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New film censorship regulations soon to become effective

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Two amendment regulations which seek to implement a number of new sections in the Film Censorship Ordinance enacted in July will be gazetted on Friday (October 6) and tabled in the Legislative Council on October 11.

The Film Censorship (Amendment) (No 1) Regulation 1995 sets fees for the examination of film advertising materials and for viewing the repository managed by the Film Censorship Authority who is the Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing.

It also provides for the conditions under which the Authority may remit these fees as well as the fee for the approval of Category III videotape/laserdisc packaging.

"The examination fee for film advertising materials is \$130 per item," a spokesman for the Recreation and Culture Branch said today (Monday).

"In the case of film stills, per item means a set of no more than 10 stills. This arrangement is made in response to the film industry's request since the number of film stills for one film can be quite large."

For viewing videotapes, laserdiscs, packaging or advertising materials in the repository, the fee is \$613 for two hours.

The spokesman said the new fees were set on a full-cost recovery basis.

Under the regulation, the examination/viewing fees may be remitted by the Film Censorship Authority if:

- \* the films concerned will be exhibited free of charge, only once for payment, or by a bona fide film club for a non-profit making purpose;
- \* if the viewing or inspection of the items in the repository is for non-profit making academic research; and
- \* if the videotape/laserdisc is to be published by a non-profit making organisation for a cultural or educational purpose.

The Film Censorship (Amendment) (No 3) Regulation 1995 amends the film submission form and the certificate of approval, prescribes the submission form and certificate of approval for film advertising materials, allows cinema operators or any person authorised by a cinema operator to view the repository, and prescribes the classification symbol for Category IIA and Category IIB films.

The film submission form is amended to include the submission of videotape/laserdisc containing censored films which have been slightly altered, the spokesman said.

In addition to other authorised persons such as video shop operators and videotape/laserdisc distributors, the amendment regulation further allows cinema operators or any person authorised by a cinema operator to view the repository containing videotapes, laserdiscs, packaging and advertising materials.

The statutory description and warning to be displayed on advertising materials of the newly created Category IIA and Category IIB films are incorporated into both the film submission form and the certificate of approval for films.

The statutory warnings to be displayed on advertising materials of Category IIA and IIB films are "Not Suitable For Children" and "Not Suitable For Young Persons And Children" respectively.

The two amendment regulations, together with the Film Censorship (Amendment) Ordinance 1995, will come into effect on November 17.

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#### STI to attend APEC ministerial conference

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The Secretary for Trade and Industry, Mr Chau Tak-hay, will head a Hong Kong delegation to Beijing to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Ministerial Conference on Industrial Science and Technology hosted by China.

Mr Chau will leave tomorrow (Tuesday) and return on Saturday (October 7).

The meeting, to be opened by Chinese President Jiang Zemin, will be attended by ministers with responsibility for science and technology from APEC member economies.

Discussion will focus on the vision, goals and policy principles for APEC's co-operative efforts on science and technology. The aim is that APEC's efforts in these fields should contribute to the realisation of the APEC objective of free and open trade and investment in the region.

While in Beijing, Mr Chau will call on State Councillor and Minister of the State Science and Technology Commission, Dr Song Jian; Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Wang Fengchao; and Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation, Mr Gu Yongjiang.

Other members of the delegation include the Director-General of Industry, Mrs Regina Ip, and Assistant Director-General of Industry, Mr Raymond Young.

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#### New task force to enhance construction sites safety

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The Buildings Department has commissioned a new task force today (Monday) to monitor the performance of building constructors and professionals on construction and demolition sites throughout the territory in a bid to enhance public safety.

Speaking at a press conference announcing the setting up of the Site Monitoring Section (SMS), Chief Officer (Site Monitoring), Mr So Kin-shing, said the major task of the team was to protect the public by improving safety at work sites through a programme of systematic inspections.

Following the tragedy at the Hotel Fortuna demolition site in September last year, the Buildings Department was determined to strengthen measures for safety assurance on work sites and to ensure that those responsible for building and demolition works would comply with the government's safety requirements.

Comprising more than 30 professional, technical and support staff, SMS will visit sites and inspect the works in progress. The target is that each of the 1,000 or so sites in the territory will be visited up to three times a year on average.

"The frequency of visit will vary, depending on the nature and scale of the construction work and the degree of risk," Mr So explained, "Our prime concern is interface with public safety.

"For instance, we will pay more attention to the projects involving demolition, deep excavation, construction of high retaining walls, or the use of heavy powered mechanical plant."

Staff of the team will focus on any safety related aspects of a work site to ascertain that the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance are complied with.

The areas of concern also include any deviation from approved plans, the use of defective materials, the absence of adequate precautionary measures and the lack of supervision by qualified personnel.

Mr So pointed out that if safety-related irregularities were detected, his staff would immediately seek remedies and where appropriate, apply sanctions including prosecution and disciplinary actions.

"Our objective is to protect the public by encouraging all site personnel to adopt a responsible working attitude and to deter dangerous operations.

"It is the duty of all parties responsible for a project to ensure safety on site. We rely on teamwork. By this, I mean teamwork among building contractors, professionals, developers and Buildings Department," Mr So said.

Members of the public are welcome to report to the Buildings Department any construction or demolition work which may threaten public safety. The 24-hour Building Safety Hotline is 2848 2222.

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Tsing Ma Bridge, a testimony of HK's achievement: Governor

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The construction of Tsing Ma Bridge stands as a testimony to what Hong Kong has achieved, the Governor, the Rt Hon Christopher Patten, said today (Monday).

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony of the International Bridge Conference "Bridges into the 21st Century", the Governor said as the bridge, together with its sister spans over Kap Sui Mun, would provide Hong Kong with a concatenation of bridges, linking the city to the new airport and the new roads running up to China.

"It will serve to carry business, residents and visitors into the opportunities of the new century," he said.

Mr Patten said the world needed both physical bridges and bridges to understanding and co-operation among people.

"Hong Kong today is building both," he said.

He acknowledged that some cities in China and in the region were changing both economically and socially.

"But Hong Kong is firmly established as a bridge that has brought people and ideas together, people and ideas from across China and around the world," said the Governor.

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#### Water storage figure

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Storage in Hong Kong's reservoirs at 9 am today (Monday) stood at 95.6 per cent of capacity or 560.048 million cubic metres.

This time last year the reservoirs contained 575.149 million cubic metres of water, representing 98.1 per cent of capacity.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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|                                | \$ million | Time<br>(hours) | Cumulative<br>change<br>(\$million) |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                | -----      | -----           | -----                               |
| Opening balance in the account | 2,194      | 0930            | +913                                |
| Closing balance in the account | 1,865      | 1000            | +909                                |
| Change attributable to :       |            | 1100            | +905                                |
| Money market activity          | +892       | 1200            | +905                                |
| LAF today                      | -1,221     | 1500            | +906                                |
|                                |            | 1600            | +892                                |

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 122.1 \*+0.1\* 2.10.95

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| EF bills  |       | EF notes |       |        |        |       |
|-----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Terms     | Yield | Term     | Issue | Coupon | Price  | Yield |
| 1 week    | 5.61  | 2 years  | 2708  | 6.06   | 100.23 | 6.01  |
| 1 month   | 5.66  | 3 years  | 3807  | 6.16   | 99.84  | 6.32  |
| 3 months  | 5.68  | 5 years  | 5009  | 6.95   | 100.18 | 7.02  |
| 6 months  | 5.70  | 5 years  | M501  | 7.90   | 102.27 | 7.44  |
| 12 months | 5.73  |          |       |        |        |       |

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$18,222 million

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