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DIRECTORATE POSTINGS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MR PAUL WONG KAM-CHIU, CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, WILL SUCCEED MR DAVID LAN HONG-TSUNG AS REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

MR LAN WILL BE POSTED TO HEAD THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN TOKYO, JAPAN, IN OCTOBER IN THE NEW SENIOR POST OF PRINCIPAL HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR WONG AND MR LAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR PAUL WONG KAM-CHIU

AGED 54, MR WONG JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1960. HE HAS SERVED FOR THE MAJORITY OF HIS CAREER IN THE FORMER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE BECAME AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN JULY 1974.

HE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN JULY 1982. HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY FROM 1982 TO 1985, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE FROM 1985 TO 1986, DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL FROM 1986 TO 1989, WHEN HE WAS SECONDED TO THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS COMMISSIONER.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN JANUARY 1991.

MR DAVID LAN HONG-TSUNG

AGED 51, MR LAN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1961 AND WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN AUGUST 1966.

DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS CAREER, MR LAN SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE FORMER ESTABLISHMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS BRANCHES, THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING FROM 1981 TO 1984, DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL FROM 1984 TO 1986, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT FROM 1986 TO 1987, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FROM 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1988, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN DECEMBER 1988.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MEASURES AGAINST LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO HOLD A THREE-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON MEASURES TO PREVENT YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BEING LEFT UNATTENDED AT HOME, COMMENCING FROM OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC), PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW WING-SUN, TOLD A SWAC MEETING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY).

PROF CHOW SAID FOLLOWING SEVERAL FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN LEFT ON THEIR OWN AT HOME, THERE HAD BEEN WIDESPREAD PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEM OF CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED.

"THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH TRAGEDIES HAS PROMPTED CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM BEING LEFT UNATTENDED," HE SAID.

APART FROM THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES, ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUAL HELP AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE HAZARDS OF LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME, PROF CHOW SAID SOME PEOPLE STILL THOUGHT THAT THE BEST WAY TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM WAS BY LEGISLATING TO PROHIBIT PARENTS FROM LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"HOWEVER, THERE ARE ARGUMENTS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST LEGISLATION OF THIS NATURE.

"A PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE IS, THEREFORE, TO BE HELD STARTING FROM OCTOBER," HE CONTINUED.

VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

"DISTRICT BOARDS AND WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS LAW BODIES WILL BE CONSULTED," PROF CHOW ADDED.

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NO NEW AIDS CASE SO FAR AUGUST

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) CASES IN HONG KONG REMAINS AT 54 TO DATE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SO FAR, 38 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY WHILE 16 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT HONG KONG.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID FIVE MORE PERSONS INCLUDING A WOMAN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING TO 184 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS.

OF THESE, 52 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 110 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FOUR WERE DRUG ABUSERS, THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND THE INFORMATION FOR THE OTHER 15 WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 201,304 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO THE MONTH OF JULY, 927,182 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE TESTED AND 16 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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愛滋病抗體檢驗
 AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 病毒組 衛生署
 Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Jun 91		Jul 91		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	17120	90	406	1	17526	91
經由私家醫生及補助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2234	46	23	0	2257	46
前往社會衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	171601	35	2435	4	174036	39
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	516	60	11	0	527	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	5651	1	126	0	5777	1
經由家庭計劃指導員轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	226	0	2	0	228	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	932	0	21	0	953	0

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TOTAL 198280 232 3024 5 201304 237

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Jun 91		Jul 91		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	910077	16	17105	0	927182	16

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FRANCHISE FOR NEW BUS ROUTE AWARDED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AWARDED TO CITYBUS LIMITED THE FRANCHISE FOR A BUS SERVICE BETWEEN MACDONNELL ROAD AND CENTRAL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

FIVE TENDERERS SUBMITTED BIDS FOR THE ROUTE BETWEEN MACDONNELL ROAD AND CENTRAL - THE FIRST ROUTE TENDERED OUT IN THIS WAY.

IN EVALUATING THE COMPETING BIDS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE QUALITY OF SERVICE AND FARE LEVELS PROPOSED BY THE TENDERERS, THEIR MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY, COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING CAPACITY TO MEET ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT, AND PAST PERFORMANCE IN TERMS OF SERVICE RELIABILITY AND INNOVATION.

THE FRANCHISE COVERS A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND THE SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO START WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DAY CITYBUS ACCEPTS THE FRANCHISE.

OTHER THAN THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME WHICH WILL NOT APPLY, THE NEW FRANCHISEE IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONTROLS NOW APPLICABLE TO EXISTING FRANCHISED OPERATORS, INCLUDING THE SUBMISSION OF ANNUALLY ROLLED-FORWARD PLANS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SCRUTINY, APPROVAL OF FARE INCREASES BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, REGULAR VEHICLE EXAMINATION, AND OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

"THE NEW BUS SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY CITYBUS IS SUBSTANTIALLY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM EXISTING FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT COMMUTERS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE USE TAXIS OR PRIVATE CARS, WITH BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON ROAD TRAFFIC.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LAW SHING-HUEN ON FEBRUARY 1, 1989 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LAW WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HO FAT-WONG.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR 1991/92.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 WITH THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF PROVIDING TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS PERFORMING OVERSEAS IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE SIX OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION, OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 9. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED LATER TO AN AUDITION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 492 8127.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 42.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 250.550 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 310.654 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 53 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER RESULTS --- TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q135
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,857 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 400 MN
AVERAGE ACCEPTED YIELD	5.57 PCT

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HIGHEST ACCEPTED YIELD 5.59 PCT

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AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 23.8.91 WAS 6,099 MN

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NEXT TENDER OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS --- TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q136	H 172
ISSUE DATE	4 SEP 1991	4 SEP 1991
MATURITY DATE	4 DEC 1991	4 MAR 1992
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT OF OFFER	HKD 500 + 100MN	HKD 200 + 60MN

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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	23.8.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	27.8.91	+119
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-119
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.2 **+0.2* 27.8.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	27.8.91	23.8.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	5.02 PCT	4.36 PCT
1 MONTH	5.03 PCT	4.67 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.65 PCT	5.31 PCT
6 MONTHS	6.02 PCT	5.82 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.45 PCT	6.35 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	4,535 MN	10,460 MN*

* RECORD HIGH

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