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RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SURVEY RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 1994

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THERE WAS A SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES IN HONG KONG DURING OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY (HKMA).

THE LATEST FIGURES SHOW THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE LENDING BY THE 33 INSTITUTIONS IN THE SURVEY INCREASED BY 0.2% IN OCTOBER (0.7% IN SEPTEMBER) TO \$242.2 BILLION FROM \$241.6 BILLION. THE GROWTH RATE IS BELOW THE MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1.06% OVER THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS.

"NOTWITHSTANDING THE MODERATE GROWTH IN RECENT MONTHS, IN A RISING INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT IT IS PRUDENT FOR BANKS TO MAINTAIN A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDING," THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (BANKING) OF HKMA, MR DAVID CARSE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ANNUALISED RATE OF GROWTH IN LENDING OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS HAS FURTHER DROPPED TO 6.6%, COMPARED WITH 7.3% IN THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD TO SEPTEMBER.

THE TWELVE-MONTH AVERAGE OF OUTSTANDING LOANS REMAINED STABLE AT AN ANNUALISED GROWTH RATE OF 12.7% COMPARED WITH 12.5% IN SEPTEMBER.

HOWEVER, NEW LOANS APPROVED BUT NOT YET DRAWN PICKED UP BY 18.0% TO \$4.7 BILLION FROM \$4.0 BILLION IN SEPTEMBER.

"THESE FIGURES SUGGEST THAT THE GROWTH OF OUTSTANDING LOANS COULD BE HIGHER IN NOVEMBER," MR CARSE SAID.

LENDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES IN CHINA ROSE BY 3.0% IN OCTOBER TO \$4.33 BILLION FROM \$4.21 BILLION, COMPARED WITH THE 2.8% GROWTH IN SEPTEMBER. THE INCREASE WAS LARGELY DUE TO LENDING FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

GROSS LOANS MADE IN OCTOBER INCREASED IN BOTH NUMBER (TO 450 FROM 431) AND IN AMOUNT (TO \$186 MILLION FROM \$162 MILLION). NEW LOANS APPROVED IN OCTOBER ALSO INCREASED IN BOTH NUMBER (TO 228 FROM 160) AND IN AMOUNT (TO \$149 MILLION FROM \$87 MILLION).

LEGAL STUDY VISIT TO CHINA

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CROWN SOLICITOR MR IAN WINGFIELD WILL LEAD A GROUP OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO BEIJING AND SHANGHAI THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 26) ON A LEGAL STUDY VISIT FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 5.

THE SEVEN-MEMBER DELEGATION COMPRISES OFFICIALS FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE VISIT IS A SPECIALISTS VISIT OF CROWN COUNSEL WORKING IN CIVIL DIVISION WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING GOVERNMENT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS ON LEGAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THEIR FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AS WELL AS OTHER LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW, LANDS AND WORKS AND CIVIL LITIGATION INVOLVING THE GOVERNMENT.

THE DELEGATION, APART FROM MR WINGFIELD, INCLUDES DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITORS MR CHAN SHU-YING AND MR BENEDICT LAI; SENIOR ASSISTANT CROWN SOLICITORS MR ANTHONY WU AND MR STEPHEN WONG; AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS MRS JENNIE CHOK.

DURING ITS STAY IN CHINA, THE DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE VISIT IS ONE OF A SERIES OF RECIPROCAL LEGAL STUDY VISITS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THESE VISITS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFICIALS FROM THE CHINESE AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS TO MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHERS' LEGAL SYSTEM AT A PRACTICAL LEVEL.

SINCE THE START OF THE LEGAL STUDY VISITS PROGRAMME IN 1988, HONG KONG HAS SENT THREE DELEGATIONS TO CHINA AND TWO CHINESE DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED HONG KONG.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES
SURVEY FOR SEPTEMBER 1994 RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1994, ESTIMATED AT \$16.8 BILLION, INCREASED BY 10% WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1993, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 4% IN VOLUME IN SEPTEMBER 1994 OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER 1994 WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH IN SPENDING ON CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, AND CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS (OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES).

SALES OF THESE TWO ITEMS INCREASED BY 24% AND 17% RESPECTIVELY IN VALUE AND BOTH 14% IN VOLUME.

MODERATE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (12% IN VALUE AND 5% IN VOLUME); SUPERMARKETS (9% IN VALUE AND 2% IN VOLUME); AND DEPARTMENT STORES (9% IN VALUE AND 2% IN VOLUME).

SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES INCREASED BY 5% IN VALUE, BUT WITH VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN VOLUME. SALES OF FUELS INCREASED BY 2% IN VALUE, BUT DROPPED BY 4% IN VOLUME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED BY 23% IN VALUE AND 29% IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1994, BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN SEPTEMBER 1994 DECREASED BY 4% IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 12% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME.

THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AFTER ADJUSTING FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE USED AS DEFLATORS.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1994 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1258.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1994 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1994.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1994 FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS AND BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1994 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR AUGUST 1994 AND THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1993, AS WELL AS COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for September 1994 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$16,759.2 million
 for August 1994 (Revised Figure) = HK\$17,437.9 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR AUGUST 1994 AND SEPTEMBER 1994

(Monthly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

Type of Outlet	Index of Retail Sales	Index for August 1994	Index for September 1994	September 1994 compared with August 1994		September 1994 compared with September 1993		Jan.-Sep.1994 compared with Jan.-Sep.1993	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	(Points)	(%)	(Points)	(%)	(Points)	(%)
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS									
	Value	185.7	178.5	-7.2	-3.9	+15.9	+9.8	+19.3	+12.4
	Volume	144.6	139.3	-5.3	-3.7	+5.2	+3.9	+8.5	+6.4
(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	140.6	147.2	+6.6	+4.7	+15.8	+12.0	+10.3	+8.3
	Volume	99.2	108.8	+9.6	+9.7	+5.4	+5.2	+3.8	+3.8
Supermarkets ϕ	Value	156.5	165.3	+8.9	+5.7	+14.2	+9.4	+15.6	+11.2
	Volume	110.6	116.1	+5.4	+4.9	+2.4	+2.1	+4.4	+4.1
Fuels	Value	187.3	169.0	-18.2	-9.7	+4.0	+2.4	+7.6	+5.2
	Volume	128.9	116.3	-12.5	-9.7	-4.3	-3.5	+0.9	+0.8
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	295.7	238.7	-57.0	-19.3	+46.7	+24.3	+53.0	+27.0
	Volume	209.1	168.2	-40.9	-19.6	+20.4	+13.8	+27.1	+17.7
Consumer durable goods	Value	152.0	190.7	+38.7	+25.5	-5.4	-2.7	+5.2	+3.0
	Volume	127.3	158.2	+30.9	+24.3	-8.5	-5.1	-1.1	-0.8
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	139.1	180.9	+41.8	+30.1	-53.0	-22.7	-4.8	-2.5
	Volume	99.4	128.0	+28.5	+28.7	-51.6	-28.7	-13.6	-9.1
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	161.3	197.8	+36.4	+22.6	+29.1	+17.3	+12.4	+7.5
	Volume	147.5	180.1	+32.6	+22.1	+22.6	+14.4	+7.9	+5.1
Department stores	Value	164.4	137.7	-26.7	-16.3	+10.9	+8.6	+11.3	+8.0
	Volume	123.0	101.8	-21.1	-17.2	+1.8	+1.8	+1.7	+1.5
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	Value	164.0	153.7	-10.4	-6.3	+6.9	+4.7	+19.8	+13.2
	Volume	155.8	145.8	-10.0	-6.4	+0.6	+0.4	+9.5	+6.3
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	254.6	227.8	-26.9	-10.5	+41.5	+22.3	+35.0	+21.0
	Volume	201.8	178.4	-23.4	-11.6	+26.4	+17.4	+22.9	+16.6

NOTE : ϕ Not including supermarkets operating in department stores.

TELEPHONE BOOKING FOR REGISTRATION OF IDENTITY CARDS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN MAKE USE OF TELEPHONE BOOKING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS FROM NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28), THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE EARLIEST APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ON DECEMBER 1.

AT PRESENT, THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES ARE OPERATING A QUOTA SYSTEM. NUMBERED TAGS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

APPLICANTS USUALLY QUEUE UP VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR TAGS. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TAG ON THE DAY WILL ALSO HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO BE SERVED.

"IN THE FACE OF INCREASE IN DEMAND, THIS NEW SERVICE WILL BRING ABOUT GREATER CONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AND OBTAIN THE NEED TO QUEUE UP FOR A TAG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM WAS PART OF ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER SERVICES.

THE NEW TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT BOOKING SYSTEM PROVIDES AN OPTION FOR SELECTION OF THREE LANGUAGES - CANTONESE, ENGLISH OR PUTONGHUA. IT OPERATES ROUND-THE-CLOCK AND OFFERS ADVANCE BOOKINGS UP TO TWO WEEKS.

HOWEVER, TO PREVENT ABUSE, AN APPLICANT CAN ONLY MAKE ONE APPOINTMENT WITHIN A TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

THE NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT WILL BE REQUIRED IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENT, HE ELABORATED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT CALLERS USING TOUCH-TONE DIAL TELEPHONE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THIS NEW SERVICE BY DIALLING 598 0888. THE NUMBER WILL BE CHANGED TO 2598 0888 WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE CALLERS CAN SELECT THEIR OWN CONVENIENT DATE AND TIME AS PROMPTED BY THE SYSTEM WHICH AT THE SAME TIME OFFERS INFORMATION ON WHICH OFFICE WHERE THE EARLIEST APPOINTMENT MAY BE AVAILABLE.

THERE ARE ALSO OPTIONS FOR AMENDING OR CANCELLING THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS. FAX MESSAGES CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE MAY BE OBTAINED.

GUIDANCE LEAFLETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES - HONG KONG OFFICE, KOWLOON OFFICE, TSUEN WAN OFFICE, KWUN TONG OFFICE, TAI PO OFFICE, YUEN LONG OFFICE AND MA TAU WAI OFFICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE 824 6111 OR USE FAXLINE 877 7711. THEY WILL BE CHANGED TO 2824 6111 AND 2877 7711 RESPECTIVELY WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT OUTLINING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO DISASTERS THAT MIGHT OCCUR IN THE TERRITORY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PUBLICATION, ENTITLED THE "HONG KONG DISASTER PLAN", WOULD PROVIDE EASY REFERENCE ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MANAGE A DISASTER.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS DETAILED CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF EMERGENCIES, BUT THESE ARE VERY DETAILED OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS.

"WE FELT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO DRAFT A DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN TO GIVE A CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE GENERAL APPROACH DESCRIBED IN THIS PLAN IS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO ALMOST ANY DISASTER OR EMERGENCY. THIS IS THEN TAILORED TO THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM," HE EXPLAINED.

THE PLAN OUTLINES THE ALERTING SYSTEM AND CALL OUT PROCEDURES; THE RESCUE, RECOVERY AND RESTORATION MANAGEMENT PHASES IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER; AND THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TAKING PART IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DISASTERS.

"THE ONLY CONTINGENCY PLAN WHERE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN RESPONSE IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE DESCRIBED HERE IS THE DAYA BAY CONTINGENCY PLAN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "BUT WE HAVE ALREADY PUBLISHED THIS IN APRIL THIS YEAR."

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE IN ALL URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL LIBRARIES.

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DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT VISIT HONG KONG

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THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING FOR A SEVEN-DAY VISIT.

ON HAND TO RECEIVE THEM AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AND MRS PATTEN.

DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG, THE DUKE AND DUCHESS WILL UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE WAY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

THE ROYAL COUPLE'S VISIT PROGRAMME WILL START WITH A GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS ON SATURDAY EVENING AND CONCLUDE WITH THE GRAND OPENING OF A NEW TOWER OF THE PENINSULA HOTEL IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 1.

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APART FROM THESE FUNCTIONS, SEPARATE PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LINED UP FOR THE DUKE AND FOR THE DUCHESS.

THE DUKE WILL ATTEND A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE SAI WAN MILITARY CEMETERY; OPEN THE 10TH WORLD AIRPORTS CONFERENCE AT THE REGENT HOTEL; AND VISIT THE HONG KONG TELECOM'S STANLEY EARTH STATION AND THE BLACK POINT POWER STATION CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THE DUCHESS WILL VISIT THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN HOSPITAL IN SANDY BAY.

SHE WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN AND, IN HER CAPACITY AS THE DEPUTY COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, VISIT THE ROYAL LOGISTICS CORPS.

SHE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE AND MEET MEDAL WINNING HONG KONG ATHLETES FROM THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE ASIAN GAMES.

THEY WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR LONDON IN THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 1.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT WILL BE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AT 10.45 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BY FLIGHT BA 031. THEY WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AND MRS PATTEN.

A PHOTO FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 10 AM. THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR PRESS IDENTITY CARDS.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP.

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HKIE: A PROMISE FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN HK

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION "HOLDS OUT THE GREAT PROMISE FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN HONG KONG AND FOR THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE YEARS TO COME."

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE INSTITUTE, THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THE COMMUNITY WAS COMMITTED TO GIVING TO EACH OF THE TEACHERS THE TRAINING, THE SUPPORT AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY NEEDED TO FULFIL THE EXPECTATIONS PLACED ON THEM.

"THIS INSTITUTE IS A SYMBOL OF THAT COMMITMENT," HE SAID.

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IN 1992, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS, AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION, THE VARIOUS COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION SHOULD BE UNITED IN ONE AUTONOMOUS TERTIARY INSTITUTION.

MR PATTEN SAID THE NEW INSTITUTE WAS AN INSTRUMENT FOR DIRECTING MORE RESOURCES INTO THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS.

THE EXPENDITURE ON EACH STUDENT IS 50 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT PROVIDED BY THE FORMER COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

HE SAID \$30 MILLION HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED TO IMPROVING EXISTING COLLEGE FACILITIES AND FUNDS WOULD VERY SOON BE SOUGHT TO BUILD A DEDICATED CAMPUS FOR THE INSTITUTE IN TAI PO.

"BY THE MIDDLE OF 1997, THE NEW CAMPUS SHOULD PROVIDE ACCOMODATION FOR 5,000 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS, WITH ALL THE FACILITIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPROVE STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION WAS TO BECOME A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS.

MR PATTEN SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE WORK DONE BY THE INSTITUTE AND WAS PARTICULARLY DELIGHTED TO SEE THE PLANNING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE COURSES IN EDUCATION.

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CODES OF PRACTICE FOR PRESSURE EQUIPMENT
OWNERS AND STEAM RECEIVERS PUBLISHED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRESSURE EQUIPMENT OWNERS AND A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STEAM RECEIVERS.

PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION, MR MICHAEL LEE, SAID THE CODES WERE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS IN THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, EXAMINATION, TESTING AND OPERATION OF BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS.

"THESE CODES OF PRACTICE ARE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, WHO IS THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS AUTHORITY, UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS ORDINANCE," HE ADDED.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRESSURE EQUIPMENT OWNERS OFFERS DETAILED ADVICE ON THE SAFE PRACTICE AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING REGISTRATION, INSPECTION AND VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER.

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THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STEAM RECEIVERS PROVIDES DETAILS OF THE SAFE PRACTICE AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SAFETY FITTINGS, OPERATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, REPORT OF ACCIDENT AND DEFECTS OF STEAM RECEIVERS, INCLUDING STEAM DYEING KIERS, STEAM CYLINDER DRYERS AND STERILIZERS.

MR LEE URGED OWNERS, CONTRACTORS, APPOINTED EXAMINERS, INSPECTION BODIES AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO PAY FULL ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE CODES.

COPIES OF THE CODES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 852 4183.

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ARTS COUNCIL SENDS SUBMISSION TO LEGCO BILLS COMMITTEE

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IN RESPONSE TO A RECENT DEBATE ON THE ISSUE OF ELECTIONS TO THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HKADC), THE COUNCIL HAS SENT A WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO PUT ITS POSITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S BILLS COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS.

IN ADDITION, THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HKADC, DR CHAN WING-WAH, MR OSCAR HO, AND MR YU SHU-TAK, TOGETHER WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MRS KATHERINE HALL, PRESENTED THE COUNCIL'S POSITION AT A HEARING HELD BY THE BILLS COMMITTEE ON THE HKADC BILL ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 22).

MEMBERS OF THE HKADC ARE IN GENERAL IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ELECTIONS TO THE HKADC.

HOWEVER, MEMBERS ALSO RECOGNISED THAT THE ELECTION PROCESS WAS A CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE HKADC AND ITS ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS FELT THAT THE HKADC ITSELF SHOULD NOT BE THERE TO DEFINE OR ORGANISE THE ARTS CONSTITUENCY FOR ELECTIONS. IT IS ESSENTIALLY FOR THE ARTS CONSTITUENCY ITSELF TO DEFINE, AND TO ORGANISE, ITSELF IF IT CHOOSES SO TO DO.

THE HKADC IS AWARE OF THE DICHOTOMY BETWEEN THE DESIRABILITY OF ELECTIONS AS A PRINCIPLE, AND THE PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN CURRENT DEVELOPMENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

MEMBERS ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT AND ASSIDUOUSLY PROMOTED IN THE CURRENT MOMENTUM TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERS WOULD THEREFORE URGE ALL POSSIBLE EXPEDITION IN THE SMOOTH PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

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AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, A STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP WAS APPOINTED WITH MR OSCAR HO AS CHAIRMAN TO WORK INTENSIVELY ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUDGET.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE DR CHAN WING-WAH, DR LEUNG PING-KWAN, MR RAYMOND LIU, MR LO KING-MAN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

THE GROUP WILL BE SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MRS KATHERINE HALL, AS EXECUTIVE CO-ORDINATOR.

THE GROUP IS WORKING TOWARDS PUBLICATION OF THE PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN JUNE 1995 AND SUBMISSION TO THE FINANCE BRANCH IN APRIL 1996.

THE COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER OF THE HKADC LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION IS MR BOSCO YIP PO-HOI, A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNER AND POST-GRADUATE DEGREE HOLDER OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS MADE THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE WINNER OUT OF 632 ENTRIES ON NOVEMBER 9.

THE ADJUDICATORS WERE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION, MR JOHN AU; THE CHAIRMAN OF CHARTERED SOCIETY OF DESIGNERS, MR DENNIS CHAN; THE HEAD OF SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, DR HAZEL CLARK; THE CHAIRMAN OF HKADC VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE, MR OSCAR HO, AND A MEMBER OF THE HKADC, MR KAN TAI-KEUNG.

THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM IN BEACONSFIELD HOUSE AT 3.30 PM ON DECEMBER 5.

FIVE MERIT PRIZES WENT TO MR AU TAK-SHING, MISS CHANG WAI-MAN, MR CHOY FUI, MISS FANG WAI-MAN AND MR WONG WAI-BUN.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS AND DANCERS

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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1995/96.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS HELP EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED PEOPLE RECEIVE MUSIC OR DANCE TRAINING IN POST GRADUATE STUDIES AT OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS SHOULD RETURN TO HONG KONG AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT CONFINED TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR DANCE.

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RELATED STUDIES IN MUSIC OR DANCE, PRACTICAL OR ACADEMIC SUCH AS COMPOSITION, MUSICOLOGY, CHOREOGRAPHY AND DANCE NOTATION, ARE ALSO COVERED.

SELECTION OF SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE MADE THROUGH AUDITIONS OR INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD IN MARCH OR APRIL NEXT YEAR.

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE AUDITIONS OR INTERVIEWS IN PERSON.

THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER TUITION FEE, A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE, A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN PASSAGE TO THE INTENDED COUNTRY OF STUDY.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS UNLESS UNDER VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

APPLICANTS PLANNING TO PURSUE A COURSE LONGER THAN ONE YEAR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LOOK FOR OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR MUSIC, MUSIC-RELATED, DANCE OR DANCE-RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 32 ON SEPTEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE IN THE CASES OF SINGERS, COMPOSERS OR CHOREOGRAPHERS WISHING TO ENTER ADVANCED COURSES.

THE APPLICANTS SHOULD NORMALLY BE GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED HONG KONG TERTIARY INSTITUTION AND SHOULD BE AT A PERFORMANCE STANDARD EQUIVALENT TO THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

COMPOSERS, MUSICOLOGISTS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS SHOULD BE AT A COMPARABLE ADVANCED STANDARD.

HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE IN THE CASES OF PRACTISING ARTISTS WITH PROVEN ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, CULTURE DIVISION, RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, 40TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT BY FEBRUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED ON TEL 594 5621 OR 594 5628.

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LIONS' SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME CHEQUE PRESENTATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE 94-95 LIONS' SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR WONG WILL RECEIVE A CHEQUE FOR \$330,000 FROM MR WILLIAM LEUNG, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 HONG KONG AND MACAU.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC EXTRAVAGANZA "CHARITY TATTOO NIGHT" BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND MORE THAN 1,000 PUPILS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE LIONS' SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 HONG KONG AND MACAU SINCE 1981. IT IS A SOCIAL PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN THE LINKAGE OF PUPILS OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND THOSE OF THE ORDINARY ONES.

"THE SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND ORDINARY SCHOOLS TO INTERACT VIA PARTICIPATION IN JOINED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPORTS DAYS, SWIMMING GALAS, GAMES DAYS, RESIDENTIAL OR DAY CAMPS, PICNICS, FUNFAIRS AND OTHER INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE SCHEME HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTING FOR 14 YEARS AND HAD RECEIVED FULL SUPPORT FROM ALL DISTRICT LIONS CLUBS' PRESIDENTS AND GOVERNORS OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 HONG KONG AND MACAU.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INCREASES EACH YEAR AND NOW 50 SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND 67 ORDINARY SCHOOLS HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LIONS' SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME 1994-95 CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, 18, OCEAN PARK ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, AT 6.15 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,590	0930	-88
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,487	1000	-288
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-343
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-43	1200	-343
LAF TODAY	-60	1500	-43
		1600	-43

LAF RATE 3.75% BID/5.75% OFFER TWI 121.5 *+0.1* 24.11.94

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EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.61	18 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.78	6.61
1 MONTH	4.79	23 MONTHS	3610	4.20	100.00	7.02
3 MONTHS	5.17	29 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.70	7.33
6 MONTHS	5.59	36 MONTHS	3710	7.25	99.50	7.58
12 MONTHS	6.13	58 MONTHS	5909	7.45	97.69	8.19

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 38,947 MN

CLOSED 24 NOVEMBER 1994

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