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GOVERNOR MEETS NCNA DIRECTOR

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THE GOVERNOR, MR CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (THURSDAY) MET THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR ZHOU NAN, FOR AN HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES OF DISCUSSIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE MR ZHOU IN GOOD HEALTH AND ADDED:

"ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT A NEGOTIATING SESSION, WE DID DISCUSS, VERY USEFULLY, MANY OF THE MAJOR ISSUES ON THE HONG KONG AGENDA. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY FRIENDLY FIRST MEETING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO REGULAR AND PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH THE DIRECTOR IN THE FUTURE."

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GOVERNOR PLEDGES TO REVIEW PRESS FREEDOMS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO LOOK AGAIN AT WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND TO REINFORCE PRESS FREEDOMS.

MR PATTEN GAVE THIS UNDERTAKING DURING A MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION.

"WHILE I REMAIN SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE VALUE OF GENERAL DECLARATORY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LEGISLATION, I AM PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION WITH AN OPEN MIND," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION DELEGATION EXPLAINED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ORDINANCE AND THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT VARIOUS LAWS WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE A THREAT TO THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD COMMISSION A REVIEW TO CONSIDER THE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION'S CONCERNS AND TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THEM.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WORK COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR HIS ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7, BUT THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LATER IN THE AUTUMN.

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GOOD PATIENT CARE IN TUEN MUN HOSPITAL ASSURED

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, STRESSED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE STAFF SHORTAGE SITUATION AT TUEN MUN HOSPITAL WAS NOT RESULTING IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE PATIENTS AT ALL.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE BOUND TO BE SOME TEETHING TROUBLES IN THE EARLY MONTHS IN ANY NEW HOSPITAL WHERE SERVICES AND STAFF WERE STILL BEING BUILT UP.

"IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE STAFF ARE HAVING TO WORK RATHER HARDER, AND I WAS VERY HAPPY TO COMPLIMENT THEM ON THEIR GOOD SPIRITS SOMETIMES UNDER QUITE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES," HE SAID.

"THIS IS NOT ACROSS THE BOARD, I MIGHT SAY; THERE ARE PARTICULAR STRAINS BECAUSE THE BIRTH RATE IS VERY HIGH IN TUEN MUN, BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THERE ARE A LOT OF BABIES BEING BORN HERE; THEY'VE HAD TO TAKE OVER SOME EXTRA WARDS AND IT'S THOSE SORT OF THINGS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO FORESEE IN THE PLANNING STAGES BUT I'M HOPEFUL THAT THOSE WILL BE PUT RIGHT TOO," HE ADDED.

"BUT I'VE TAKEN PAINS TO ASK ALL THE DOCTORS AND ALL THE MEDICAL STAFF HERE, AND I'M ASSURED THAT THE PATIENT CARE HERE IS AS GOOD AS IN ANY HOSPITAL ELSEWHERE IN HONG KONG, AND SO THERE IS NO QUESTION OF PATIENTS SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF SOME OF THE STRAIN WHICH IS HAPPENING IN TERMS OF STAFF SHORTAGES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WE'VE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS TRYING TO SORT OUT THE STAFFING SITUATION; THEY'RE SENDING MORE STAFF HERE ALL THE TIME AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME THE SHORTAGES WILL BE ALLEVIATED AND THAT THE STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO WORK A MORE NORMAL ROUTINE," HE SAID.

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NO INTENTION TO LEVY DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS STAGE TO INTRODUCE A FEE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC WASTES.

COMMENTING ON A PRESS REPORT TODAY (THURSDAY) ON DISPOSAL OF WASTES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID IT WAS MISLEADING TO SAY THAT HOUSEHOLDERS MAY BE HIT WITH A RUBBISH DISPOSAL FEE.

DOMESTIC WASTES ARE MAINLY COLLECTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE POSITION WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING A FEE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PRIVATELY COLLECTED WASTES -- COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND CONSTRUCTION WASTES -- PRESENTED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AT LANDFILLS.

"WE FEEL THERE IS A GOOD CASE FOR SUCH A FEE CONSIDERING THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE AMOUNTS OF THESE WASTES BEING PRESENTED FOR DISPOSAL, AS WELL AS THE HIGH COST OF PROVIDING DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

"BESIDES, A FEE MAY ENCOURAGE MINIMISATION OF THESE WASTES AND REDUCE THE DEMAND ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SUCH EXPENSIVE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

"DETAILS OF THE SCHEME HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALISED AND FULL CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY HAS YET TO BE COMPLETED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MORE VEGETABLES SEIZED  
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A LORRY-LOAD OF VEGETABLES WEIGHING OVER ONE TONNE WERE SEIZED AND DESTROYED BY HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING AT MAN KAM TO BORDER CHECKPOINT.

THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR W K LO, SAID THE LORRY CAME FROM THE SAME FARM IN SHENZHEN AS THE ONE IMPLICATED YESTERDAY WHEN 787 KILOGRAMMES OF PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES WERE SEIZED AND DESTROYED.

HE SAID FOUR SAMPLES OF CHOI SUM (CHINESE FLOWERING CABBAGE), WATER SPINACH, PAK CHOI (CHINESE WHITE CABBAGE) AND CHINESE SPINACH WERE TAKEN FOR QUICK SCREENING TESTS FOR PESTICIDE AND THE RESULTS WERE ALL POSITIVE.

DR LO SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS STEPPED-UP CHECKING AND SAMPLING AT THE BORDER CHECKPOINTS AND RETAIL OUTLETS.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WASH AND BLANCH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING.

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BY-ELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD  
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BY-ELECTIONS FOR THE TUEN MUN WEST CONSTITUENCY OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TAI HING CONSTITUENCY OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE HELD SOON AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST CONSTITUENCY ON AUGUST 30.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR ON SEPTEMBER 1 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION AND ON SEPTEMBER 7 FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MAY NOW OBTAIN COPIES OF NOMINATION FORMS AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE, A PERSON MUST BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR AND HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG, BUT HIS NOMINATION MAY ONLY BE SUBSCRIBED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE CONSTITUENCY CONCERNED.

EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER OR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON 827 1122.

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MRS PATTEN TO OPEN FESTIVAL HK POSTCARD DISPLAY  
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YOUNGSTERS WHO WISH TO EXTEND FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL TO CANADIAN CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO VISIT A "FESTIVAL POSTCARD DISPLAY" AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE OVER THE WEEKEND.

THEY CAN FILL IN POSTCARDS WITH THEIR DRAWINGS AND PERSONAL MESSAGES WHICH WILL BE DISPATCHED TO TORONTO, MONTREAL, CALGARY, OTTAWA AND VANCOUVER.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED TO PROMOTE FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE FIVE CANADIAN CITIES AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

THE DISPLAY IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

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ON SHOW WILL BE 500 OUTSTANDING POSTCARDS SELECTED FROM ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY 25,000 STUDENTS FROM SOME 400 SCHOOLS UNDER AN "OPERATION POSTCARD" LAUNCHED IN MARCH.

THE "OPERATION POSTCARD" WAS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL - "HONG KONG AND CANADA: BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC".

THE IDEA WAS TO INVITE HONG KONG YOUNGSTERS TO WRITE MESSAGES OR PRODUCE DRAWINGS ON PRE-PRINTED POSTCARDS WHICH SERVE AS GREETINGS TO THEIR PEERS IN CANADA.

THE POSTCARDS WILL HOPEFULLY RESULT IN LASTING PEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN YOUTHS IN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

YOUTHS VISITING THE THREE-DAY DISPLAY BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM DAILY WILL BE GIVEN THE POSTCARDS TO FILL IN. COMPLETED CARDS SHOULD BE DROPPED IN A COLLECTION BOX AT THE VENUE.

THE "FESTIVAL POSTCARD DISPLAY" WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) BY MRS PATTEN; THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, DR RONALD LEUNG; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, MR JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL 5 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 24).

THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE, ONE OF THE PERFORMING GROUPS IN THE FESTIVAL, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAMME AT 10.20 AM ON SATURDAY IN THE FOYER OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE.

FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, THE BIGGEST-EVER OVERSEAS PROMOTION PROGRAMME STAGED BY HONG KONG, WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 26 IN TORONTO.

IT WILL SHOWCASE A SPECTRUM OF HONG KONG'S BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES TO PEOPLE IN CANADA, AIMING TO FORGE CLOSER TIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "FESTIVAL POSTCARD DISPLAY" WILL BE HELD AT THE FOYER OF THE AUDITORIA BUILDING OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 22) AT 11 AM.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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STATEMENT ON REVISION OF TEXTBOOKS

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IN REPLY TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES ON REVISION OF TEXTBOOKS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS WELL AWARE THAT PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY BURDENED FINANCIALLY THROUGH TEXTBOOKS BEING CHANGED UNNECESSARILY.

HE SAID SCHOOLS WERE ADVISED EVERY YEAR THROUGH CIRCULARS THAT CHANGES BE MADE ONLY IN TEXTBOOKS CURRENTLY IN USE BUT WHICH HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE.

"WHERE A SERIES OF GRADED BOOKS IS TO BE REPLACED, THE NEW SERIES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED GRADUALLY, BEGINNING AT THE LOWEST LEVEL AND NOT AT ALL LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AT ANY ONE TIME EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW SYLLABUS.

"THE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATIONS MEET TWICE A YEAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND REVIEW THE SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN PRACTICE.

"BUT IN VIEW OF TODAY'S PETITION AT THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT THE COUNCIL TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINTS TO FACILITATE INVESTIGATION.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONTACT THE ASSOCIATIONS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT PRACTICE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE GRADING SYSTEM SERVES TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIOLOGICAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GRADING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATER WAS USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E.COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH THAT HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

/THE GRADING .....

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATER IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

"BEACHES WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED HINTERLANDS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE POLLUTED THAN THE GRADES SUGGEST DURING AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN.

"BATHERS SHOULD AVOID SUCH BEACHES FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER A STORM, LONGER IF THE WEATHER REMAINS OVERCAST OR LESS IF THERE IS STRONG SUNSHINE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS:

- \* GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.
- \* GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.
- \* GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.
- \* GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS VERY POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A GRADE "4" OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, AS THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A GRADE "3" OR BETTER WAS CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG TODAY ARE:

BEACH -----	PREVIOUS GRADING ----- (AS AT 6.8.92)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 20.8.92)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	1
DEEP WATER BAY	2	2
HAIRPIN	2	1
MIDDLE BAY	2	2
REPULSE BAY	1	2
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	2	1
TURTLE COVE	2	1
STANLEY MAIN	2	1
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	3	3
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	3	3

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	2	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	3	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	3	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	2	2

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	2	1
TONG FUK	2	2
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	2	2
SILVERMINE BAY	3	2
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	2	1

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	4	3
APPROACH	3	2
CASAM	3	2

GEMINI	3	3
HOI MEI WAN	3	2
LIDO	3	2
TING KAU	3	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	2	2

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACH

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

HAIRPIN, ST STEPHEN'S, TURTLE COVE, STANLEY MAIN, KWUN YAM WAN, TUNG O AND CAMPERS FROM "2" TO "1"; BIG WAVE BAY, SILVERMINE BAY, CLEAR WATER BAY (1ST), CLEAR WATER BAY (2ND), APPROACH, CASAM, HOI MEI WAN AND LIDO FROM "3" TO "2"; ANGLERS' FROM "4" TO "3"; REPULSE BAY FROM "1" TO "2".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR DAVID L HALL ON 835 1234.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN INVITES APPLICATIONS  
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A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE OFFERED UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND NIGERIA.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD.

THEY ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES NORMALLY EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF TWO ACADEMIC YEARS.

THE AWARDS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

/CANDIDATES SHOULD .....

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE:

- \* PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG;
- \* NORMALLY NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP STARTS (PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE BELOW 28 YEARS OF AGE); AND
- \* GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS. CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY, FIFTH FLOOR, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, 16 ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL 801 5776) FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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SAFETY COURSE FOR CAISSON WORKERS

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AN ADDITIONAL COURSE ON CAISSON WORK SAFETY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NEXT THURSDAY (AUGUST 27) TO MEET THE OVERWHELMING ENROLMENT TO THE ONE HELD TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE WORKERS BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THEIR WORK," CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID.

"WE HOPE THAT BY TAKING PART IN TRAINING COURSES WORKERS WILL HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS IN CAISSON AND MANHOLE WORK AND WILL MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO AVOID ACCIDENTS," HE ADDED.

THE ONE-DAY COURSE, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL, FEATURES TALKS ON PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POTENTIAL HAZARDS SUCH AS HARMFUL GASES IN CAISSON AND MANHOLE OPERATIONS.

IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF SELECTED CASES WILL BE ANALYSED AND DISCUSSED IN CLASS TO FURTHER INCREASE THE GENERAL SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG WORKERS.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM ON AUGUST 27.

INTERESTED WORKERS MAY CALL THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL ON 739 9377 FOR APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES.

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TWO UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE TWO UNAUTHORISED BUILDINGS IN NORTH POINT AND MONG KOK SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE REAR LANE OF WINNER HOUSE, 310-316 KING'S ROAD AND THE STAIRHEAD OF KINGLAND APARTMENTS, 737-741C NATHAN ROAD AND 46-50 BUTE STREET.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 26 RESPECTIVELY WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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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 1992-93.

THE ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH ORCHESTRAL TRAINING.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AND GAVE PERFORMANCE OVERSEAS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, CHINA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 16. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION AT A LATER STAGE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 802 0657.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1992

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 109.6 *-0.1* 20.8.92	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.30 PCT	15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.57	3.41
1 MONTH	2.37 PCT	18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.74	3.67
3 MONTHS	2.45 PCT	21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.75	3.93
6 MONTHS	2.65 PCT	24 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.72	4.07
12 MONTHS	3.15 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 2,885 MN

CLOSED 20 AUGUST 1992

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