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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CHINA

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, WILL VISIT CHINA FROM JUNE 7 TO 12.

THIS WILL BE HIS FAREWELL VISIT TO CHINA AS GOVERNOR.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN.

LORD WILSON WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS ON JUNE 7 TO 9.

HE WILL THEN SPEND TWO DAYS TRAVELLING OUTSIDE BEIJING BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 12.

THE GOVERNOR LAST VISITED BEIJING IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

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GARRISON COMMITTED TO HONG KONG, SAYS NEW COMMANDER

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THE NEW COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, MAJOR GENERAL JOHN FOLEY, SEES NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE GARRISON'S ROLE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING HOSTED BY THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY (THURSDAY), GENERAL FOLEY SAID THE HANDOVER OF MOST OF THE MILITARY BORDER DUTIES TO THE POLICE LAST MONTH WOULD RESULT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF ONE BATTALION LATER THIS YEAR.

BUT THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE GARRISON'S MAIN ROLE OF PROVIDING "A VERY TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S SOVEREIGNTY AND COMMITMENT IN THESE LAST YEARS OF BRITISH ADMINISTRATION".

"THEREBY I BELIEVE, CONTRIBUTING TO HONG KONG'S SECURITY, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

"IN ORDER TO FULFIL THAT ROLE, WE RETAIN THE ABILITY TO ASSIST THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, IF AND WHEN NECESSARY, IN A FULL RANGE OF TASKS CONCERNED BOTH WITH TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INTERNAL SECURITY," HE SAID.

GENERAL FOLEY REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE GARRISON IS CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIALIST SUPPORT, INCLUDING SEARCH-AND-RESCUE, DIVING CAPABILITIES, MEDICAL BACK-UP, EXPLOSIVE AND ORDNANCE EXPERTISE, ENGINEERING SKILLS AND A FULL RANGE OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.

HE CONTINUED: "WE ARE PLAYING A NECESSARILY DISCREET, BUT FULL PART IN THE CURRENT ANTI-SMUGGLING EFFORT AGAINST AN ACTIVITY WHICH HAS NOT ONLY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS, BUT ALSO POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS."

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EXCHANGE FUND TO INTRODUCE LIQUIDITY ADJUSTMENT FACILITY

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FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS (HKAB), THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND (OEF) ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT IT WILL INTRODUCE A LIQUIDITY ADJUSTMENT FACILITY (LAF) WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JUNE 8).

"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF LAF IS TO HELP LICENSED BANKS IN MAKING LATE ADJUSTMENTS TO THEIR LIQUIDITY POSITIONS, DEFINED TO BE THE BALANCE IN THEIR CLEARING ACCOUNTS WITH THEIR SETTLEMENT BANKS," THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND, MR JOSEPH YAM, SAID.

LAF WILL BE OPEN FROM 4 PM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 11.30 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY, OTHER THAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

"LICENSED BANKS MAY APPROACH THE OEF DURING THESE HOURS IF THEY WISH TO MAKE USE OF LAF TO ADJUST THEIR LIQUIDITY POSITIONS," MR YAM SAID.

OVERNIGHT FUNDS WILL NORMALLY BE PROVIDED BY THE OEF THROUGH A SALE AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENT (REPO) OF A BANK'S HOLDING OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS AND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

LENDING ON AN UNSECURED BASIS MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF OEF, HAVING REGARD TO THE PREVAILING MARKET CONDITIONS AND CREDIT RISK INVOLVED.

THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON UNSECURED LENDING WOULD BE HIGHER THAN THE OFFER RATE REPRESENTED BY A REPO.

"UNDER LAF, OEF IS ALSO PREPARED TO ACCEPT OVERNIGHT SURPLUS FUNDS THAT BANKS MAY WISH TO OFFER AT THE BID RATE," MR YAM SAID.

BOTH THE BID RATE AND THE OFFER RATE UNDER LAF WILL BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AND PUBLISHED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THE RATES MAY BE VARIED FROM TIME TO TIME, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE CHANGED WHILE LAF IS OPEN.

"THE OEF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE OFF EITHER THE BID RATE OR THE OFFER RATE AT ANY TIME SHOULD THIS BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, HAVING REGARD TO THE NEED TO ENSURE EXCHANGE RATE STABILITY," HE SAID.

AS SUGGESTED BY HKAB, THE SPREAD BETWEEN THE BID RATE AND THE OFFER RATE WILL BE SET AT TWO PERCENTAGE POINTS INITIALLY, SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF LAF SHOULD FACILITATE MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF LIQUIDITY POSITIONS BY BANKS," MR YAM SAID.

"HOWEVER, LAF SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PRUDENT LIQUIDITY MANAGEMENT AND BANKS ARE, THEREFORE, NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE USE OF LAF ON A REGULAR BASIS," HE ADDED.

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STATEMENT ON RAIL LINK

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT BRANCH CLARIFIED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT NO PROPOSAL HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (KCRC) TO BUILD A RAIL LINK FROM KWAI CHUNG TO THE BORDER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE KCRC'S PLAN TO BUILD SUCH A RAILWAY WAS A PRELIMINARY IDEA ARISING FROM THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH MUST BE LOOKED AT FURTHER IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

"THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL RAIL LINK TO THE BORDER IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS BEING EVALUATED AS PART OF THE STUDY," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO STRESSED THAT PUBLIC VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN DRAWING UP LONG-TERM RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE TERRITORY.

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INQUIRY INTO SEA ACCIDENT CALLED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, TODAY (THURSDAY) APPOINTED TWO SURVEYORS OF SHIPS TO CARRY OUT A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE 11,400-TONNE CONTAINER VESSEL "PUERTO CORTES" WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT IN THE WESTERN WATERFRONT.

THE SURVEYORS ARE CAPTAIN JEROMY CARO, NAUTICAL SURVEYOR AND MR LAI YING-KEUNG, ENGINEER SURVEYOR.

THE PURPOSE OF THE INQUIRY IS TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENT WITH A VIEW TO RECOMMENDING ACTION TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN FUTURE.

THE INQUIRY IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18 OF THE PILOTAGE ORDINANCE AND THE FINDINGS OF THE INQUIRY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.

ABOUT 10.48 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 25) THE PILOTED VESSEL HIT THE WESTERN DISTRICT PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA SEA-WALL. NO INJURY WAS REPORTED IN THE ACCIDENT.

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TWO FERRY ROUTES TO BE WITHDRAWN

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THE TWO FERRY SERVICES FROM SHAM SHUI PO AND TAI KOK TSUI TO CENTRAL WILL CEASE OPERATION NEXT MONTH.

PASSENGERS AFFECTED MAY USE EXISTING CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES OPERATING ALONG LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MORE, A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE OPERATING FROM SHAM SHUI PO TO CENTRAL VIA TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY PROPOSED TO WITHDRAW THE TWO SERVICES AS AND WHEN THE EXISTING PIERS AT WEST KOWLOON WERE AFFECTED BY RECLAMATIONS IN MID-1992.

"THE PIER IN CENTRAL FOR THE TWO SERVICES WILL ALSO BE REMOVED IN 1994 OWING TO THE CENTRAL AND WANCHAI RECLAMATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF THE TWO FERRY SERVICES ARE RETAINED, AT LEAST ONE REPLACEMENT PIER WOULD BE REQUIRED AT THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION IN 1992 AND ANOTHER AT CENTRAL IN 1994.

"ONE REPLACEMENT PIER IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$80 MILLION IN 1991 PRICES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PIERS, IF RELOCATED TO THE NEWLY RECLAIMED WATERFRONT, WOULD BE SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE EXISTING PASSENGER CATCHMENT AND HENCE MUCH LESS ACCESSIBLE.

"ACCESSIBILITY WILL BE FURTHER AFFECTED IN 1993 AND 1994 BY ROAD WORKS AND TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECLAMATION. THIS WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER DEPLETION IN FERRY PATRONAGE AND INCREASE THE LOSSES INCURRED.

"PROSPECTS FOR RECOVERY IN THE LONGER TERM ARE LIMITED. WHEN THE PLANNED WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (WHC) OPENS IN 1996/97, THE NEW AIRPORT RAILWAY AS WELL AS CROSS-HARBOUR BUS SERVICES USING THE WHC WOULD DIRECTLY DUPLICATE THE TWO FERRY SERVICES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WITHDRAWAL OF THE FERRY SERVICES COULD NOT BE DEFERRED BEYOND JUNE THIS YEAR AS THE EXPANDING DREDGING WORKS NOW UNDER WAY IN FRONT OF THE SHAM SHUI PO PIER MIGHT BY THEN AFFECT THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE SERVICES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE ADEQUACY OF ALTERNATIVE BUS SERVICES AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS WHEN NECESSARY.

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COLOUR AND FLAVOUR OF METHADONE LINCTUS CHANGE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE COLOUR AND FLAVOUR OF METHADONE LINCTUS NOW BEING PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S METHADONE CLINICS WILL BE CHANGED IN PHASES, STARTING NEXT MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID WITH IDENTICAL EFFICACY AS THE PRESENT ORANGE ONE, THE NEW METHADONE LINCTUS WILL BE IN "GREEN" COLOUR AND RASPBERRY FLAVOUR.

"WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT, IT IS HOPED THAT THE CHANCES OF THE PRESENT METHADONE LINCTUS BEING MISTAKEN AS ORANGE JUICE WILL BE REDUCED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT NOTICES INFORMING PATIENTS OF THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL BE PUT UP AT CONSPICUOUS SPOTS OF THE METHADONE CLINICS.

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REMINDER ON FLAG DAYS APPLICATIONS

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO HOLD FLAG DAYS IN 1993 TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE SATURDAY (MAY 30).

"THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE ORGANISATION'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS, MUST REACH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THAT DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS MUST BE BONA FIDE NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MERITS OF THE SERVICE OR SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUND-RAISING THROUGH A FLAG DAY WAS PROPOSED, THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL NEEDS, AND THE ORGANISATION'S ABILITY TO EXECUTE SUCH FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

"LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED," HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 576 5922.

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EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT LAW

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION TO PUBLICISE THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AMONG EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN KWAI CHUNG FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SUNDAY (MAY 31).

ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT INCREASING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATUTORY BENEFITS FOR WORKERS, INCLUDING PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, MATERNITY PROTECTION, LONG SERVICE AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS, AND ENTITLEMENT UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

LABOUR OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES.

ALSO, A QUIZ WILL BE HELD THERE FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM DAILY TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND LABOUR RELATIONS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM TOMORROW ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF METRO PLAZA IN HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, AND BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM OVER THE WEEKEND.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN SHAM SHUI PO SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OF FLAT B, FIRST FLOOR OF CHI FUNG MANSION, 218-220 YEE KUK STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 9 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY ANNOUNCED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIOLOGICAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E.COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH THAT HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

"BEACHES WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED HINTERLANDS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE POLLUTED THAN THE GRADES SUGGEST DURING AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN.

"BATHERS SHOULD AVOID SUCH BEACHES FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER A STORM, LONGER IF THE WEATHER REMAINS OVERCAST OR LESS IF THERE IS STRONG SUNSHINE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS :

- * GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.
- * GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

/* GRADE "3"

* GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

* GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS VERY POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A GRADE "4" OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A GRADE "3" OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW :

| BEACH | PREVIOUS GRADING | PRESENT GRADING |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | (AS AT 14.5.92) | (AS AT 28.5.92) |
| HONG KONG SOUTH | | |
| ----- | | |
| BIG WAVE BAY | 3 | 2 |
| CHUNG HOM KOK | 1 | 2 |
| DEEP WATER BAY | 1 | 1 |
| HAIRPIN | 2 | 1 |
| MIDDLE BAY | 1 | 1 |
| REPULSE BAY | 1 | 1 |
| SHEK O | 2 | 2 |
| SOUTH BAY | 1 | 1 |
| ST. STEPHEN'S | 2 | 1 |
| TURTLE COVE | 2 | 1 |
| STANLEY MAIN | 2 | 2 |
| ROCKY BAY | X | X |
| TO TEI WAN* | 1 | 1 |

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

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|---------------|---|---|
| OLD CAFETERIA | X | X |
| NEW CAFETERIA | 2 | 2 |
| CASTLE PEAK | X | X |
| KADOORIE | 3 | 3 |
| BUTTERFLY | 3 | 3 |

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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|---------------------------|---|---|
| CAMPERS | 1 | 2 |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH | 2 | 2 |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH | 1 | 2 |
| HAP MUN BAY | 1 | 1 |
| KIU TSUI | 1 | 1 |
| PAK SHA CHAU | 1 | 1 |
| SILVERSTRAND | 2 | 3 |
| TRIO (HEBE HAVEN) | 2 | 2 |

ISLANDS DISTRICT

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| CHEUNG SHA UPPER | 1 | 1 |
| CHEUNG SHA LOWER | 2 | 2 |
| DISCOVERY BAY* | 3 | 3 |
| HUNG SHING YEH | 1 | 2 |
| KWUN YAM WAN | 2 | 2 |
| TONG FUK | 1 | 1 |
| LO SO SHING | 1 | 1 |
| PUI O | 2 | 2 |
| SILVERMINE BAY | 4 | 3 |
| TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU | 2 | 2 |
| TUNG O* | 1 | 1 |

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

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| ANGLERS' | 4 | 3 |
| APPROACH | 3 | 3 |
| CASAM | 3 | 3 |
| GEMINI | 3 | 3 |
| HOI MEI WAN | 3 | 3 |
| LIDO | 3 | 3 |
| TING KAU | 4 | 4 |
| TUNG WAN, MA WAN | 2 | 2 |

NOTE : "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACH

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

HAIRPIN, ST STEPHEN'S, TURTLE COVE FROM "2" TO "1"; BIG WAVE BAY FROM "3" TO "2"; SILVERMINE BAY, ANGLERS' FROM "4" TO "3"; CHUNG HOM KOK, HUNG SHING YEH, CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH, CAMPERS FROM "1" TO "2"; SILVERSTRAND FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTINE MONITORING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY, EPD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY MEDICINE AND DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY) WILL CONDUCT AN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL-MICROBIOLOGICAL STUDY AT REPULSE BAY AND BUTTERFLY BEACH STARTING JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE STUDY AIMS TO IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY THE PATHOGENS THAT MIGHT CAUSE DISEASES AMONG BATHERS SWIMMING IN POLLUTED BEACH WATER, SO THAT APPROPRIATE STANDARD CAN BE USED AND EFFECTIVE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES CAN BE DEvised.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), MR DAVID HALL, ON 835 1234.

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MAILING ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLIDAYS

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M. PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT DURING THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE QUEEN, ALL POST OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED.

A SPECIAL MAIL DELIVERY WOULD HOWEVER BE PROVIDED ON JUNE 13 (THE BIRTHDAY OF THE QUEEN). NO DELIVERY WOULD BE MADE ON JUNE 5 AND 15.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
 MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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| | DATE ---- | \$ MILLION ----- |
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| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON | 27.5.92 | 988 |
| EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON | 28.5.92 | -10 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING | | +10 |
| EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON | | +300 * |

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED ON 29/5

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.9 *+0.1* 28.5.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

| EF BILLS | | HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| TERMS | YIELD | TERM | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE | YIELD |
| 1 WEEK | 3.00 PCT | 18 MONTHS | 2311 | 6.25 | 102.34 | 4.64 |
| 1 MONTH | 2.74 PCT | 21 MONTHS | 2402 | 5.50 | 101.04 | 4.92 |
| 3 MONTHS | 2.77 PCT | 24 MONTHS | 2405 | 5.50 | 100.75 | 5.16 |
| 6 MONTHS | 3.28 PCT | | | | | |
| 12 MONTHS | 3.95 PCT | | | | | |

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 6,026MN

CLOSED 28 MAY 1992