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AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME MOVES AHEAD

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PROGRESS IS BEING MAINTAINED ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) WITH A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR BILLY LAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR LAM WAS GIVING A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO A SEMINAR ON "URBAN TECHNIQUES" ORGANISED BY THE FRENCH TRADE COMMISSION IN HONG KONG AND THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION.

"THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME IS AN ESSENTIAL CORNERSTONE OF HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT."

"THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECTS ARE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT HONG KONG'S PHYSICAL PROFILE WILL UNDERGO A MAJOR TRANSFORMATION AS THE PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED AND IN OPERATION," HE SAID.

HE SAID SO FAR "OUR PROGRAMME IS ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET."

"WE ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS ON THE PUBLIC WORKS SIDE OF THE ACP, IN LINE WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS IN 1991.

"SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 25 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (PAA) WITHIN BUDGET, ON SCHEDULE, AND WITH MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

MANY MORE CONTRACTS - ABOUT 130 IN ALL - WILL BE AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE PAA AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE DIRECTOR SAID HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES RECEIVED SO FAR FROM THE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SECTORS.

AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PROJECTS WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTRACT INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION WORLDWIDE.

MR LAM SAID FRENCH COMPANIES WERE PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN THE ACP.

THE VALUE OF ACP CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANCIES WITH FRENCH INVOLVEMENT AMOUNTS TO OVER \$3 BILLION.

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FEWER TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1993

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THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR DROPPED BY 4% TO 2,587 COMPARED WITH 2,704 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THE DECREASE IS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO FEWER COMPLAINTS AGAINST KMB SERVICES (-17% FROM 263 TO 218 CASES); FERRY (-44% FROM 27 TO 15 CASES); GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES (-17% FROM 121 TO 101 CASES), TRAFFIC CONDITIONS (-5% FROM 485 TO 459 CASES) AND TAXI MALPRACTICES (-18% FROM 733 TO 603 CASES).

DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1993, DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES IS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DROP IN COMPLAINTS AGAINST CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF DRIVERS, FROM 64 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 43.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICES ALSO DROPPED BY 18% TO 603 COMPARED WITH 733 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. ABOUT 35% OF THESE COMPLAINTS (212) WERE RELATED TO OVERCHARGING.

ON ROAD MAINTENANCE, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ROSE TO 259 FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER OF 175. THE COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY RELATED TO MALFUNCTIONING OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS.

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NEW FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND WAN CHAI DISCUSSED

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDORSED AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FOR HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY (HYF) TO OPERATE A NEW SERVICE BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND WAN CHAI FOR SIX MONTHS PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON WHETHER SOME OF THE NEW FERRY ROUTES SHOULD BE OPEN UP TO THE TENDERING OUT PROCESS TO INCREASE HEALTHY COMPETITION IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

MEMBERS ALSO FURTHER DISCUSSED THE COMPULSORY FITTING AND WEARING OF REAR SEAT BELTS IN PRIVATE CARS AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME OF THE NEW LANTAO BUS (NLB) COMPANY FOR 1993/94 TO 1997/98.

THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AIMS TO GIVE THE TUEN MUN RESIDENTS A WIDER CHOICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE URBAN AREA.

IT ALSO AIMS TO PERSUADE SOME PRIVATE MOTORISTS TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME AND SWITCH TO FERRY AS A MEASURE TO REDUCE THE TUEN MUN ROAD CONGESTION DURING THE MORNING PEAKS.

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THE ADMINISTRATION WILL START TALK WITH HYF ON THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THIS NEW ROUTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ON THE USE OF REAR SEAT BELTS, MEMBERS AGREED THAT LEGISLATION SHOULD BE DRAFTED TO MAKE THE WEARING OF SEAT BELTS COMPULSORY FOR PASSENGERS AGED THREE AND ABOVE.

FOR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF THREE, MEMBERS CAME TO THE VIEW THAT AT THIS STAGE PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION SHOULD BE STEPPED UP TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CHILD RESTRAINTS.

THEY WOULD ONLY CONSIDER LEGISLATION IN A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH SHOULD PUBLICITY FAIL TO PERSUADE PARENTS TO INSTALL CHILD RESTRAINTS IN THEIR CARS.

ON NLB'S FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME, MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE COMPANY PLANNED TO ADD ONE AIR-CONDITIONED SINGLE-DECK BUS EACH TO ITS ROUTES RUNNING FROM MUI WO TO TONG FUK AND FROM MUI WO TO PUI O THIS SUMMER TO CATER FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEED.

NLB WILL INTRODUCE THREE RECREATIONAL ROUTES FROM NGONG PING TO TUNG CHUNG, TONG FUK AND PUI O ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASING DEMAND WITH THE FULL OPENING OF THE BUDDHA STATUE IN LATE 1993.

A NEW ROUTE FROM KEUNG SHAN TO SHA LO WAN WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED IN MID-1994, SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF SHA LO WAN ROAD.

THE COMPANY FORECASTS A MODERATE PATRONAGE GROWTH OF TWO TO FOUR PER CENT PER ANNUM, FROM 3.9 MILLION TRIPS IN 1992/93 TO 4.53 MILLION IN 1997/98.

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE COMPANY PLANS TO BUY SEVEN AIR-CONDITIONED SINGLE-DECK BUSES AND EIGHT NON-AIR-CONDITIONED DOUBLE-DECK BUSES FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPLACEMENT OF OLD BUSES.

THEY NOTED THAT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON NLB'S ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND CONSIDERED THE PROGRAMME GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINT UNIT'S QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 4 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1993.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTION FIGURES FOR APRIL

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED IN THE LAND REGISTRY IN APRIL DECREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND BY 22 PER CENT OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

IN ALL, 11,639 SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE REGISTERED DURING THE MONTH. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED WAS ABOUT \$27.40 BILLION.

THESE FIGURES WERE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE LAND REGISTRAR ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS REGISTERED IN THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES.

THERE WERE SIX BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 10,502 OTHER MORTGAGES REGISTERED IN THE MONTH, COMPARED TO 10 AND 10,907 RESPECTIVELY IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW BUILDING MORTGAGES IN THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$0.53 BILLION COMPARED WITH ABOUT \$0.16 BILLION IN APRIL 1992.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES ROSE BY 123.8 PER CENT FROM ABOUT \$6.11 BILLION IN APRIL 1992 TO ABOUT \$13.67 BILLION IN APRIL 1993, OWING TO SEVERAL HUGE LOAN MORTGAGES REGISTERED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT ACTUALLY DRAWN DOWN ON BUILDING AND OTHER MORTGAGES AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEE'S RECEIPTS, DECREASED BY 37.9 PER CENT FROM ABOUT \$4.43 BILLION IN APRIL 1992 TO ABOUT \$2.75 BILLION IN APRIL 1993.

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## THE LAND REGISTRY

Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received for  
registration in the Urban and New Territories District Land Registries

Month : April 1993

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (\$)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Assignments of undivided shares	7,364 ( 7,508 )	2,232 ( 2,319 )	9,596 ( 9,827 )	14,758,984,956.01	3,716,980,565.56	18,475,965,521.57
2.	Assignments of whole lot, section or sub-section	19	493	512	1,216,076,062.00	481,819,900.37	1,697,895,962.37
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	7,383	2,725	10,108	15,975,061,018.01	4,198,800,465.93	20,173,861,483.94
3.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	5	1	6	109,720,000.00	420,000,000.00	529,720,000.00
4.	Mortgages/Legal Charges (other than item 3)	7,266	3,236	10,502	12,666,350,718.39	1,002,202,665.28	13,668,553,383.67
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	7,271	3,237	10,508	12,776,070,718.39	1,422,202,665.28	14,198,273,383.67
5.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Undivided Shares	5,955 ( 6,147 )	5,684 ( 5,767 )	11,639 ( 11,914 )	18,066,218,918.99	9,331,138,211.29	27,397,357,130.28
6.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Whole Lot, Section or Sub-section	27	233	260	2,227,051,950.00	1,109,653,461.53	3,336,705,411.53
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	5,982	5,917	11,899	20,293,270,868.99	10,440,791,672.82	30,734,062,541.81
7.	Receipts/Discharge/Releases	3,926	2,376	6,302	2,356,797,739.84	394,507,658.50	2,751,305,398.34
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	315	144	459			
9.	Exclusion Orders	1	0	1			
10.	Others	2,959	3,266	6,225			
	Total	27,837	17,665	45,502	51,401,200,345.23	16,456,302,462.53	67,857,502,807.76

Note : Figures within brackets denote number of units involved

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LOCALISATION POLICY OF BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE  
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE LOCALISATION PROGRAMME OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE MANAGEMENT WAS COMMITTED TO THE PHASING OUT OF OVERSEAS AGREEMENT OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S LOCALISATION POLICY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, ALL OVERSEAS AGREEMENT OFFICERS IN THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND BUILDING SURVEYOR GRADES IN BOO WHOSE CONTRACTS WOULD EXPIRE WITHIN THE PERIOD FROM 1993 TO 1995 HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THEIR CONTRACTS WOULD NOT BE RENEWED.

A TOTAL OF 13 OVERSEAS AGREEMENT OFFICERS HAD BEEN SO INFORMED.

"IF THE EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF LOCAL OFFICERS IN THESE TWO GRADES REMAINS AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE REMAINING FIVE OVERSEAS AGREEMENT OFFICERS IN THE BOO WILL NOT BE GIVEN FURTHER CONTRACTS UPON EXPIRY OF THEIR PRESENT CONTRACTS IN 1996.

"THERE ARE 10 OVERSEAS OFFICERS APPOINTED ON PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT TERMS OCCUPYING SENIOR PROFESSIONAL AND DIRECTORATE RANKS IN THESE TWO GRADES (ABOUT 13 PER CENT), AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO WORK UNTIL THEY REACH NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE," MR CHEN ADDED.

AS REGARDS THE DEPARTMENT'S RE-ORGANISATION PLAN, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE SPLITTING OF THE DEPARTMENT INTO A BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT AND A LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR CHEN SAID A PROPOSAL WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONSIDERATION NEXT MONTH.

SUBJECT TO THE RE-ORGANISATION PROPOSAL BEING APPROVED, THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WOULD BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED CIVIL SERVICE PROCEDURES.

A PROMOTION BOARD WILL BE CONVENED SHORTLY TO CONSIDER ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES. MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD WILL BE DECIDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL BE INVITED AS USUAL TO ATTEND THE BOARD'S MEETING.

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SAFETY IN HANDLING SOLVENTS URGED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING SOLVENTS THAT ARE OFTEN USED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE ACTING CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR MR KAN HON-SANG FOLLOWING A RECENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH FOUR WORKERS WERE REPORTEDLY OVERCOME BY SOLVENT VAPOUR WHILE CARRYING OUT PAINTING WORK INSIDE THE LIGHTWELL OF A BUILDING UNDER RENOVATION.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS, ALL CONTAINERS OF SOLVENTS SHOULD BE LABELLED BY THE PROPRIETORS.

MR KAN SAID ALL WORKERS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE RISKS AND TRAINED IN THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND WORK PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE USE OF THE SOLVENTS.

"EXCESSIVE USE OF SOLVENTS MUST BE AVOIDED AND ITS QUANTITY SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM ON CONSTRUCTION SITES," MR KAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WORK INVOLVING THE USE OF SOLVENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN A WELL-VENTILATED CONDITION.

"SUITABLE RESPIRATORS SHOULD BE PROVIDED AND WORN BY WORKERS IN AREAS WHERE SOLVENT VAPOUR IS STILL AT A HIGH CONCENTRATION," HE SAID.

"ALSO, SITE CONTRACTORS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE A SCAFFOLD FOR THE ERECTION OF A PROPER WORKING PLATFORM TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS CAN WORK SAFELY AT THE EXTERNAL WALL OF A BUILDING," MR KAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS CAN BE MADE OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 815 0678.

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EARLY INTERVENTION GOOD FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN

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GIVEN APPROPRIATE EARLY INTERVENTION AND TRAINING, HEARING IMPAIRMENT IS NOT NECESSARILY A DISABLING CONDITION IN THE HEARING WORLD, MRS PATTEN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF SUEN MEI SPEECH AND HEARING CENTRE FOR THE DEAF, MRS PATTEN SAID MUCH COULD NOW BE DONE TO HELP HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN TAKE THEIR PROPER PLACE WITHIN NORMAL SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PROBLEM WAS PICKED UP EARLY IN THEIR LIVES.

/THE CENTRE, .....

THE CENTRE, WHICH OPENED IN 1981, HAD BEEN PROMOTING, WITH RESOUNDING SUCCESS, EARLY INTERVENTION AND EARLY SPEECH AND LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR HEARING IMPAIRED PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTEGRATION INTO NORMAL KINDERGARTENS.

THE SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE SPEECH AND AUDITORY TRAINING, SPEECH READING, PARENT GUIDANCE, AUDIOLOGICAL TESTING AND FOLLOW-UP SERVICES.

ITS PROGRAMME, WHICH COMPRISED TWO PARTS, WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

WITH THE NEW EDUCATIONAL PROVISION, MRS PATTEN SAID MANY HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN FROM THE CENTRE WOULD BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE WHILE BEING INTEGRATED INTO NORMAL KINDERGARTEN.

THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAMME IS A TWO-YEAR COURSE IN WHICH INTENSIVE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE TRAINING, SPEECH-READING, AND PARENT GUIDANCE ARE PROVIDED.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO CHILDREN'S ACQUISITION OF CLEAN AND INTELLIGIBLE SPEECH, LISTENING AND LIP-READING SKILLS AND THE ROLE OF PARENTS.

THE SECOND PART IS A THREE-YEAR FULL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME PLUS REGULAR LANGUAGE TRAINING.

"SUCH A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH HAS PROVED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN THE INTEGRATION PROCESS," MRS PATTEN SAID.

SHE ALSO EXTENDED HER APPRECIATION TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG FOR THEIR STAUNCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRE THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS.

"THROUGH GROWING PUBLIC RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THIS SERVICE, I AM SURE MORE HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT FROM IT," SHE ADDED.

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DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES OFF TO BANGKOK FOR CONFERENCE

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JERRY LAM CHEK-YUEN, LEFT FOR BANGKOK TONIGHT (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA '93 FIRE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM TOMORROW TO FRIDAY (MAY 26 TO 28).

THE THREE-DAY EVENT, HOSTED BY THE ROYAL THAI POLICE FIRE BRIGADE, WILL INCLUDE TALKS ON FIRE PROTECTION BY PROFESSIONALS FROM USA, UK, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND AN EXHIBITION OF FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT.

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE, MR LAM WILL GIVE A TALK ON FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES FOR HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

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## COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF GOODS VEHICLES SET FOR JUNE

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ALL LIGHT GOODS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WITH A GROSS WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES AND AGED ONE YEAR OR OVER ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A ROADWORTHINESS EXAMINATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE RELICENSED ON OR AFTER JUNE 1.

"AIMED AT ENHANCING ROAD SAFETY, THE EXAMINATION WILL INCLUDE CHECKS ON BRAKES, STEERING, TYRES, LIGHTS, BODYWORK AND PARTS THAT MAY AFFECT THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID.

"A LETTER WAS SENT TO MORE THAN 7,000 VEHICLE OWNERS IN FEBRUARY TO ADVISE THEM OF THE REQUIREMENT," HE ADDED.

LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF BETWEEN 1.9 TONNES AND 5.5 TONNES MUST BE INSPECTED AT THE NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE WHILE THOSE NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES MAY BE INSPECTED AT ANY OF THE 24 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES.

THE EXAMINING FEE IS \$370.

OWNERS SHOULD OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS UPON PASSING THE TESTS.

THE CERTIFICATE IS ONLY VALID FOR RELICENSING DURING THE FOUR MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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## AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY (MAY 29) AT 9.30 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FE682	FE783	FE3008	AC901
FD263	FC1328	FD338	FE2822
*1761	*3989	*FJ3333	*FK8
FE2928	FE9989	FE812	FE8360
AU1399	EK369	AC112	AA667
FE883	FE138	FE289	FE2986
FD8889	FD968	FA306	FB1828
*FF38	*FL21	*980	*FL919
FE268	FE6883	FE912	FE792
FD9001	FE135	FE170	FE3088
FE630	BJ4535	*DD55	FE512
FE704	ED8586	FE7720	*FK678
FE217	FE786		

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 194TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	25 MAY 93	25 MAY 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q321	H365
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD4,170 MN	HKD1,150 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD1,000 MN	HKD400 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.18 PCT	3.42 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.21 PCT	3.44 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 100 PCT	ABOUT 100 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.25 PCT	3.46 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 31 MAY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	1 JUNE 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q322
ISSUE DATE	2 JUNE 93
MATURITY DATE	1 SEPT 93
TENDOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD1,000 + 200 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,320
REVERSAL OF LAF	+830
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,150

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.4 \*\*0.0\* 25.5.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.33 PCT	15 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.69	3.83
1 MONTH	3.23 PCT	18 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.99	3.97
3 MONTHS	3.20 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.01	4.18
6 MONTHS	3.38 PCT	24 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.01	4.32
12 MONTHS	3.64 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,494 MN

CLOSED 25 MAY 1993

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