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GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT THE UK FROM JUNE 21 TO 27.

DURING HIS VISIT, THE GOVERNOR WILL CALL UPON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD, AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS, AND HAVE MEETINGS WITH FCO OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG MATTERS.

HE WILL ALSO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR PETER LILLEY, AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT WAS ONE OF HIS REGULAR VISITS TO LONDON TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN WITH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS AND HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOMETIME.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IN TSIU HANG, SAI KUNG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 12.30 PM.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2 PM, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO DISPLAY TO THE PUBLIC THE RICHNESS OF HONG KONG'S RURAL HERITAGE.

IT IS THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD).

SIR DAVID IS THE PATRON OF THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION FOUNDATION SET UP LAST YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRE. SO FAR, \$11 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE; CHAIRMAN OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, MR WILLIAM WOLLARD; AND THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, MR TAM WING-KUN.

PHASE I OF THE CENTRE COMPRISES EXHIBITION HALLS ON HONG KONG'S AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES AS WELL AS AN ARBORETUM, ORCHARDS, FIELD CROPS, A CHINESE HERBAL GARDEN, A ROCK AND MINERAL CORNER, AND A POULTRY CORNER.

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THE CENTRE IS OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM, EXCEPT ON TUESDAY. ADMISSION IS FREE AND NO ADVANCED BOOKING IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, SCHOOLS AND INDIVIDUAL GROUPS PLANNING A GUIDED TOUR SHOULD CONTACT AFD'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION SECTION ON TEL. 733 2121 FOR APPOINTMENT.

VISITORS COMING BY PRIVATE TRANSPORT CAN PARK THEIR VEHICLES AT A CARPARK NEAR THE HONG KIN ROAD FIRE STATION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED PARKING SPACES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

THE CENTRE IS SERVED BY KMB ROUTE 92 AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 1, BOTH OF WHICH RUN FROM CHOI HUNG TO SAI KUNG. VISITORS SHOULD ALIGHT AT THE TSIU HANG STOP ON HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 12.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 11.15 AM.

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EXCO ENDORSES SALE OF PUBLIC RENTAL FLATS TO SITTING TENANTS  
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PROPOSAL BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SELL A SELECTION OF ITS PUBLIC RENTAL FLATS TO SITTING TENANTS ON A PHASED BASIS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP.

"HOWEVER, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SALES SCHEME IS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF THE LAND COMMISSION ON THE LAND GRANT ARRANGEMENTS AND LAND REQUIREMENTS," A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD NEED TO HAVE LEGAL TITLE TO THE LAND ON WHICH THE HOUSING BLOCKS STAND BEFORE IT COULD SELL AND GIVE TITLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL FLATS IN THESE BLOCKS.

"THE LAND COMMISSION WILL BE CONSULTED ON THE LAND GRANT ARRANGEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL LAND REQUIREMENTS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHEME."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS AFFECTED BY THE SCHEME WOULD BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO BUY THEIR FLATS OR CONTINUE LIVING IN THEM AS RENTAL TENANTS.

THE INITIAL TARGET NUMBER OF FLATS TO BE SOLD WOULD BE 3,000 TO 4,000 FLATS FOR THE FIRST YEAR, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW ONE YEAR AFTER THE SCHEME HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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"WHILE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS RESOLVED THAT THE BLOCKS TO BE SELECTED FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SCHEME WOULD MAINLY BE FIVE TO SIX YEARS OLD BLOCKS OF THE NEW LINEAR I AND TRIDENT II DESIGN, TOGETHER WITH SOME FOUR YEAR OLD TRIDENT IIIs, THE FINAL SELECTION OF BLOCKS WILL BE MADE BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE," HE SAID.

"IN ORDER TO REACH THE 3,000 TO 4,000 FLATS SALE TARGET, GIVEN LAND AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS, FLATS WILL BE SOLD IN THOSE BLOCKS WHERE MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OF TENANTS HAVE INDICATED A FIRM INTENTION TO BUY."

AS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR DETERMINING THE PRICE OF THE FLATS TO BE SOLD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE TOTAL DISCOUNT TO THE MARKET VALUE OF THE RENTAL FLAT SHOULD BE AT A LEVEL OF 40 PER CENT WHEN IT WAS SOLD TO THE SITTING TENANT.

IN DETERMINING THE MARKET VALUE, DUE ALLOWANCE WOULD BE MADE FOR THE LESS ATTRACTIVE DESIGN OF THE RENTAL BLOCK COMPARED WITH A PURPOSE-BUILT SALE BLOCK, THE LACK OF UPGRADING OF THE PLASTERING, WIRING, SECURITY SYSTEM AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND THE AGE OF THE BLOCK.

HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL SELLING PRICES WOULD BE SET BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE CLOSER TO THE TIME OF SALE AND BE REVIEWED AT ITS REGULAR MEETINGS.

FLATS IN THE SAME BLOCK WOULD BEAR DIFFERENT PRICES TO REFLECT THEIR RELATIVE ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF SIZE, LOCATION AND VIEW, AND SO ON.

ON THE CONDITION OF THE BLOCKS TO BE SOLD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD ONLY SELL BLOCKS THAT WERE IN GOOD CONDITION.

"A CONDITION SURVEY COVERING THE COMMON AREAS OF THE SALE BLOCK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY INDEPENDENT SURVEYORS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR," HE SAID.

"TENANTS WOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED TO REPORT DEFECTS FOUND INSIDE THEIR FLATS. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE DEFECTS IDENTIFIED BY THE SURVEYOR, INCLUDING DEFECTS INSIDE FLATS THAT WERE CONFIRMED TO BE GENUINE AND NOT CAUSED BY THE TENANTS' FAULT, TO BE REPAIRED.

"IT WOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE TO REMEDY DEFECTS ARISING FROM THESE WORKS WITHIN ONE YEAR OF COMPLETION OF REPAIRS."

ON THE AFTER-SALE MANAGEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD MANAGE THE BLOCK DIRECTLY FOR TWO YEARS AFTER SALE AND WOULD APPOINT A MANAGEMENT AGENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 10-YEAR PERIOD.

"HOWEVER, THE OWNERS WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO FORM OWNERS' CORPORATIONS TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BLOCK BEFORE THEN IF THEY WISHED TO DO SO," HE SAID.

"TENANTS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO FORM THEMSELVES INTO TENANTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

"ALTHOUGH THE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD CONSULT TENANTS' ASSOCIATIONS ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF A BLOCK AND WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE VIEWS IN THE VOTES THAT IT CAST."

TURNING TO THE ISSUES OF BUYING BACK AND RESALE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID FLATS SOLD UNDER THE SCHEME WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE AS APPLY TO HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS.

"THIS WOULD MEAN THAT FOR THE FIRST 10 YEARS AFTER SALE, FLATS COULD ONLY BE SOLD BACK TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. AFTER 10 YEARS, FLATS MAY BE SOLD ON THE OPEN MARKET, SUBJECT TO PAYMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE UPDATED VALUE OF THE ORIGINAL DISCOUNT.

"OWNERS WHO SELL THEIR FLAT BACK TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO VACATE THE FLAT, AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REVERT TO BEING TENANTS IN THE FLAT, THOUGH THEY CAN APPLY FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING THROUGH THE WAITING LIST IN THE USUAL WAY."

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE FOR GENUINE COMPASSIONATE CASES, FOR EXAMPLE, UPON THE DEATH OF THE SOLE BREADWINNER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVT CONSIDERING MEASURES TO BOOST TAXI DRIVERS' INCOME

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE TAXI TRADE TO BOOST INCOME OF PEOPLE IN THE TRADE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GORDON SIU SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS MADE BY THE TAXI TRADE TO LOWER THE FUEL TAX FOR TAXIS AND TO CUT DIESEL PRICE, MR SIU SAID:

"THE QUESTION IS : HOW TO INCREASE THE INCOME OF PEOPLE IN THE TAXI TRADE?

"IN THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO LOOK TO AVENUES NOT CONNECTED WITH THE FARE BOX."

PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDED PERMITTING TAXI DRIVERS TO ENGAGE IN THE DIRECT MARKETING OF MERCHANDISE, DISTRIBUTE HAND-BILLS AND PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS, AND PUT UP ADVERTISING TRANSPARENCIES ON REAR TAXI WINDOWS.

IN A LETTER TO THE TRADE, MR SIU SAID SUBJECT TO ROAD SAFETY AND THAT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PASSENGER IS NOT COMPROMISED, THESE SUGGESTIONS MIGHT BE APPROVED, THUS INCREASING THE INCOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TRADE.

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"WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE FINANCIAL OPERATION OF TAXIS WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE INCOME LEVEL OF TAXI DRIVERS," HE SAID.

ON THE POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE RETAIL PRICE OF DIESEL, MR SIU SAID LOCAL OIL COMPANIES WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE A CLEARER POSITION AFTER THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ORGANISATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE DIALOGUE WITH THE OIL COMPANIES.

REFERRING TO THE REQUEST FOR A LOWER FUEL TAX FOR TAXIS, MR SIU SAID THIS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATION BUT IT HAD TO BE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IN DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN TAXIS AND OTHER VEHICLES WHEN APPLYING THE FUEL TAX, AND THE IMPLICATIONS THAT A LOWER FUEL TAX MAY HAVE IN TERMS OF REVENUE REDUCTION AGAINST AN ALREADY TIGHT BUDGET.

MR SIU URGED THE TAXI TRADE TO BE PATIENT AS THE STUDIES ARE NOW BEING UNDERWAY ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAINTAIN DIALOGUE AND DO ALL WE CAN TO RETAIN THE SUPPORT AND GOODWILL FOR THE TAXI TRADE," HE ADDED.

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LICENSING OF LIVESTOCK FARMS PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK POSED BY OLD-FASHIONED LIVESTOCK KEEPING METHODS STILL IN USE IN HONG KONG.

THESE METHODS COULD CAUSE POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR GIVE RISE TO THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, OR A THREAT OF INFECTIOUS ANIMAL DISEASE.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE MEASURES AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WAS BECOMING MORE AND MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STAKE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

DR HASE SAID MANY OF OUR WATERCOURSES WERE DEVOID OF LIFE AND WERE HEAVILY POLLUTED.

"AT PRESENT, WE HAVE MANY POLLUTING ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG, BUT IN SOME AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES A LARGE PART OF THE POLLUTION DERIVES FROM LIVESTOCK KEEPING," HE STATED.

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"THESE WATERCOURSES, IN THEIR PRESENT CONDITION, ARE A HEALTH RISK. THE LIVESTOCK KEEPING METHODS WHICH PRODUCE THIS POLLUTION ARE OUT-DATED AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH MODERN STANDARDS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY."

HE SAID THE NEED OF LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO CONTINUE THEIR PRODUCTION OF HIGH QUALITY ANIMALS IN HONG KONG'S CROWDED CONDITIONS WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD.

THIS COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY THE USE OF HEALTHY HUSBANDRY METHODS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THAT THERE WAS A GROWING NEED FOR AN IMPROVED LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH FARMERS.

"THESE FARMERS ARE ECONOMICALLY VALUABLE TO HONG KONG AND NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED TO UPGRADE THEIR FARMING METHODS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO SECURE FOR THEMSELVES A FIRM FUTURE HERE," DR HASE SAID.

FOR THESE REASONS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO REQUIRE THAT ALL LIVESTOCK KEEPERS BE LICENSED.

"LICENCES WOULD REQUIRE LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO USE NON-POLLUTING, HEALTHY LIVESTOCK KEEPING METHODS."

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WOULD BE THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AND LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED TO ANY FARM WHICH COULD MEET THE LICENSING CONDITIONS.

IN ADDITION, LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS ON POLLUTION CAUSED BY LIVESTOCK KEEPING HAD BEEN REVIEWED, AND A MORE SATISFACTORY SCHEME OF CONTROL IDENTIFIED.

TO ENABLE THIS PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS TO BE IMPLEMENTED, IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROPOSE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE.

THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT, TO CONVERT TO MODERN HUSBANDRY PRACTICES FROM THE EXISTING OUT-OF-DATE METHODS WOULD COST A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY.

TO ASSIST FARMERS TO ADOPT NON-POLLUTING HUSBANDRY METHODS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL GRANT (A FREE GRANT TO FARMERS TO INSTALL NON-POLLUTING HUSBANDRY SYSTEMS) FROM ITS PREVIOUS LEVEL OF ABOUT \$48 PER SQUARE METRE TO \$120 PER SQUARE METRE FOR PIG AND CHICKEN FARMS.

A GOVERNMENT-FUNDED LOW-INTEREST LOAN WAS ALSO AVAILABLE TO FARMERS.

FARMERS WHO PREFERRED TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN CASH ASSISTANCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, WIDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WOULD BE HELD WITH FARMERS AND VARIOUS BODIES CONCERNED TO ALLOW THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS.

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THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE CONSOLIDATED AND SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE SYSTEM WOULD BE IN POSITION SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

DR HASE URGED LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO VIEW THE PROPOSALS POSITIVELY ADDING THAT "THEY GIVE THEM A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE A FIRM FUTURE FOR THEIR INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG."

"USING THE CAPITAL GRANT OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE THEIR WASTE TREATMENT METHODS WILL NOT ONLY GIVE THEM MODERN, CLEAN, HEALTHY PREMISES FIT FOR THE 1990S, BUT END THE SCOURGE OF LIVESTOCK WASTE POLLUTION OF OUR WATERCOURSES," HE ADDED.

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NEW TRADING SESSION AT KWUN TONG FISH MARKET

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FISH TRADERS AND FISHERMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THE ADDITIONAL TRADING SESSION NEWLY INTRODUCED IN THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S KWUN TONG WHOLESALE FISH MARKET TO ENHANCE FISH TRADING.

EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THE NEW SERVICE, SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR RAYMOND CHUNG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"STARTING FROM MAY 27, A NEW TRADING SESSION FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE MARKET IN ADDITIONAL TO THE EXISTING TRADING SESSION FROM 1 AM TO 7 AM."

HE SAID THE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED TO FACILITATE MARINE FISH SUPPLY TO EAST KOWLOON.

"FISH TRADERS WILL BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE PURCHASED FISH TO RETAILERS IN TIME FOR THE AFTERNOON MARKET," MR CHUNG ADDED.

THE KWUN TONG WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IS ONE OF THE SEVEN MARKETS UNDER THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION. THE CURRENT THROUGHPUT OF THE MARKET IS 12 TONNES.

THE MARKET IS LOCATED AT A FAVOURITE POSITION WITH GOOD TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

IT PROVIDES SPACIOUS PARKING AREA AND ADEQUATE SEAFRONTAGE FOR VESSEL BERTHING AND UNLOADING. CRANES ARE ALSO EQUIPPED AT THE SEAFRONTAGE TO FACILITATE LANDING OF FISH.

THE MARKET PROVIDES WHOLESALING OF FISH FOR KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND. IT WILL ALSO PROMOTE THE SALE OF LIVE FISH LATER.

PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION AS BUYERS IN THE MARKET ARE VERY SIMPLE. INTERESTED TRADERS CAN CONTACT THE KWUN TONG FISH MARKET AUTHORITIES ON TEL. 361 0688 OR 775 5987 FOR DETAILS.

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MANUFACTURING LIKELY TO REMAIN SIGNIFICANT PART OF  
HK'S ECONOMY: SURVEY

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MANUFACTURING IS LIKELY TO REMAIN A SIGNIFICANT PART OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE DESPITE RELOCATION OF LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESSES TO CHINA, A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND.

THE SURVEY, RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY), INDICATES THAT MOST LOCAL MANUFACTURERS WITH PLANS TO EXPAND INTO CHINA HAD ALREADY DONE SO AND THAT THE BULK OF THE REMAINDER WOULD PREFER TO STAY HERE, PROVIDED CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT. HOWEVER, SOME CONTINUING EXPANSION ACROSS THE BORDER CAN BE EXPECTED, BUT AT A SLIGHTLY LOWER RATE THAN BEFORE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED LATE LAST YEAR, WAS THE LARGEST SAMPLE SURVEY OF MANUFACTURERS EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

"IT WAS AIMED AT ASCERTAINING THE VIEWS OF MANUFACTURERS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

INVOLVING 10,000 MANUFACTURERS, ITS PURPOSE WAS TO OBTAIN STATISTICS ON WHETHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN THE TERRITORY IS LIKELY TO GROW OR DECLINE; THE TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED BY MANUFACTURERS; AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT'S EXISTING LAND AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES SHOULD BE CHANGED.

IT WAS ALSO AIMED AT GATHERING VIEWS ON HOW OLDER INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG MIGHT BE REDEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METROPLAN PROPOSALS; HOW INDUSTRIALISTS MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE UP LAND IN THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE TERRITORY AS ENVISAGED UNDER PADS; WHETHER A SCIENCE PARK AND A BUSINESS PARK SHOULD BE DEVELOPED; AND THE EXTENT AND LIKELY GROWTH OF MANUFACTURING AND OUTWARD PROCESSING IN GUANGDONG BY HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS.

"THE SURVEY RESULTS PROVIDE AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE SOURCE OF DATA FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PURPOSES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT, AS REGARDS THOSE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES LIKELY TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG, THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT AUTOMATION, AND THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN CHINA MANUFACTURING REGION, WERE MOST LIKELY TO SEE GROWTH.

"AS A RESULT, THERE SHOULD BE A GREATER DEMAND FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE DESIGNED BUILDINGS AND A LESSER REQUIREMENT FOR TRADITIONAL HIGH-RISE FACTORIES.

"NONETHELESS, HIGH-RISE FACTORIES WILL STILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF 51 PER CENT OF ALL MANUFACTURERS, AS OPPOSED TO 64 PER CENT TODAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS REGARDS OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, HE SAID, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT BY FAR THE GREATEST CONCERN OF MANUFACTURERS WAS LACK OF ADEQUATE LORRY PARKING SPACES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED STRONG SUPPORT BY MANUFACTURERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SCIENCE PARK IN HONG KONG.

"THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECENTLY ENDORSED A PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTANCY STUDY TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING SUCH A PARK.

"A REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE STUDY HAS BEEN MADE TO FINANCE BRANCH," HE SAID.

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CHANGE TO DEFINITION OF 'AIRCRAFT SPIRIT' PROPOSED

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" IN THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 26, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 PROPOSES TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" TO COVER BOTH LIGHT AND HEAVY HYDROCARBON OILS BY REPLACING THE TERM "LIGHT OIL" WITH "HYDROCARBON OIL".

"AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" IS PRESENTLY DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE AS ANY LIGHT OIL SUITABLE AND INTENDED FOR USE AS FUEL IN ANY AIRCRAFT.

"AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" IS DUTIABLE ONLY WHEN IT IS USED BY AIRCRAFT FLYING WITHIN HONG KONG.

UNTIL RECENTLY PROPELLER DRIVEN AIRCRAFT, JET PLANES AND HELICOPTERS ALL USED LIGHT OIL AS THEIR FUEL.

"HOWEVER, RECENT SAMPLES OF THE FUEL USED BY HELICOPTERS FLYING WITHIN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HEAVY OIL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS THE PRESENT DEFINITION OF "AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" DOES NOT INCLUDE HEAVY OILS, SUCH FUEL ALTHOUGH USED BY HELICOPTERS FLYING WITHIN HONG KONG, WOULD TECHNICALLY NOT BE DUTIABLE.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE DEFINITION OF "AIRCRAFT SPIRIT" IS NOT EXPECTED TO GIVE RISE TO ADDITIONAL COSTS TO AIRLINES OPERATING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AS FUEL FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS IS EXEMPT FROM DUTY.

THE BILL WILL BE GAZETTED NEXT FRIDAY (JUNE 14).

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EMPLOYEES BETTER PROTECTED FOR SEVERANCE PAY

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THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991 COMES INTO FORCE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO GIVE BETTER COVERAGE OF SEVERANCE PAYMENT TO WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYERS BECOME INSOLVENT.

THE ORDINANCE HAS INCREASED AN EMPLOYEE'S SEVERANCE PAYMENT ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND FROM \$4,000 TO \$8,000 PLUS 50 PER CENT OF ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$8,000.

THIS ENSURES THAT THE LOWER-PAID EMPLOYEES ARE BETTER PROTECTED FOR SEVERANCE PAYMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE FUND PROVIDES FOR THE PAYMENT OF WAGES IN ARREAR UP TO \$8,000 AND UNPAID WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE UP TO \$2,000 TO AN EMPLOYEE OF AN INSOLVENT EMPLOYER.

THE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT OF THE FUND ARISING FROM THE EXTENDED COVER IS MET BY AN INCREASE IN LEVY ON EACH BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FROM \$100 TO \$250 PER ANNUM.

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SIMPLER FEE CHARGING SYSTEM FOR BUILDING PLAN SUBMISSIONS

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THE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991 WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 28 THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN AMENDED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 5.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS, WHICH COME INTO OPERATION TODAY (FRIDAY), WILL MAKE THE PAYMENT OF FEES SIMPLER.

THE ORIGINAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR SUBMISSION OF PLANS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL, AND FEES ARE CHARGED FOR EACH SUBMISSION.

WITH THE NEW AMENDMENTS, ONLY THE FIRST SUBMISSION WILL BE CHARGED, THE FEE OF WHICH INCLUDES FIVE SUBSEQUENT RESUBMISSIONS.

FEES WILL AGAIN BE CHARGED FROM THE SIXTH RESUBMISSION ONWARDS.

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RECLAMATION FOR LANDFILL IN TSEUNG KWAN O

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT SEAWALLS AND CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AT TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDFILL FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE WORK, INVOLVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 82 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED, WILL BEGIN IN 1992 AND BE COMPLETED AROUND 1995.

ALSO, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 774 HECTARES OF SEA-BED AT THE BROTHERS TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN TWO NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORES AND SEA-BEDS INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE TWO UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6, 1992.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

THE NOTICES (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER.

THE NOTICE AND PLAN FOR THE TSEUNG KWAN O RECLAMATION WORK CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, WHILE THOSE FOR THE DREDGING WORK AT THE BROTHERS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW ACCESS ROADS FOR OPEN SPACE IN TSUEN WAN  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO ACCESS ROADS AND ONE PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY FOR THE PROPOSED DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN AREA 7, TSUEN WAN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- \* CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ACCESS ROADS FROM SHING MUN ROAD AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD RESPECTIVELY TO THE FUTURE SPORTSGROUND IN THE CENTRE OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT OPEN SPACE;
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY UNDER TEXACO ROAD;
- \* MINOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS; AND
- \* CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH AND A STAIRWAY.

THE WORKS ARE PROGRAMMED TO START LATE THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 1993.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). IT IS ALSO POSTED ON THE SITE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR AND FIRST FLOOR RESPECTIVELY OF TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 6 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF E&M EQUIPMENT  
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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE INSPECTION, OVERHAUL AND TESTING OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTS SECTION OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 12.

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PAYMENT OF CROWN RENTS

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DEMAND NOTES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR CROWN RENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1991 IN RESPECT OF CROWN RENTS EXCEEDING \$100 PER ANNUM.

PAYMENT OF THESE DEMAND NOTES MAY BE MADE BY POST ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, P.O. BOX 8000, GPO, HONG KONG, OR, IN PERSON, AT

- \* THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, WANCHAI TOWER II, FIRST FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- \* THE CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET;
- \* THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, ODEON BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 28 SHU KUK STREET;
- \* THE SAI WAN HO SUB-TREASURY, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO;
- \* THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD); AND
- \* THE DISTRICT OFFICES AT SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN OR KWAI TSING.

CROWN RENT PAYERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR DEMAND NOTES MAY BRING A CROWN RENT DEMAND NOTE OF ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD AND MAKE PAYMENT AT THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE OR ANY SUB-TREASURY.

IF THE PAYERS CANNOT PRODUCE A CROWN RENT DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD, THEY SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE CROWN RENT UNIT OF THE TREASURY AT WANCHAI TOWER II, 30TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ABOVE CROWN RENTS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 24, 1991.

CROWN RENT PAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT IF THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTE, PAYMENT OF CROWN RENT WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JUNE 24, 1991. THEY SHOULD THUS ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

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IF THE ABOVE WORDING IS NOT SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTE, CROWN RENT PAYERS SHOULD MAKE PAYMENTS ACCORDING TO THE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, CROWN RENT PAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

CROWN RENT PAYERS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- \* TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION FOR RE-ENTRY OF A PROPERTY THE OWNER FOR THE TIME BEING OF THAT PROPERTY IS OBLIGED TO PAY CROWN RENT INCLUDING ANY ARREARS AS DEMANDED.
- \* THE CROWN RENT PAYABLE UNDER A LEASE OF A PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN RENEWED UNDER THE CROWN LEASES ORDINANCE AND RE-DEVELOPED, WILL BE THREE PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THAT PROPERTY AS ASSESSED FOLLOWING THE REDEVELOPMENT.

PENDING COMPLETION OF THE ASSESSMENT AND OTHER RELATED PROCEDURES, CROWN RENT DEMANDS WILL BE BASED UPON THE PRE-REDEVELOPMENT RATEABLE VALUE.

IN DUE COURSE, CROWN RENT FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RENT BASED UPON PRE - AND POST - REDEVELOPMENT RATEABLE VALUES WILL BE DEMANDED AND THE OWNER FOR THE TIME BEING IS OBLIGED TO PAY THE RENT AS DEMANDED. IF HE DOES NOT, LEGAL ACTION FOR RE-ENTRY OF THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSTITUTED.

PURCHASERS OF PROPERTY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO INSTRUCT THEIR SOLICITORS TO ENSURE THAT AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE THE CROWN RENT IS PAID UP TO DATE.

IF A PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE CROWN LEASES ORDINANCE AND HAS BEEN RE-DEVELOPED BUT THE RENTAL PAID UP TO THE DATE OF THE PURCHASE IS NOT BASED UPON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SINCE ITS REDEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE PURCHASER OR HIS SOLICITORS TO PROTECT THE PURCHASER.

ENQUIRIES ON OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS IN RESPECT OF CROWN RENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES. THE FEE IS \$45 FOR EACH ENQUIRY PER PROPERTY.

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POLICE NEW REGIONAL COMMAND

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THE NEW REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE (RCCC) AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS WAS OFFICIALLY OPEN TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDER, HONG KONG ISLAND, MR GEOFFREY ROPER, SAID THE NEW RCCC, OR THE ENHANCED COMPUTER COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (ECCACS), HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO GROW ALONGSIDE THE FORCE.

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"WE ARE ALSO WITHOUT A DOUBT KEEPING PACE WITH WORLDWIDE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL SERVE OUR COMMUNITY POLICING NEEDS WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," MR ROPER SAID.

IN PLACE OF THE OLD CONTROL CENTRE, WHICH WAS PUT INTO OPERATION IN 1976, THE NEW RCCC INCREASES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POLICE FORCE AND PROVIDES A MORE EFFICIENT POLICE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

MR ROPER NOTED: "THE CENTRE IS NOT MERELY A MESSAGE PASSING CENTRE - THIS IS THE 24-HOUR COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE FOR THE REGION (HONG KONG ISLAND).

"IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, THE OLD CONTROL CENTRE RECEIVED OVER 116,000 EMERGENCY CALLS. BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, THIS HAD INCREASED TO 280,000.

"THERE WERE SIMILAR INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF RECORDED INCIDENTS NOT INITIATED BY 999 CALLS," HE ADDED.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR  
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MORE THAN 300 OWNERS CORPORATION AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN A TERRITORY-WIDE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR - PERSPECTIVE AND PARTICIPATION" WILL COVER TOPICS INCLUDING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS, COMMUNAL ELECTRICAL FITTINGS, ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND INSURANCE.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A BUILDING MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE STAGED AT THE VENUE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR - PERSPECTIVE AND PARTICIPATION" TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THEATRE 11, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM.

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EASTERN DB FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS  
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ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS SET ASIDE ABOUT \$340,000 FOR PROJECTS SUCH AS EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, INTEREST CLASSES AND PICNICS.

A VETTING WORKING GROUP UNDER THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON JULY 1, AUGUST 29, SEPTEMBER 26, NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 17 THIS YEAR AND JANUARY 30 NEXT YEAR TO EXAMINE THE APPLICATIONS.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THESE MEETINGS.

FORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO.

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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	6.6.91	380
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	7.6.91	-20
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+20
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 114.0 *+0.1* 7.6.91		

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Q115	10.7.91	420	+60
Q116	17.7.91	420	+60
Q117	24.7.91	648.5	-168.5
Q118	31.7.91	540	-60
Q119	7.8.91	408.5	+71.5
Q120	14.8.91	360	+120
Q121	21.8.91	435	+45
Q122	28.8.91	430	+50
Q123	4.9.91	410	+70
Q111	12.6.91	264	+216
Q112	19.6.91	515	-35
Q113	26.6.91	660	-180
Q114	3.7.91	607	-127

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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H164	13.11.91	190	+70
H165	27.11.91	190	+70
H004	12.6.91	80	+180
H005	26.6.91	180	+80
H101	10.7.91	53	+207
H156	24.7.91	210	+50
H157	7.8.91	179.5	+80.5
H158	21.8.91	220	+40
H159	4.9.91	110	+150
H160	18.9.91	420	-160
H161	2.10.91	180	+80
H162	17.10.91	124	+136
H163	30.10.91	120	+140

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Y187	26.2.92	205	+55
Y188	25.3.92	210	+50
Y189	22.4.92	220	+40
Y190	20.5.92	240	+20

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 7.6.91 WAS 3,742 MN