC MEMBERS. A "SENATE" WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING "ACADEMIC BOARD".

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO OTHER AMENDMENTS COMMONLY INTRODUCED TO THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

"FIRST, ALL THREE INSTITUTIONS WILL BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE THEIR OWN 'STATUTES' FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW UNIVERSITIES.

"SECOND, THE GOVERNOR WILL REMAIN AS THE TITULAR HEAD OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS BY ASSUMING THE NEW CHANCELLOR'S POSTS IN THE THREE UNIVERSITIES."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE INSTITUTIONS FIRST SOUGHT TO CHANGE THEIR TITLES TO UNIVERSITIES IN 1991.

"AT THAT TIME, ON THE ADVICE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC), IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GRANTING OF UNIVERSITY TITLES SHOULD ONLY FOLLOW THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE AND TERMS OF A DIFFERENTIATION OF ROLES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-ACCREDITATION STATUS.

"THESE TWO PRECONDITIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SATISFIED BY THE INSTITUTIONS IN 1992-1993 RESPECTIVELY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN OCTOBER 1992 THE UPGC PROMULGATED A POLICY STATEMENT WHICH DESCRIBED THE AGREED ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE SEVEN UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS.

IN JULY 1993, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL APPROVED THAT THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCREDITING THEIR OWN DEGREE COURSES, SUBJECT TO PERIODIC EXTERNAL REVIEWS OF THEIR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES BY THE UPGC.

THE THREE AMENDMENT BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 2 THIS YEAR.

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CHICAGO PLAYS HOST TO HONG KONG DELEGATION

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, CONTINUING HER WEEK-LONG VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, HAS SPOKEN OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS AS A RESULT OF THE CITY'S EVER-CHANGING SKYLINE.

OFFICIALLY OPENING THE "HONG KONG - CITY OF VISION" ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION IN CHICAGO'S FAMOUS MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, MRS CHAN SAID THROUGH ITS SIZE, HONG KONG HAD BEEN FORCED TO ADOPT A VERY COMMERCIAL APPROACH TO ITS BUILDINGS, "IF THEY DO NOT PAY THEIR WAY, THEY ARE PULLED DOWN AND NEW, TALLER STRUCTURES TAKE THEIR PLACE".

SHE SAID THIS RAPID TURNOVER OF BUILDINGS AND ON-GOING RECLAMATION PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, PROVIDED A "BONANZA" FOR ARCHITECTS, DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS.

"IT MAKES AVAILABLE CONTINUALLY PROMINENT SITES IN WHICH PROJECTS OF AMBITIOUS SCALE AND DESIGN CAN BE EXECUTED," MRS CHAN SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THERE WERE PROBABLY VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE PREDICTED THE ENORMOUS CHANGES THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES. HOWEVER, IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN STIMULATED BY THE MOMENTUM THE TERRITORY MUST MAINTAIN FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL.

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BY WAY OF COMPARISON, MRS CHAN NOTED THAT ABOUT FOUR MILLION PEOPLE IN HONG KONG LIVED AND WORKED IN AN AREA OF JUST 28 SQUARE MILES, WHILE IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO THERE WERE THREE MILLION LIVING AND WORKING IN AN AREA OF 228 SQUARE MILES.

MRS CHAN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IN EMPHASISING THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE, SHE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HONG KONG DID NOT VALUE ITS HERITAGE. WHILE THERE WERE ONLY A RELATIVELY FEW OLDER BUILDINGS OF INTEREST REMAINING, MANY OF THE ONES THAT HAD DISAPPEARED IN THE PAST 20 OR 30 YEARS, WERE NOT PARTICULARLY WORTH KEEPING.

"THOSE THAT ARE, WE HAVE RETAINED, EITHER WHOLLY, OR BY INCORPORATING THE IMPORTANT PARTS INTO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. SO WE DO PRESERVE THE PAST AND BLEND WITH THE NEW," SHE SAID.

THE ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION WILL RUN IN CHICAGO UNTIL DECEMBER 10. IT FEATURES PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES, AND EXHIBITS OF ESTABLISHED BUILDINGS AND STUNNING NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CITY AND URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG. MODELS OF BUILDINGS ON SHOW INCLUDE THE HONGKONGBANK, BANK OF CHINA, CENTRAL PLAZA, SHUN TAK CENTRE, CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT AND THE SOUTHEAST KOWLOON PROJECT.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION, MRS CHAN WAS GUEST OF HONOUR AT A GALA DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF HONGKONG-USA '94. HELD AT THE HISTORIC STOCK EXCHANGE TRADING ROOM OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, THE DINNER ATTRACTED REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHICAGO'S BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, LEAGL AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES.

IN HER ADDRESS, MRS CHAN NOTED THE FRIENDSHIP AND LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHICAGO AND DESCRIBED THE TERRITORY AS AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK. "WE ARE A LEADING-REGIONAL FINANCIAL, TRADING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTRE WHICH INTERLOCKS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY."

IN MENTIONING THE CHANGES IN 1997, MRS CHAN SAID THE TRANSITION NEVER PROMISED TO BE EASY AND PROBLEMS WERE BOUND TO HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED.

"BUT THERE ARE MANY IN HONG KONG WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TERRITORY NOW AND AFTER 1997, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. WE KNOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK," SHE SAID.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, MRS CHAN VISITED THE CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE WHERE SHE TOURED THE TRADING FLOOR AND BRIEFED GUESTS AT A LUNCHEON IN HER HONOUR HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXCHANGE, MR JACK SANDNER.

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TWO GOVT LOTS SOLD FOR \$311 MILLION
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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF \$311 MILLION AT A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION HELD BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED IN AREA 29B, FANLING, WAS BOUGHT BY CANTAKE LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AT \$264 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT \$250 MILLION.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 13,430 SQUARE METRES, IT IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 6,447 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT, LOCATED IN CHIK FU STREET, AREA 3, SHA TIN, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 280.4 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS SOLD TO LANDSUN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AT \$47 MILLION, WITH BIDDING OPENED AT \$28 MILLION.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE GROUND FLOOR TOGETHER WITH THE COCKLOFT WILL BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WHILE THE REMAINING FLOORS FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 706 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

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

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STI TO ATTEND APEC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, LEFT FOR JAPAN TODAY (THURSDAY) TO ATTEND AN ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC) MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMES), TO BE HELD IN OSAKA ON OCTOBER 22 AND 23.

THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES FACED BY SMES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, ACCESS TO INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND FINANCE.

MINISTERS WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF THE APEC ECONOMIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO SMES.

DR SARAH LIAO, ONE OF HONG KONG'S TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN THE APEC PACIFIC BUSINESS FORUM, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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WHILE IN OSAKA, MR CHAU WILL HOLD INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM OTHER APEC ECONOMIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

HE WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE NEW KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH WAS OPENED LAST MONTH, AND THE ASIA AND PACIFIC TRADE CENTRE, OSAKA'S NEW CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE APEC MEETING INCLUDE HONG KONG'S PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN JAPAN, MR DAVID H T LAN, AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MISS DENISE YUE.

MEMBERS OF APEC ARE AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CANADA, CHINA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, CHINESE TAIPEI, THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE KWAI CHUNG EAST CONSTITUENCY WILL BE INVITED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO NOVEMBER 3.

A NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE VACANCY LEFT BY MR CHOW YICK-HAY WHO RESIGNED FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW.

A CANDIDATE MUST BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR IN THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL, AGED 21 YEARS OR OVER AND HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOMINATION.

HE CAN BE A RESIDENT OUTSIDE THE CONSTITUENCY, BUT HIS NOMINATION MUST BE SUBSCRIBED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CONSTITUENCY.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM TOMORROW AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE HANDED IN BY THE CANDIDATE IN PERSON AND RECEIVED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER OR ONE OF HIS ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

UNLESS THE NUMBER OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES IS FEWER THAN TWO, A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4.

A TOTAL OF 13 POLLING STATIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR THE BY-ELECTION. THERE WILL BE ONE SPECIFIED POLLING STATION DESIGNATED FOR USE BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ELECTORS UPON APPLICATION.

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COPIES OF THE EXTRACT OF THE 1994 FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE CONSTITUENCY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TOMORROW AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AND THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

APART FROM THE BY-ELECTION NOTICE, FIVE OTHER NOTICES RESPECTIVELY ON DESIGNATION OF POLLING STATIONS, DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIED POLLING STATION, DESIGNATION OF COUNTING STATION, PUBLICATION OF THE EXTRACT OF THE 1994 FINAL REGISTER, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS, WILL ALSO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW.

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VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN AUGUST 1994

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THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR INCREASED BY 13% OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING AUGUST THIS YEAR WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF OUTSTANDING ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+40%), PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+22%), TEXTILES INDUSTRY (+17%) AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+15%).

A SMALL INCREASE IN ORDERS WAS RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+1%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY (-14%) AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY (-9%).

COMPARED WITH JULY 1994, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN AUGUST 1994 DECREASED BY 1%.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A SAMPLE OF SOME 300 MANUFACTURING FIRMS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE WORKERS.

MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND REFER TO ORDERS AND PARTS OF ORDERS RECEIVED EARLIER BY MANUFACTURERS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION WHICH REMAIN UNFILLED AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ORDERS RECEIVED BY TRADERS NOT ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION ARE INCLUDED IF SUCH ORDERS ARE FURTHER PLACED TO MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION LOCALLY.

HOWEVER, ORDERS PLACED TO MANUFACTURING FIRMS FOR PRODUCTION IN CHINA AND OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SERIES OF ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS.

BEGINNING FROM JANUARY THIS YEAR, A NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS ON MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN VALUE TERMS COMPILED IN THE FORM OF AN INDEX IS PRODUCED, TO REPLACE THE OLD SERIES WHICH WAS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

THE NEW STATISTICAL SERIES PROVIDES A MORE DIRECT MEASURE OF THE OVERALL VALUE OF ORDERS IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR THAT LEAD TO THE GENERATION OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FIGURES IN A SINGLE MONTH.

INSTEAD, THE TREND MOVEMENT OF THE SERIES AS DISPLAYED OVER A WIDER SPAN OF TIME POINTS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR AUGUST, AT \$4.5 A COPY, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 805 6441.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE YEAR-ON-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN DIFFERENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:

	PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN	
	JULY 1994 OVER JULY 1993	AUGUST 1994 OVER AUGUST 1993
	----- (REVISED)	----- (PROVISIONAL)
ALL INDUSTRIES COVERED IN THE SURVEY	+12	+13
. WEARING APPAREL	-9	-9
. TEXTILES	+14	+17
. ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+33	+40
. ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	+17	+15
. FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+12	+1
. PLASTIC PRODUCTS	+15	+22
. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	-10	-14

GOVT'S GRANT TO HELP BUILD YOUTH VILLAGE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED A GRANT OF \$20 MILLION TO THE BREAKTHROUGH LIMITED TO FINANCE PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF ITS YOUTH VILLAGE.

APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JUNE THIS YEAR, THE GRANT REPRESENTS THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE YOUTH VILLAGE WILL OFFER DIRECT SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE GOVERNMENT'S GRANT WILL BE USED TO HELP CONSTRUCT THE YOUTH-AT-RISK FACILITIES OF THE VILLAGE. IT DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR INNOVATIVE SERVICES AND ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING A STABLE AND CARING COMMUNITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL ALONG, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CO-OPERATED IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN SERVING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THIS IS ANOTHER WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK," HE ADDED.

LOCATED AT A KUNG KOK SHAN ROAD, THE YOUTH VILLAGE AIMS TO SUPPORT AND TRAIN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO OFFER NEW DIRECTIONS IN YOUTH SERVICES.

"THE YOUTH VILLAGE IS AN INNOVATIVE SERVICE FOR YOUTH AS IT WILL OFFER INTEGRATED COUNSELLING AND FAMILY SERVICES, AS WELL AS OUTDOOR AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ALL IN ONE CAMPUS."

IT IS EXPECTED TO SERVE MORE THAN 100,000 YOUNG PEOPLE EACH YEAR. RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ABUSIVE OR BROKEN HOMES, HE SAID.

THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE VILLAGE, INCLUDING THE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$150 MILLION. ITS TARGET COMPLETION DATE IS MID-1995.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS JACQUELINE WILLIS, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF BREAKTHROUGH, DR PHILEMON CHOI, AT A DINNER HELD TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

THE BREAKTHROUGH LIMITED IS A NON-SUBVENTED CHRISTIAN CHARITABLE YOUTH ORGANISATION WHICH HAS SERVED YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, MAINLY BY WORKING THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION.

ITS SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDES THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, THE PRODUCTION OF TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMMES, THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING SERVICES AND THE ORGANISATION OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SEMINARS.

TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) RULES 1994

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES PRESCRIBED UNDER THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE WOULD BE REVISED WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 28.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES IN HONG KONG. FEES ARE PRESCRIBED IN THE TRADE MARKS RULES FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES BY THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM.

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT FEES SHOULD IN GENERAL BE SET AT LEVELS SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER FULL COSTS IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EXISTING FEES UNDER THE TRADE MARKS RULES WERE LAST REVISED IN NOVEMBER 1993.

"FEES IN GENERAL WILL BE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 10 PER CENT THIS YEAR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION SINCE THE LAST REVIEW," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"HOWEVER, THE INCREASE WILL BE HIGHER FOR CERTAIN ITEMS DUE IN THE MAIN TO THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOT REVISED LAST YEAR."

"THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO DELETE TWO FEES RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION, AND TO ADD CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE REGISTER IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THE TRADE MARK APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES," HE ADDED.

THE REVISED FEES WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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THREE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN ELECTED

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MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND MR TANG PO-HONG OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED AS CHAIRMAN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS TODAY (THURSDAY).

AND MR CHAN BING-WOON OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD DEFEATED HIS RIVAL MR TO BOON-MAN BY 27 VOTES TO SEVEN TO BECOME THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN.

MEANWHILE, MR CHAN CHOI-HI OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MS TING YUK-CHEE OF EASTERN AND MR CHAN NOI-YUE OF KOWLOON CITY WERE ELECTED AS THEIR BOARDS' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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MAJOR MILESTONE TOWARDS LEARNER-CENTRED EDUCATION

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THE TARGET ORIENTED CURRICULUM (TOC) WILL BE INTRODUCED PROGRESSIVELY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC, STARTING WITH PRIMARY 1 CLASSES OF 70 SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1995, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TOC, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "A MAJOR MILESTONE TOWARDS LEARNER-CENTRED EDUCATION", MR WONG SAID TOC WOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL PRIMARY 1 CLASSES IN THE TERRITORY IN SEPTEMBER 1996.

MR WONG SAID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC WOULD BE REINFORCED BY AN INTENSIVE PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, A FULL PACKAGE OF SUPPORT MATERIALS AND ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS, THE SETTING UP OF REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTRES FOR TEACHERS AND A STRENGTHENED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

"INITIALLY, TOC WILL COVER THE SUBJECTS OF CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS," MR WONG SAID.

"IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO HIGHER LEVELS YEAR BY YEAR. BY SEPTEMBER 2000, TOC WILL BE ADOPTED THROUGHOUT ALL CLASSES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS."

MR WONG EXPLAINED THAT TOC IS AN INITIATIVE ORIGINATING FROM EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 AND IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

"TOC HELPS SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP CLEAR TARGETS AND STIMULATING APPROACHES FOR MORE LIVELY AND EFFECTIVE TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT," HE SAID.

"BETTER OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUPILS TO LEARN AND TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITY TO THINK CREATIVELY. TOC WILL BE MORE SUITED TO PUPILS' ABILITIES AND NEEDS."

"THERE ARE SPECIFIC LEARNING TARGETS TO DESCRIBE WHAT PUPILS NEED TO LEARN IN EACH STAGE, ENABLING TEACHERS TO ASSESS THEIR PUPILS' PROGRESS MORE ACCURATELY AND SYSTEMATICALLY, AND TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF PUPILS.

"IN THIS WAY, TOC MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY PUPILS' INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND TO INITIATE EARLY REMEDIAL ACTION WHERE THEY ARE FALLING BEHIND."

MR WONG SAID IN REACHING THE DECISION TO IMPLEMENT TOC, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE FEEDBACK FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE PILOT SCHEME, VOLUNTARY TRY-OUT SCHOOLS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PUBLIC ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC.

"THERE IS WIDE SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT AND SPIRIT OF TOC. THE FEEDBACK, PARTICULARLY FROM VOLUNTARY TRY-OUT SCHOOLS, HAS BEEN POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING."

/MR WONG

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MR WONG NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN GOOD PROGRESS IN TEACHER EDUCATION ON TOC, AND THAT ALL RELEVANT TEACHERS HAD BY NOW RECEIVED AN INITIAL BRIEFING.

"THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ENCOURAGE GREATER TEACHER INVOLVEMENT, ESPECIALLY TEACHERS WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF ADOPTING TOC.

"THEY WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE PART IN SEMINARS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING TOC AND EXPERIENCE IN DESIGNING LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT TASKS, AND TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON PUPILS' PERFORMANCE AND ASSESSMENT MATERIALS," HE ADDED.

"WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO SET UP A MECHANISM TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT," MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG ALSO SAID THAT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC, "THERE WILL BE NO EXTERNAL SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT OTHER THAN THE ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST WHICH WILL BE MODIFIED TO FOLLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOC."

"THREE SUBJECT GROUPS AND A CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE WITH MEMBERS COMING ALSO FROM TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO ADVISE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON ASSESSMENT RELATED ISSUES."

MR WONG APPEALED TO SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS, PUPILS, PARENTS, TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS, TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLISHERS TO WORK WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC A SUCCESS.

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SIKH GUARDS END 45 YEARS WITH BRITISH FORCES

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AS THE GATES CLOSE ON THE ARMY'S AMMUNITION SERVICES DEPOT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND, IT WILL ALSO MARK THE END OF 45 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE BY THE SIKHS WHO FORM THE ARMY DEPOT POLICE AS THEY PARADE FOR THE FINAL TIME BEFORE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, MAJOR-GENERAL BRYAN DUTTON, ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 24).

THE ARMY DEPOT POLICE HAVE GUARDED STONECUTTERS ISLAND SINCE OCTOBER 1949 AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE FORCE ARE RECRUITED FROM THE SIKH COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG. FOLLOWING THE FINAL PARADE, THE FORCE WILL DISBAND AND THE LAST SIKH FORCE IN THE BRITISH ARMY WILL RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

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LATER THAT DAY, THE ARMY WILL HAND OVER THE AMMUNITION DEPOT AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING AND GUARDING IT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINAL PARADE OF THE ARMY DEPOT POLICE ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GUARDROOM, PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS, NO LATER THAN 9.15 AM IN ORDER TO CATCH THE 9.30 AM FERRY TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND. THE FERRY WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATECOMERS.

FOLLOWING THE PARADE, THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW THE PARTICIPANTS. THE RETURN FERRY TO CENTRAL WILL DEPART AT 12.05 PM.

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SUFFICIENT PARKS FOR CAR OWNERS

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SHORT QUEUES WERE OBSERVED IN TWO OF THE SEVEN GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS MANAGED BY WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LIMITED WHICH WERE PUTTING UP MONTHLY PARKING TICKETS FOR SALE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THE QUEUES WERE IN GOOD ORDER," HE SAID.

BY THE TIME THE QUEUES WERE CLEARED AT ABOUT 9 AM AND 10.30 AM RESPECTIVELY AT SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN CAR PARKS, SOME TICKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE THERE.

"ACCORDINGLY, THE PUBLIC SHOULD PUT THEIR HEART AT EASE IF THEY WISH TO PURCHASE MONTHLY TICKETS FOR THEIR CARS AT GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS WITH THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS," HE EMPHASISED.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO CARRIED OUT AN INFORMAL CUSTOMER OPINION SURVEY ON THE PREFERRED METHOD OF SALE OF THE PARKING TICKETS.

DIVERSIFIED VIEWS WERE COLLECTED. SOME FAVOURED THE EXISTING FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED PRACTICE, WHILE OTHERS STATED THAT THEY WOULD PREFER BALLOTING, AGAINST WHICH OBJECTIONS HAD ALSO BEEN RECEIVED.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK INTO THE EXISTING PROCEDURES AND ASSESS THE PROS AND CONS OF ALL AVAILABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SALES OF PARKING PASSES.

HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FINDINGS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT FOR SALE OF MONTHLY PARKING PASSES FOR OTHER SEVEN GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS MANAGED BY THE METROPARK LIMITED ON THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 23) WILL CONTINUE.

THE PAST SALES PERFORMANCE IN THESE SEVEN CAR PARKS SHOWED NO PROBLEM AT ALL AND TICKETS WERE ALSO AVAILABLE AFTER QUEUES DISAPPEARED, HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS SAI KUNG

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, VISITED SAI KUNG DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO KEEP HIMSELF ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR PATTEN FIRST TOURED THE 150-YEAR-OLD TIN HAU TEMPLE AND THE ADJACENT KWAN TEI TEMPLE.

THE GOVERNOR THEN VISITED THE PURPOSE-BUILT VILLAGE TYPE SAI KUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEXT TO THE TEMPLES.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A WALKABOUT IN THE SEAFOOD MARKET IN SAI KUNG TOWN WHERE ITS RENOWNED RESTAURANTS CATER FOR BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS.

MR PATTEN ALSO BOARDED A MARINE POLICE LAUNCH AND TOURED SAI KUNG HOI (PORT SHELTER) WHICH IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BEACHES.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS TOUR, MR PATTEN DISCUSSED LOCAL ISSUES WITH THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT A RECEPTION IN MARINA COVE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG, KOWLOON/NEW TERRITORIES, MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PARRISH NG.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENS POLICE PAINTING EXHIBITION

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION STAGED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY CLUB - AND DID SO IN A DISTINCTIVE CHINESE WAY BY USING A CALLIGRAPHY BRUSH TO PUT DOWN THE FIRST CHARACTER OF A POPULAR CHINESE "CI" POEM.

THE POEM "BUTTERFLIES LOVE FLOWERS" WAS WRITTEN BY A RENOWNED SONG DYNASTY POET, MR SU SHI.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND HER HUSBAND, SIR ANGUS OGILVY, WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR EDDIE HUI KI-ON.

GUIDED BY THE CLUB CHAIRMAN, MR WAN HON-HING, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TOURED AROUND THE EXHIBITION HALL, WHERE MORE THAN 200 ITEMS PRODUCED BY POLICE OFFICERS WERE ON DISPLAY. THE WORKS INCLUDE CHINESE AND WESTERN PAINTINGS, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY PIECES AND SEAL-CUTTING WORKS.

THE POLICE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY CLUB, WHICH HAS MORE THAN 1,000 MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT RANKS OF POLICE OFFICERS, ORGANISED THE EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLICE FORCE.

THE EXHIBITION, AT THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION IN SALISBURY ROAD, WILL RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 27 AND IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA LATER PAID A VISIT TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WHERE SHE WAS GREETED BY THE COMMANDANT AND DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF AUXILIARY POLICE, MR T W CHAN AND MR C C CHAU.

SHE MET SOME 30 REPRESENTATIVES FROM A CROSS SECTION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS SO AS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE PART-TIME POLICEMEN.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS SAW FOR HERSELF A DEMONSTRATION OF THE TOUGH TRAINING THE AUXILIARY POLICE HAVE TO UNDERGO, PARTICULARLY IN DEALING WITH ARMED SUSPECTS IN VEHICLES AND HOW "RIOTERS" WERE DEALT WITH IN A MOCK INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WAS ALSO TREATED TO A PERFORMANCE BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE BAND AND DANCERS.

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AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WILL BE GAZETTED SOON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BOARD AGREED IN ITS MEETING LAST FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14) THAT THOSE AMENDMENTS WERE SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

"THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH MAINLY INCLUDE THE INCORPORATION OF LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION PHASE ONE, THE TAMAR BASIN RECLAMATION AND THE JUSTICE DRIVE EXTENSION, WILL PUT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS ON THE TWO RECLAMATIONS UNDER STATUTORY PLANNING CONTROL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BOARD WAS CONCERNED THAT THE ROAD CAPACITY OF THE EAST-WEST TRANSPORT LINKS ON THE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO CATER FOR THE FUTURE TRAFFIC DEMAND.

IT, THEREFORE, REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE A TRAFFIC STUDY TO ESTABLISH THE FUTURE REQUIREMENT BEYOND 2011 AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE MEASURES, SUCH AS THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FURTHER EAST-WEST LINK TO ENSURE THAT THE CAPACITY OF THIS VITAL LINK ON THE NORTHERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC GROWTH BEYOND 2011.

IN THE SAME MEETING, THE BOARD WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE PAST AND ON-GOING RECLAMATION PROPOSALS FOR THE VICTORIA HARBOUR AREA.

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THE BOARD NOTED THAT PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS PROPOSED RECLAMATIONS HAD BEEN SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSULTATION EXERCISES ON THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW, METROPLAN AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS.

"DETAILED LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR EACH RECLAMATION PROJECT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE RESPECTIVE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,082	0930	+872
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,131	1000	+866
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+970
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+964	1200	+971
LAF TODAY	-915	1500	+971
		1600	+964
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 120.9	*+0.0*	20.10.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.54	19 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.12	6.36
1 MONTH	4.63	22 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.47	6.56
3 MONTHS	4.97	30 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.13	7.09
6 MONTHS	5.24	33 MONTHS	3707	6.95	99.54	7.26
12 MONTHS	5.81	59 MONTHS	5909	7.45	98.01	8.10

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 24,136 MN

CLOSED 20 OCTOBER 1994

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