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CAR PARK MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED

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THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF A PACKAGE OF SEVEN GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS TO THE WHARF (HOLDINGS) LTD.

THESE ARE THE STAR FERRY, CITY HALL, MURRAY ROAD, ABERDEEN, MIDDLE ROAD, KWAI FONG AND TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT COMPLEX CAR PARKS, WITH A TOTAL OF 4,039 PARKING SPACES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD ALSO AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MANAGE AND OPERATE ANOTHER PACKAGE OF SEVEN OTHER GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS TO WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LTD.

THESE ARE THE GARDEN ROAD, RUMSEY STREET, SHAU KEI WAN, TIN HAU, YAU MA TEI, SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION CAR PARKS WHICH HAVE 4,135 PARKING SPACES.

WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LTD WAS ALSO AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO PRODUCE, MARKET AND SELL GOVERNMENT TUNNEL TICKETS IN ALL ITS OUTLETS.

THE NEW CONTRACTS WILL LAST FOUR YEARS STARTING FROM MAY 1, 1993.

OPEN TENDERS FOR THESE CONTRACTS WERE INVITED ON JANUARY 8 AND THE CLOSING DATE WAS FEBRUARY 19.

THIS IS THE THIRD TENDER EXERCISE SINCE THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS WERE CONTRACTED OUT IN 1984.

ALL PREVIOUS CONTRACTS HAD BEEN AWARDED TO WILSON PARKING (HONG KONG) LTD.

IN SELECTING THE CONTRACTORS, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION A HOST OF FACTORS INCLUDING THE BIDDING PRICE, THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF THE TENDERERS IN CAR PARK MANAGEMENT, AND THE FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF THE TENDERERS.

UNDER THE CONTRACT TERMS, THE GOVERNMENT RETAINS THE AUTHORITY IN APPROVING PARKING FEES. THE CONTRACTORS ARE PAID A MANAGEMENT FEE IN THE FORM OF A PERCENTAGE OF THE GROSS REVENUE FROM CAR PARK OPERATIONS TENDERED FOR BY THE CONTRACTORS.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE OPERATORS ARE ALLOWED TO PUT UP ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE EXTERNAL WALLS OF THE CAR PARK BUILDINGS, SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL.

PROCEEDS FROM ADVERTISING INCOME WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACTORS AS IF THEY WERE PARKING REVENUES.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION TO SPLIT THE CONTRACT TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE 14 GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS INTO TWO PACKAGES WAS TO ENCOURAGE PRICE AND SERVICE COMPETITION BETWEEN OPERATORS.

THIS DECISION ALSO TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION COMMENTS FROM THE MOTORISTS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

A TOTAL OF NINE COMPANIES REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF CAR PARK OPERATORS IN HONG KONG TENDERED FOR THE CONTRACTS.

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CIGARETTE TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS DROP

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THE AVERAGE TAR YIELD AMONG THE 105 BEST-SELLING CIGARETTES IN HONG KONG BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR WAS 13.2 MILLIGRAM (MG) PER CIGARETTE, DOWN 1.2 MG OR NINE PER CENT FROM THE PREVIOUS ANALYSIS.

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST REVIEW OF TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS OF CIGARETTES.

THE AVERAGE NICOTINE YIELD ALSO DROPPED BY 0.4 MG PER CIGARETTE TO 0.82 MG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THIS REVIEW WAS THE FIRST ONE COMPLETED SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE OF CIGARETTES WITH A TAR CONTENT EXCEEDING 20 MG PER CIGARETTE.

"THE DECREASES IN TAR AND NICOTINE CONTENTS ARE PROPERLY ATTRIBUTED TO ACTION TAKEN BY MANUFACTURERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PRODUCTS COMPLY WITH THE NEW LEGAL REQUIREMENT," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"THERE HAS BEEN A ONE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD UNTIL FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR FOR MANUFACTURERS TO ADJUST TO THE NEW REQUIREMENT.

"AFTER THAT DATE, THE MANUFACTURER MUST EITHER LOWER THE TAR CONTENT FURTHER OR WITHDRAW THE PRODUCT FROM THE MARKET," HE ADDED.

AMONG THE 105 BRANDS OF CIGARETTES SAMPLED, TWO BRANDS HAD AN AVERAGE TAR YIELD OF SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 20 MG PER CIGARETTE.

THE FULL REPORT OF THIS REVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST EDITION OF "CHOICE" MAGAZINE.

THE NEXT REVIEW IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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TWO CAR PARK SITES TO LET

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG TAK ROAD AND LUNG POON STREET, DIAMOND HILL, KOWLOON.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,100 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARKING AREA FOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES WITH THEIR TRAILERS/CHASSIS ATTACHED).

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE SECOND LOT IS IN AREA 7, TSING CHIN STREET, TSING YI, NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,450 SQUARE METRES, THE LAND IS ALSO FOR A PUBLIC FEE-PAYING CAR PARK FOR VEHICLES EXCLUDING CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 30.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT:

- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN;
- \* THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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AIDS FUNDING SCHEME INVITES ENTRIES

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IN A BID TO MOBILISE STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS, THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS (CEPAIDS) IS INVITING ENTRIES FROM EIGHT INSTITUTIONS TO AN "ACTION ON AIDS" FUNDING SCHEME.

THE EIGHT INSTITUTIONS ARE: CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG; HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE; HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE; HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; LINGNAN COLLEGE; THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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UNDER THE SCHEME, EACH STUDENT GROUP OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE MEMBERS FROM AN INSTITUTION IS TO SUBMIT A PROJECT PLAN ON HOW AIDS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE CAMPUS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROMOTE AIDS AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, AND THROUGH THEIR PROJECTS, THE PUBLIC.

EXPLAINING THE SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR CEPAIDS SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT ONLY ONE PROJECT PLAN WOULD BE ENDORSED IN EACH INSTITUTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION WITH A SUBSIDY OF \$10,000.

"THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT MAY ALSO SEEK SPONSORSHIP FROM OTHER SOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN BUT THE AMOUNT SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE PROJECT FUND PROVIDED BY CEPAIDS.

"INCORPORATION OF ACTIVITIES TARGETING AT THE PUBLIC WILL BE ENCOURAGED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS HOPED THAT APPROVED PROJECTS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE OFFICES OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OF THE INSTITUTIONS. THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 30.

THE BEST THREE PROJECTS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A CASH PRIZE OF \$3,000 AND A TROPHY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICES OF THE INSTITUTIONS, OR MISS YEUNG OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON 710 2924.

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STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY ON MOVE

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THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY'S OFFICES AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL MOVE TO THE SEVENTH AND NINTH FLOORS OF NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI ON SATURDAY (APRIL 17).

THE PRESENT PREMISES ON THE GROUND AND MEZZANINE FLOORS, LOW BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY.

BUSINESS WILL RESUME AT THE NEW PREMISES NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 19).

/TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES .....

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TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

TERTIARY STUDENT FINANCE SCHEMES 802 1666

LOAN REPAYMENT 802 1642

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES 802 1639

THE AGENCY'S OFFICES CURRENTLY ON THE FIFTH TO SEVENTH FLOORS, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET WILL MOVE TO NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE ON APRIL 24.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON FRIDAY

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 16) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS FROM THE CHAMBER'S PUBLIC GALLERY. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE COMMITTEE'S PAPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MEDIA FROM 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PAPERS WILL BE EMBARGOED FOR USE UNTIL THE MEETING ENDS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,360
REVERSAL OF LAF	+790
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-345
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,805
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.3 *-0.1* 14.4.93	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS				HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS		
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.27 PCT	13 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.51	3.17
1 MONTH	2.50 PCT	16 MONTHS	2408	4.375	101.44	3.30
3 MONTHS	2.70 PCT	19 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.80	3.48
6 MONTHS	2.92 PCT	22 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.91	3.70
12 MONTHS	3.14 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 22,182MN

CLOSED 14 APRIL 1993

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