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HK WANTS RATIONAL DISCUSSION  
ON POLITICAL REFORM PROPOSALS

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HONG KONG PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE A "RATIONAL DISCUSSION" ON THE PROPOSED POLITICAL REFORM PACKAGE RATHER THAN "EMPTY THREATS", THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID ON WEDNESDAY (VANCOUVER TIME).

HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE MEDIA RIGHT AFTER DELIVERING HIS SPEECH AT THE FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92 GALA DINNER AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN VANCOUVER ABOUT HIS RESPONSE TO NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY'S STATEMENT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE ON NOVEMBER 11.

"I THINK WHAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WANT IS A RATIONAL DISCUSSION RATHER THAN EMPTY THREATS," MR PATTEN TOLD REPORTERS.

"THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE REWRITING WHICH THE NCNA IN HONG KONG CAN DO. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW TALK ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW ARE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL."

HE SAID INSTEAD OF CRITICISING, "PEOPLE SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT LEGCO HAS HAD A SERIOUS AND QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY PASSIONATE DEBATE."

"THEY BEHAVED RESPONSIBLY, AND WHATEVER THE NOISE OFF STAGE, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO."

THE GOVERNOR ARRIVED IN VANCOUVER SHORTLY AFTER NOON ON WEDNESDAY TO BEGIN HIS FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT IN CANADA.

ADDRESSING THE GALA BENEFIT DINNER WHICH MARKS THE CLOSING OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92, MR PATTEN SAID THE FESTIVAL OPENED A "NEW CHAPTER IN THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN PEOPLES IN HONG KONG AND CANADA. THE GALA DINNER WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 800 PEOPLE.

NOTING THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "HONG KONG IS AN OPEN COMMUNITY, AND SO HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE AN INTUITIVE REGARD AND AFFECTION FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE OPEN AND TOLERANT AND FREE, AS CANADA IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN."

TURNING TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, MR PATTEN SAID: "AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, I WILL BE JUDGED -- IN 1997 AND AFTERWARDS -- BY WHETHER OR NOT I HAVE FULLY IMPLEMENTED THE JOINT DECLARATION, AND BY WHETHER HONG KONG'S WAY OF LIFE, WHICH IT DESCRIBES IN SUCH DETAILS, IS INTACT AND SECURE."

HE SAID HE HAD PUT FORWARD "A FEW MODEST" PROPOSALS "FOR GIVING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG A GREATER SAY, IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR OWN LIVES." AND THE PROPOSALS WERE WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC LAW AND THE JOINT DECLARATION.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HIS INTENTION WAS TO "MEET THE MODEST AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF A REMARKABLY TALENTED PEOPLE, WHO PLAINLY HAVE IN ABUNDANCE THE GOOD SENSE AND MATURITY NEEDED TO EXERCISE THAT SLIGHTLY GREATER SAY IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR OWN LIVES THAT I PROPOSE."

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MR PATTEN SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO "ANY IDEAS" ANYONE ELSE MAY HAVE FOR THE 1995 ELECTIONS. "BUT THEY MUST BE IDEAS THAT ARE OPEN, FAIR AND THOUGHT TO BE SO BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG."

HE SAID HONG KONG'S VOICE HAD BEEN HEARD IN CANADA. "I HOPE THAT EVERYONE THROUGHOUT OUR REGION AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF HONG KONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD -- THE VOICE OF A COMMUNITY WHICH IS SUCCESSFUL, WHICH IS SELF-CONFIDENT, WHICH IS TOLERANT AND WHICH IS FREE."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE GALA DINNER, THE HON KIM CAMPBELL, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA, SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNOR'S WORK HAS ENSURED THAT "HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO BE TESTIMONY TO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE WITH DETERMINATION, HARDWORK AND INVENTIVENESS."

"THIS WILL BE ADMIRERD AND SUPPORTED BY CANADA," SHE SAID.

TONIGHT'S GALA DINNER WAS CHAIRED BY STANLEY KWOK. HEAD TABLE GUESTS INCLUDED THE HON DAVID LAM, LT. GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA; PREMIER MIKE HARCOURT; GORDON CAMPBELL, MAYOR OF VANCOUVER; JAMES SO, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE; AND MAURICE COPITHORNE, CHAIRMAN OF THE VANCOUVER FESTIVAL HONG KONG ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY THE GOVERNOR TO THE MEDIA  
AFTER THE VANCOUVER FESTIVAL HONG KONG GALA DINNER,  
WEDNESDAY (VANCOUVER TIME)

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"I THINK THAT WHAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WANT IS A RATIONAL DISCUSSION RATHER THAN EMPTY THREATS AND I THINK THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE RE-WRITING WHICH THE NCNA IN HONG KONG CAN DO. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW TALK ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW ARE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"WE KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO AGREE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1995 ELECTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS IN PEKING ACCEPT MY CRITERIA FOR THE 1995 ELECTIONS, THAT THEY SHOULD BE OPEN, THAT THEY SHOULD BE FAIR AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. AND PART OF THAT ACCEPTABILITY IS PERFECTLY CLEAR FROM THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW. ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SO I THINK THAT RATHER THAN CRITICISING, PEOPLE SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS HAD A SERIOUS AND QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY PASSIONATE DEBATE. THEY BEHAVED RESPONSIBLY AND WHATEVER THE NOISE OFF STAGE, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO."

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GOVERNOR PLEASSED WITH LEGCO DISCUSSIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID HE WAS PLEASSED THAT THE PROPOSALS FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE DISCUSSED SO CONSTRUCTIVELY YESTERDAY BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LAYING A WREATH AT THE CENOTAPH IN VANCOUVER THIS MORNING (HK TIME), MR PATTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE DEBATE WOULD CONTINUE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER.

"BUT I REPEAT THAT IF OTHERS HAVE GOT POSITIVE PROPOSALS, DETAILED PROPOSALS WHICH THEY WANT TO PUT FORWARD AS AN ALTERNATIVE THEY SHOULD DO SO," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT CHINA'S REACTION TO THE DEBATE, MR PATTEN SAID: "CHINA WILL NOTE THAT AMONG THE CRITERIA WHICH, I THINK, IT GENERALLY ACCEPTED FOR ANY FUTURE PROPOSAL ARE THAT THEY SHOULD BE NOT ONLY FAIR AND OPEN BUT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND DEBATING MATTERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH ONE DISCOVERS WHETHER THINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG."

COMMENTING ON HIS TRIP TO CANADA, MR PATTEN SAID IT WAS ALWAYS THE INTENTION THAT HE SHOULD GO TO THE FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92 IN CANADA, ADDING THAT HE WOULD BE TAKING PART IN THE GALA DINNER WHICH MARKED THE END OF THE FESTIVAL.

"SO I'M REALLY HERE AS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP AND I KNOW THAT BEING IN CANADA, I'M TALKING TO FRIENDS AND MEETING FRIENDS AND WE HOPE TO DO SO MANY TIMES DURING THE FIVE YEARS OF MY GOVERNORSHIP," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR ARRIVES VANCOUVER

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, ARRIVED VANCOUVER THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING (HK TIME) ON THE FIRST LEG OF HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT IN CANADA.

HE WAS MET AT THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY THE HON KIM CAMPBELL, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA; MR BERNIE SIMPSON, MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA; MR JAMES SO, SECRETARY OF RECREATION AND CULTURE OF HONG KONG; AND MR JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM, COMMISSIONER OF CANADA, WHO CAME SPECIALLY FROM HONG KONG A DAY AGO TO GREET THE GOVERNOR.

MR PATTEN TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT HE HOPED THIS TRIP TO VANCOUVER, OTTAWA AND TORONTO WOULD HELP TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG, AND HE WAS LOOKING TO TAKING PART IN THE VANCOUVER GALA DINNER THIS EVENING WHICH MARKS THE CLOSING OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92.

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WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHETHER HE WAS SEEKING CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR HIS CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PACKAGE, MR PATTEN DESCRIBED CANADA'S REACTION AS "VERY POSITIVE", HOWEVER, "THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG IS GOING TO BE SETTLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AND I AM SURE THEY'LL TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE AND IMAGINATIVE STEPS."

HE STRESSED THAT UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG WAS "ABLE TO MOVE TO A STEADILY MORE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM".

MR PATTEN WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE CENOTAPH AT VICTORY SQUARE HERE LATER IN THE DAY, PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIAN SOLDIERS WHO HELP TO DEFEND HONG KONG DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

DURING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT IN VANCOUVER, HE WILL MEET WITH THE LT. GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE HON DAVID LAM; AND THE PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE HON MICHAEL HARCOURT.

MR PATTEN WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL VANCOUVER TOMORROW (THURSDAY), BEFORE TAKING A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FLIGHT TO OTTAWA, WHERE HE WILL HAVE A MEETING WITH THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, THE RT HON BRIAN MULRONEY.

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SAFETY MEASURES PROPOSED FOR CHAI WAN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A SERIES OF SAFETY MEASURES ON CHAI WAN ROAD NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR WILLIAM LIEW, SAID THE 130-METRE-LONG SAFETY FENCE AT THE LOWER SECTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD WOULD BE REPLACED BY CONCRETE PROFILE BARRIERS.

"THE SKID RESISTANCE OF THE ROAD WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. THE LOWER SECTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD IN FRONT OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE TREATED WITH ANTI-SKID MATERIALS.

"A FRESH COVER OF SKID RESISTANCE MATERIALS WILL BE LAID ON THE DOWNHILL CARRIAGEWAY OF CHAI WAN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH A KUNG NGAM ROAD," MR LIEW SAID.

EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE RENOVATED. NEW SIGNS REMINDING MOTORISTS TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND ENGAGE IN LOW GEAR ALONG THE STEEP ROAD WILL BE INSTALLED.

THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF ANY UNDERGROUND DRAIN BLOCKAGES ON STEEP ROADS SO THAT THE MESSAGE CAN BE RELAYED QUICKLY TO THE BUS COMPANY AND THEIR DRIVERS.

MR LIEW STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT DESIGN OF THE ROAD WAS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE IN TERMS OF ROAD GEOMETRY AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONARY INSTALLATIONS AND TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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## CHANGES TO GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE PROPOSED

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THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRESENT LAW ON GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, PROPOSING TO SHORTEN THE PERIODS FOR SEPARATION AND TO EASE THE PRESENT RESTRICTION ON DIVORCE WITHIN THREE YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, PARTIES MAY ONLY DIVORCE IF THEY CAN ESTABLISH ONE OF FIVE FACTS.

THESE ARE ADULTERY, UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR, DESERTION FOR TWO YEARS, TWO YEARS' SEPARATION WHERE BOTH PARTIES CONSENT TO DIVORCE AND FIVE YEARS' SEPARATION WHERE THERE IS NO CONSENT.

THE COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESENT FAULT-BASED FACTS OF ADULTERY AND UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR BE RETAINED.

IN RELATION TO THE SEPARATION FACTS, THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE PERIOD REQUIRED FOR SEPARATION BE REDUCED FROM TWO YEARS TO ONE YEAR WHERE BOTH PARTIES CONSENT TO DIVORCE, AND FROM FIVE YEARS TO TWO YEARS WHERE THERE IS NO CONSENT.

THE RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE THE PERIOD OF SEPARATION WHERE THERE IS NO CONSENT FROM FIVE YEARS TO TWO YEARS MEANS THAT THE FACT OF DESERTION FOR TWO YEARS WILL NO LONGER BE RELEVANT AND CAN BE ABOLISHED.

THE COMMISSION ALSO ADVOCATES THAT IN CASES WHERE BOTH PARTIES CONSENT TO THE DIVORCE, THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATION TO THE COURT JOINTLY, RATHER THAN ONE OF THEM BEING OBLIGED, AS NOW, TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE OTHER.

A FURTHER MOVE TO PROMOTE CONCILIATION BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE DIVORCE PROCESS IS THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN OF MARRIAGE.

UNDER THIS NEW PROCEDURE, PARTIES WOULD BE ABLE TO DIVORCE BY MUTUAL CONSENT AFTER GIVING ONE YEAR'S JOINT NOTICE TO THE COURT.

THE PARTIES WOULD NOT BE UNDER ANY OBLIGATION TO SEPARATE DURING THIS PERIOD OF NOTICE, BUT WOULD BE OBLIGED AT THE END OF IT TO CONFIRM TO THE COURT THAT IT IS STILL THEIR JOINT INTENTION TO PROCEED TO DIVORCE.

IN ADDITION TO THE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO LOOKED AT THE EXISTING TIME RESTRICTION ON PARTIES SEEKING TO DIVORCE EARLY IN MARRIAGE.

AT PRESENT, UNLESS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE CAN BE MADE OUT, PARTIES MAY NOT PETITION FOR DIVORCE UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

THE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE THREE-YEAR RESTRICTION BE REDUCED TO ONE YEAR, WHILE THE EXISTING GROUNDS FOR ESTABLISHING EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETAINED.

THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION BEGAN EXAMINING THE LAW ON DIVORCE IN 1990.

A PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION EARLY THIS YEAR REVEALED STRONG SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE CHANGES PROPOSED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AT \$168,442 MILLION, INCREASED BY 22% IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3% TO \$21,129 MILLION WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 28% TO \$64,360 MILLION.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 21% TO \$85,489 MILLION. MEANWHILE, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 24% TO \$82,952 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, AT \$1,356 BILLION, INCREASED BY 22% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2% TO \$170 BILLION WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 31% TO \$495 BILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22% TO \$666 BILLION WHILE THAT OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23% TO \$690 BILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1992 WITH SEPTEMBER 1991, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (+26%), TAIWAN (+14%), CHINA (+13%) AND GERMANY (+2%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO FRANCE (-10%), CANADA (-2%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (-2%), THE UNITED STATES (-1%) AND THE NETHERLANDS (-1%).

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA INCREASED BY 15%, 15%, 7%, 6% AND 6% RESPECTIVELY.

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HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN DECREASED, BY 23%, 16%, 9%, 9% AND 3% RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1,792 MILLION OR 3%); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$1,385 MILLION OR 10%); AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$510 MILLION OR 28%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,885 MILLION OR 17%); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,037 MILLION OR 7%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1992 WITH SEPTEMBER 1991, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS: GERMANY (+46%), JAPAN (+39%), ITALY (+31%), MALAYSIA (+29%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+22%), CHINA (+20%), SINGAPORE (+20%), THE UNITED STATES (+17%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+17%) AND TAIWAN (+13%).

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, THE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS WERE: GERMANY (+31%), JAPAN (+29%), MALAYSIA (+28%), ITALY (+28%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+26%), CHINA (+23%), SINGAPORE (+20%), TAIWAN (+17%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+15%) AND THE UNITED STATES (+15%).

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$12,748 MILLION OR 32%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$12,116 MILLION OR 21%); CLOTHING (BY \$11,128 MILLION OR 24%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$10,196 MILLION OR 24%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$7,031 MILLION OR 10%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1992 WITH SEPTEMBER 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND FRANCE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 58%, 36%, 32%, 32%, 32% AND 31% RESPECTIVELY. THAT TO SINGAPORE AND GERMANY ALSO INCREASED, BY 21% AND 19% RESPECTIVELY.

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HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN DECREASED, BY 17% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA, CANADA, JAPAN AND FRANCE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 41%, 41%, 37%, 36%, 31% AND 23% RESPECTIVELY. THAT TO SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN ALSO INCREASED, BY 14% AND 10% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 8%.

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO GERMANY.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$20,619 MILLION OR 41%); CLOTHING (BY \$11,876 MILLION OR 26%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$8,741 MILLION OR 30%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$7,809 MILLION OR 44%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$7,669 MILLION OR 18%).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER.

DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE SEPTEMBER 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$52 A COPY AROUND NOVEMBER 20.

THE REPORT CAN BE PURCHASED EITHER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4915).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	SEP 92 OVER SEP 91 ( % )	JAN-SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEP 92 OVER JAN-SEP 91 ( % )
UNITED STATES	6,293	- 1	46,425	+ 6
CHINA	5,454	+ 13	44,858	+ 15
GERMANY	1,402	+ 2	11,360	- 23
UNITED KINGDOM	1,124	- 2	9,212	- 9
JAPAN	1,021	*	8,322	- 3
SINGAPORE	934	+ 26	7,474	+ 15
TAIWAN	544	+ 14	4,674	+ 7
CANADA	428	- 2	3,808	+ 6
NETHERLANDS	413	- 1	3,624	- 9
FRANCE	251	- 10	2,325	- 16

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	SEP 92 OVER SEP 91 ( % )	JAN-SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEP 92 OVER JAN-SEP 91 ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,484	+ 2	55,229	+ 3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	1,922	- 6	16,421	- 3
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,786	+ 21	14,762	+ 10
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,885	+ 8	14,563	+ 3

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,606	*	13,741	- 7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,382	- 11	12,684	- 1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,272	+ 5	9,523	- 17
MANUFACTURES OF METALS	407	- 12	3,608	+ 2
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	294	- 12	2,596	+ 2
MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES	238	+ 7	2,331	+ 28

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	SEP 92 OVER SEP 91 ( % )	JAN-SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEP 92 OVER JAN-SEP 91 ( % )
CHINA	32,583	+ 20	257,147	+ 23
JAPAN	14,611	+ 39	118,581	+ 29
TAIWAN	7,405	+ 13	63,183	+ 17
UNITED STATES	5,498	+ 17	49,722	+ 15
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,505	+ 17	32,638	+ 26
SINGAPORE	3,102	+ 20	27,928	+ 20
GERMANY	1,922	+ 46	15,686	+ 31
UNITED KINGDOM	1,501	+ 22	14,037	+ 15
ITALY	1,198	+ 31	10,702	+ 28
MALAYSIA	1,109	+ 29	9,302	+ 28

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	SEP 92 OVER SEP 91 ( % )	JAN-SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEP 92 OVER JAN-SEP 91 ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7,765	- 3	75,173	+ 10
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	9,033	+ 35	68,475	+ 21
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,793	+ 19	57,966	+ 24
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7,094	+ 39	53,488	+ 24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	7,153	+ 38	52,288	+ 32
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,999	+ 25	33,406	+ 20
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,811	+ 44	24,571	+ 48
FOOTWEAR	2,758	+ 26	22,660	+ 44
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	2,702	+ 61	21,583	+ 24
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS	2,200	+ 48	21,390	+ 53

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

MAJOR COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	SEP 92 OVER SEP 91 ( % )	JAN-SEP 1992 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEP 92 OVER JAN-SEP 91 ( % )
CHINA	18,275	+ 32	149,119	+ 37
UNITED STATES	15,499	+ 32	108,046	+ 41
JAPAN	3,774	+ 36	26,734	+ 31

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GERMANY	2,983	+ 19	23,567	*
TAIWAN	1,957	- 5	19,408	+ 10
UNITED KINGDOM	2,329	+ 58	14,529	+ 41
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,107	- 17	10,119	- 8
SINGAPORE	1,222	+ 21	9,896	+ 14
CANADA	1,049	+ 32	8,265	+ 36
FRANCE	983	+ 31	8,109	+ 23

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP	SEP 92	JAN-SEP	JAN-SEP 92
	1992	OVER	1992	OVER
	(HK\$ MN)	( % )	(HK\$ MN)	( % )
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	11,487	+ 52	70,566	+ 41
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,592	+ 20	56,957	+ 26
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,390	+ 1	49,389	+ 18
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,628	+ 32	38,667	+ 22
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,173	+ 38	37,955	+ 30
FOOTWEAR	3,144	+ 23	25,576	+ 44
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,476	+ 24	21,320	+ 44
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	2,018	+ 9	17,708	+ 23
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,960	+ 47	15,242	+ 45
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS	1,233	+ 65	12,412	+ 68

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CONTAINER THROUGHPUT INCREASE INDICATES STEADY GROWTH

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THE TOTAL CONTAINER THROUGHPUT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR OF 5.8 MILLION TEUS (TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS) MAINTAINS HONG KONG POSITION AS THE WORLD'S LEADING CONTAINER PORT, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE (PLANNING AND LOCAL SERVICES DIVISION), MR IAN DALE SAID: "THE OVERALL THROUGHPUT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991 IS UP BY 1.3 MILLION TEUS, ALMOST A 28 PER CENT INCREASE, INDICATING CONTINUING STRONG GROWTH.

THIS AVERAGE INCREASE HAS REMAINED STEADY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, MR DALE SAID.

"IN PARTICULAR, THE TOTAL THROUGHPUT OF LOADED TEUS, THAT IS EXPORT AND/OR RE-EXPORT CARGO, SHOWS THE SAME GROWTH RATE WHICH IS ALSO 28 PER CENT, AND CLEARLY REFLECTS SUSTAINED LOCAL BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING WORLD RECESSION," HE ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TABLE FOR THE COMPARATIVE CONTAINER STATISTICS FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1992:

	FIRST NINE-MONTH 1991	FIRST NINE-MONTH 1992	CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE
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KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS			
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TOTAL TEUS	3,352,835	3,714,958	10.8
STREAM AND ELSEWHERE			
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TOTAL TEUS	1,151,433	1,863,749	61.9
RIVER TRADE			
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TOTAL TEUS	54,412	244,302	349.0
THROUGHPUT			
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(KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS + STREAM & ELSEWHERE + RIVER TRADE)			
TOTAL TEUS	4,540,664	5,808,563	27.9

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STATEMENT ON THREE TUNNEL FRANCHISES

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ABOUT A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATS OF HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY) ON THE SUGGESTION TO COMBINE THE THREE TUNNEL FRANCHISES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

"TERMINATING THE EXISTING FRANCHISES FOR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, WHICH ARE EMBODIED IN STATUTES, WILL HAVE SERIOUS LEGAL AND COMMERCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

"A COMBINED FRANCHISE WILL CREATE A MONOPOLY IN THE OPERATION OF THESE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT ROUTES WHICH IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

"IT REMAINS GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO IMPLEMENT THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AS A STAND ALONE 'BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER' PROJECT.

"DISCUSSIONS ARE ONGOING WITH THE TENDERER.

"IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION WITH THE TENDERER."

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AIR QUALITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED AIR QUALITY INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER OBTAINED AT ITS MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG MONITORING STATIONS.

THE REPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS INCLUDE SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO<sub>2</sub>) AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO<sub>2</sub>) WHICH ARE MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY ROUND-THE-CLOCK, AND TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (TSP) AND RESPIRABLE SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (RSP) WHICH ARE SAMPLED FOR 24 HOURS EVERY SIX DAYS.

THESE AIR POLLUTANTS MAINLY COME FROM COMBUSTION OF FUEL IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES ENGINES. TSP AND RSP ARE ALSO GENERATED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND SOME MANUFACTURING PROCESSES, AS WELL AS NATURAL SOURCES.

THE GASEOUS POLLUTANT LEVELS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WERE IN GENERAL ACCEPTABLE.

HOWEVER, DRY WEATHER AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY CONTRIBUTED TO DUST LEVELS WHICH WERE HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

AND AN EXCEEDANCE OF THE DAILY AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATES WAS RECORDED IN MONG KOK ON OCTOBER 24.

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THE DAILY HONG KONG AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES OF SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, TSP AND RSP ARE 350, 150, 260 AND 180 MICROGRAMS PER CUBIC METRES RESPECTIVELY.

THESE OBJECTIVES ARE COMPARABLE TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS RECOMMENDED FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HIGH LEVELS OF SO<sub>2</sub> CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION AND INCREASES MORTALITY RATE.

NO<sub>2</sub> CAUSES RESPIRATORY IRRITATION, INCREASES SUSCEPTIBILITY TO RESPIRATORY INFECTION AND IMPAIRS LUNG DEVELOPMENT.

TSP ACTS SYNERGISTICALLY WITH OTHER GASEOUS POLLUTANTS AND RSP CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION. SOME FORMS OF RSP MAY CAUSE CANCER.

THE MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG STATIONS BROADLY REPRESENT AIR QUALITY RESPECTIVELY AT LOCATIONS CLOSE TO ROAD TRAFFIC IN BUILT-UP URBAN DISTRICT; COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AND DISTRICTS CLOSE TO INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

CURRENTLY THE EPD OPERATES A TOTAL OF 11 FIXED AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS, INCLUDING THE THREE MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE OTHER EIGHT STATIONS ARE AT KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, TSEUNG KWAN O, TSUEN WAN, HONG KONG SOUTH, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

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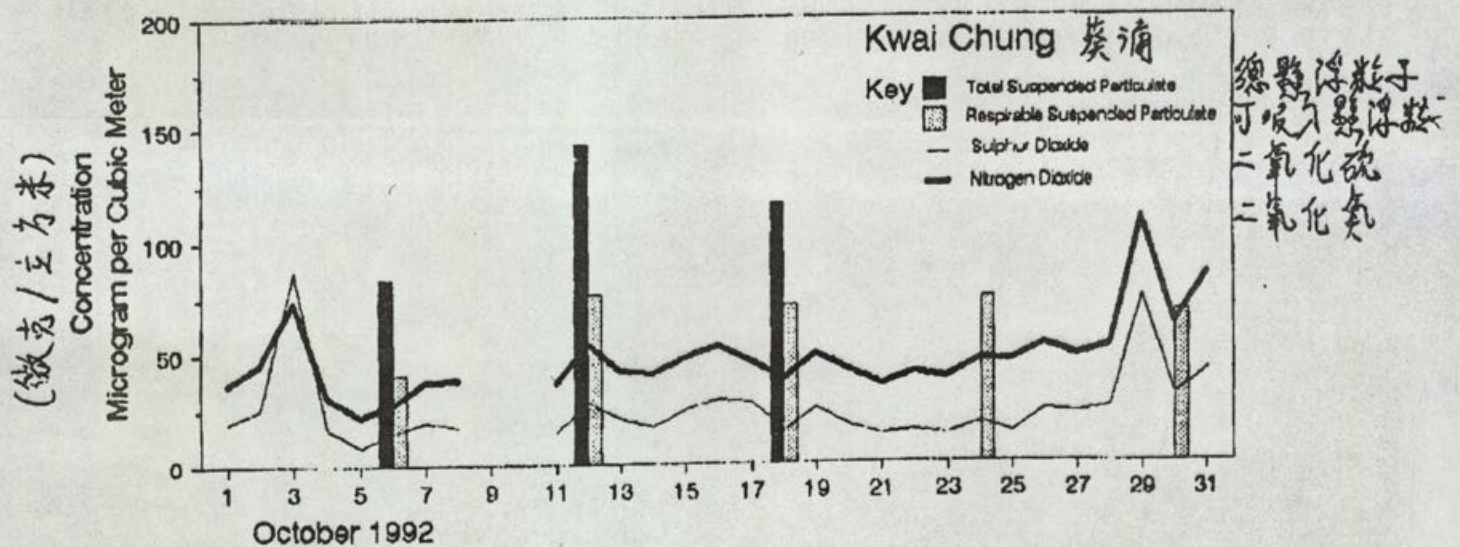
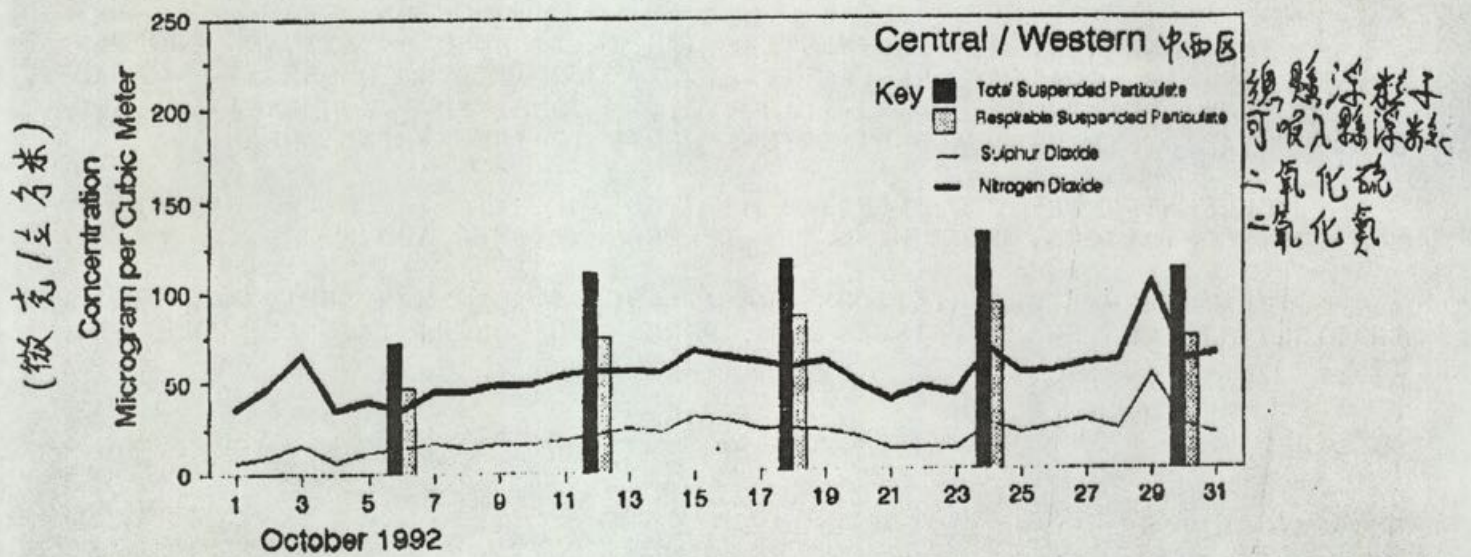
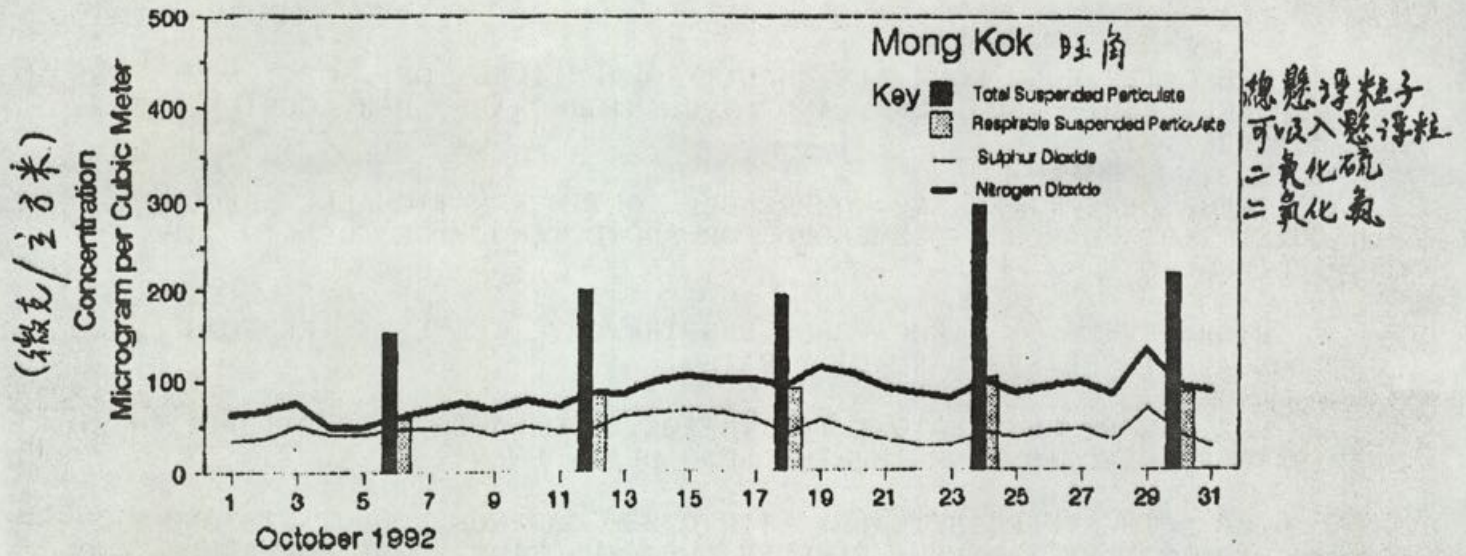
NOTE TO EDITORS:

FURTHER ENQUIRY CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER MR W S TSUI ON TEL 594 6403.

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REVISED STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS AND  
RECURRENT GRANTS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC), MR NIGEL FRENCH, BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EDUCATION PANEL THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING ON THE REVISED STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS AND RECURRENT GRANTS FOR THE UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS IN THE 1992-95 TRIENNIUM.

IN A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AND THE UPGC, MR CHAN SAID IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION ON OCTOBER 28 THIS YEAR, HE HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE UPGC PROPOSED TO RETURN \$509 MILLION FROM THE \$18,200 MILLION APPROVED RECURRENT FUNDING FOR THE UPGC-FUNDED SECTOR DURING THE 1992-95 TRIENNIUM.

THE UPGC'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE REDUCED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND REVISED STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS FOR THE SEVEN UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 22.

THE COMMITTEE WAS RESPONDING TO A REQUEST, MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT IN MARCH THIS YEAR, TO ADVISE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVISED PLANNING TARGET OF 14,500 FIRST-YEAR, FIRST-DEGREE (FYFD) PLACES (REDUCED FROM 15,000) IN 1994-95.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE UPGC'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN FULL AND THE 'SAVINGS' HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION EXERCISE THIS YEAR," MR CHAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT POLICY ON TERTIARY EDUCATION, WHICH WAS AGREED IN 1989, WAS TO PROVIDE FYFD PLACES FOR AT LEAST 18 PER CENT OF THE MEAN OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP (AGED 17-20) IN 1994-95.

ON THE BASIS OF THE POPULATION PROJECTIONS AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, A PLANNING TARGET OF 15,000 FYFD PLACES WAS SET FOR 1994-95.

"UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, DERIVED FROM THE 1991 CENSUS, INDICATED THAT PREVIOUS PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP NEEDED TO BE REVISED DOWNWARD," MR CHAN NOTED.

"AS A RESULT, THE FYFD TARGET FOR 1994-95 COULD BE REDUCED TO 14,500."

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT THE REVISED TARGET OF 14,500 FYFD PLACES WOULD LEAD TO A SMOOTHER EXPANSION PROGRAMME, WHILE STILL ACHIEVING THE POLICY AIM OF PROVIDING TERTIARY EDUCATION PLACES FOR AT LEAST 18 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT AGE GROUP.

ELABORATING ON THE UPGC'S RECOMMENDATIONS, MR FRENCH SAID THE REVISED GROWTH SCENARIO PROVIDED FOR A GRADUAL BUILD-UP OF FYFD STUDENT NUMBERS AT THE SEVEN UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS AT AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 13 PER CENT IN THE YEARS 1992-93 TO 1994-95.

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HE SAID: "THE REVISED GROWTH SCENARIO ACTUALLY INVOLVES REVISIONS TO THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS FOR SIX OF THE UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS.

"LINGNAN COLLEGE IS NOT AFFECTED, BECAUSE OF ITS SMALL SIZE AND EARLY STAGE OF UPGRADING TO A DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTION. THE ORIGINAL STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS AT SUB-DEGREE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVELS ARE ALSO NOT AFFECTED."

THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WERE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE UPGC REVISED ACADEMIC PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED STUDENT NUMBER TARGETS.

HAVING CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED THE INSTITUTIONS' SUBMISSIONS, THE UPGC ADVISED THAT A TOTAL OF \$509 MILLION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE \$18,200 MILLION APPROVED RECURRENT FUNDING FOR THE 1992-95 TRIENNIUM.

THIS LEVEL OF REDUCED FUNDING REPRESENTING 2.8 PER CENT OF THE ORIGINALLY APPROVED RECURRENT FUNDING, COMPRISES \$486.814 MILLION TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE INSTITUTIONS' TRIENNIAL RECURRENT GRANTS, ADJUSTED FROM THE \$407.805 MILLION INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE INSTITUTIONS (AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT), AND \$22.323 MILLION TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE UPGC'S CENTRAL ALLOCATION VOTE.

MR FRENCH STRESSED THAT THE UPGC CONSIDERED THIS LEVEL OF REDUCED FUNDING TO BE APPROPRIATE AFTER DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS' REVISED ACADEMIC PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES.

"THE UPGC FULLY APPRECIATES, AND IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR, THE ENORMOUS EFFORTS MADE BY THE INSTITUTIONS, AND THEIR GOODWILL, IN REVISING THEIR TRIENNIAL ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AND COST ESTIMATES WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME," MR FRENCH SAID.

MR CHAN ALSO SAID HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE UPGC AND THE UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS FOR RESPONDING SO QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO REVISE THE GROWTH SCENARIO FOR THE 1992-95 TRIENNIUM.

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NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECURITIES  
AND FUTURES COMMISSION RE-APPOINTED

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD RE-APPOINTED PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN KWAN-YIU AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1992 TO NOVEMBER 14, 1994.

UNDER THE SFC ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT NOT LESS THAN EIGHT DIRECTORS TO THE SFC, HALF OF WHOM SHALL BE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

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AT PRESENT, THE COMMISSION IS SERVED BY 10 DIRECTORS.

"THE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WILL CONTINUE TO BRING AN INDEPENDENT VIEW TO THE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF THE SFC.

"THEY WILL BE FULLY INVOLVED IN ITS POLICY DEVELOPMENT," MR NENDICK SAID.

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CULTURE AND ARTS MONTH OPENS TOMORROW  
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S "CULTURE AND ARTS MONTH" WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND AN EXHIBITION FEATURING OVER 550 WORKS OF CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, PAINTING AND SEAL-ENGRAVING BY MORE THAN 140 ARTISTS.

THE TRIENNIAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE EXHIBITION WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL, CENTRAL.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 16, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE CULTURE AND ARTS MONTH WILL BE A LARGE-SCALE PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION SHOWING SELECTED WORKS OF 18 LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUBS.

IT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 14 AND 22, FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, SIXTH FLOOR, SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE.

ON NOVEMBER 15, THERE WILL BE AN ANTI-CORRUPTION DRAMA COMPETITION AT THE THEATRE OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, BEGINNING AT 6 PM.

ADMISSION TO ALL THESE THREE EVENTS IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE BY THE CHINESE TAI HING DANCE TROUPE ON NOVEMBER 23 AND A FOLK DANCE NIGHT BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S DANCE TROUPE ON NOVEMBER 28 AND 29.

TICKETS FOR THESE DANCE PERFORMANCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE URBIX OUTLETS.

THE CULTURE AND ARTS MONTH WILL BE CONCLUDED ON NOVEMBER 29 WITH A "CROSS-CULTURE VARIETY SHOW" AT THE HONG KONG PARK.

A JOINT PRESENTATION WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE SHOW WILL FEATURE LOCAL SINGERS AND DISC JOCKEYS.

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A VARIETY OF HANDICRAFTS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DEMONSTRATION STALLS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE VENUE.

FREE TICKETS FOR THE PROGRAMME ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MISS SHEILA WONG ON TEL 852 3485 OR 852 3499.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CULTURE AND ARTS MONTH, BEGINNING AT 5 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL, CENTRAL.

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COMMITMENT STRESSED IN FAMILY SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING FAMILY UNITS AND DEVELOPING SERVICES TO ENRICH FAMILY LIFE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SHE WAS GIVING A TALK ON PROBLEMS FACING FAMILIES IN THE 90'S AND FAMILY WELFARE POLICY AT THE 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY.

QUOTING THE WHITE PAPER "SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND", SHE SAID THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES WERE TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY AS A UNIT AND TO DEVELOP CARING INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

"THEY ALSO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO PREVENT PERSONAL AND FAMILY PROBLEMS, TO DEAL WITH THEM WHEN THEY AROSE AND TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDS WHICH COULD NOT BE MET FROM WITHIN THE FAMILY," SHE SAID.

WITH THESE OBJECTIVES IN MIND, SUPPORT SERVICES HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP FAMILIES WHEN THEY WERE UNABLE TO DISCHARGE THEIR CARING AND PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS SATISFACTORILY, SHE ADDED.

SHE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR MADE THIS POLICY A LEADING PRIORITY IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS.

IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR THE EXPENDITURE ON FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES WILL BE \$778 MILLION, THE HIGHEST AMONG THE WELFARE PROGRAMMES.

COMPARED WITH THE CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE, THERE WILL BE A REAL GROWTH OF 11.2 PER CENT, SHE SAID.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED NEXT YEAR WOULD INCLUDE 273 DAY CRECHE PLACES, 1,400 DAY NURSERY PLACES, 225 OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE PLACES, 12 HOME HELP TEAMS, 16 FAMILY AIDES, 24 SMALL GROUP HOMES AND 160 FOSTER CARE PLACES.

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FIRST INT'L SCIENCE PARK CONFERENCE IN HK  
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG (CPHK) WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE PARK CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 3 AND 4 AT CPHK, WILL BE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE PARKS (IASP).

IT WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, AND DIRECTOR OF CPHK, PROFESSOR Y C CHENG, AND PRESIDENT OF IASP, PROFESSOR MICHEL LACAVE.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T H BARMA, WILL ALSO ATTEND AND SPEAK ON THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.

SCIENCE PARKS, ALSO CALLED RESEARCH PARKS OR TECHNOLOGY PARKS, GREW RAPIDLY IN THE 80'S AND ARE NOW SEEN, WORLD-WIDE, TO BE AN IMPORTANT VEHICLE FOR ACHIEVING TECHNOLOGY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS.

ALTHOUGH THE NAMES DIFFER, THE COMMON PURPOSE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS IS TO FOSTER TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, ITS DEVELOPMENT, TRANSFER, AND COMMERCIALISATION.

THIS IS DONE BY CREATING A BUSINESS-NURTURING ENVIRONMENT EITHER FORMING PART OF, OR BEING CLOSE TO, A UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF ADVANCED EDUCATION.

PROXIMITY TO THE FACILITIES OF A UNIVERSITY, AND THE ACCESS WHICH THIS CAN GIVE TO GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCH, IS AN INCENTIVE TO FLEDGLING SCIENCE-BASED COMPANIES.

AND SCIENCE PARKS CAN PROVIDE ACCESS NOT ONLY TO LABORATORIES, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, BUT ALSO TO THE EXPERTISE NEEDED TO COMMERCIALISE AND MARKET PRODUCTS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ATTRACT PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

LEADING PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, INDIA, ITALY, USA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, SWITZERLAND, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND HONG KONG.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATICS PROBLEMS AT THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE WILL ALSO ATTEND.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL WILL SPONSOR TWO SCIENCE PARK EXPERTS FROM THE UK.

THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH MORE THAN 30 PARTICIPANTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 27 OPERATIONAL SCIENCE PARKS IN CHINA.

THE MAJOR THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMMES, COLLABORATION IN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING, AND THE PROMOTION OF PRODUCTS DEVELOPED BY TENANT COMPANIES.

TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES AMONG SCIENCE PARKS, A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A "PARTNER-SEEKING FORUM" IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS PARTNERS.

LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SESSION.

AN ADDED ATTRACTION OF THE EVENT IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A FIVE-DAY POST-CONFERENCE TOUR OF SCIENCE PARKS IN CHINA.

ANOTHER TOUR TAKING IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AT THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE CAN CONTACT MR LAWRENCE CHAN (TELEPHONE NO. 788 8428; FAX NO. : 788 9119) OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AT 83 TAT CHEE AVENUE, KOWLOON, HONG KONG FOR REGISTRATION.

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DANGEROUS BUILDING IN WESTERN DECLARED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED THE BUILDING AT NO. 109 HIGH STREET IN WESTERN DISTRICT LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (THURSDAY), THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) SAID THE STRUCTURE WAS A FOUR-STORY POST-WAR BUILDING CONSTRUCTED OF REINFORCED CONCRETE SLAB, BEAM AND COLUMN CONSTRUCTION, WITH BRICK EXTERNAL AND PARTY WALLS.

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN CLOSED UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS SINCE JUNE 18 THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE OLD BRICK WALLS, WHICH FORMED THE ENCLOSURE TO THE BUILDING, WERE LIABLE TO COLLAPSE.

/THE PGBS .....

THE PGBS EXPLAINED THAT THE BUILDING WAS DILAPIDATED WITH CRACKED AND SPALLED CONCRETE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE STRUCTURAL REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING AND WITH EVIDENCE OF DETERIORATING BRICKWORK, PARTICULARLY IN THE PARTY WALL BETWEEN NOS. 107 AND 109.

RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE BUILDING HAS TILTED AWAY FROM THE ADJACENT BUILDING AT NO. 107 HIGH STREET TOWARDS THE VACANT SITE AT NO. 111 OF THE SAME STREET AND THIS MOVEMENT OF THE BUILDING HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED.

THE CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF THE BUILDING, ITS GENERAL CONDITION AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE WORK REQUIRED TO RENDER THE BUILDING SAFE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IMPRACTICAL AND UNECONOMICAL TO REPAIR THE BUILDING.

THE PGBS SAID THE BUILDING WAS LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED AND THERE WAS A RISK OF COLLAPSE OF THE OLD BRICK PARTY WALLS ENCLOSING THE BUILDING.

DEMOLITION ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

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349 GRADUATED FROM FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 349 GRADUATES OF SEVEN FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS.

ADDRESSING THE ORGANISATION'S GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR ITS SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, DR LEE CALLED ON THE GRADUATES TO MAKE GOOD USE OF WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED, CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY.

HE URGED THEM TO GRASP EVERY CHANCE TO LEARN AND IMPROVE THEMSELVES, ADDING THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE A BROAD MIND AND TAKE A BROAD VIEW OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION SCHOOLS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS, RUN THE ABERDEEN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND SIX OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION OF ABOUT 1,150.

DR LEE SAID SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT IN THE 1940'S, GOOD PERFORMANCE OF THEIR STUDENTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS HAD BEEN WITNESSED.

OF THOSE RECEIVING CERTIFICATES TODAY, 114 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED PRIZES OF MERIT WHILE ANOTHER 48 STUDENTS AND FOUR SCHOOL TEAMS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1992

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,350
REVERSAL OF LAF	-150
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.8 \*\*0.0\* 12.11.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.80 PCT	12 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.40	3.86
1 MONTH	3.06 PCT	15 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.60	4.22
3 MONTHS	3.39 PCT	18 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.60	4.45
6 MONTHS	3.50 PCT	21 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.61	4.70
12 MONTHS	3.96 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 9,175 MN

CLOSED 12 NOVEMBER 1992

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