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TRANSCRIPT OF GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER HIS ADDRESS AT THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON:-

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, CAN YOU GIVE US SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES CONSIDER THE MARITAL STATUS AND PREGNANCY OUGHT TO BE FACTORS IN SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION. THEY ARE GOING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LEGISLATION DESPITE WHAT THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS SAID ON FRIDAY?

GOVERNOR: YES, WE ARE GOING TO BRING FORWARD COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS ON SEX DISCRIMINATION. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CONFUSION. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO PUT CLEAR STRAIGHT-A-WAY.

QUESTION: ..... SHENZHEN ACCIDENT?

GOVERNOR: OBVIOUSLY, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THOSE WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES IN SHENZHEN AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IF THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES NEED ANY ASSISTANCE FROM OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, THEY WILL LET US KNOW. WE DID OFFER ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS WE HEARD ABOUT THE DISASTER. BUT WE WERE ASSURED THAT IT WOULDN'T BE REQUIRED. BUT, WE MUST ALWAYS MAKE IT CLEAR IN HONG KONG THAT WE'RE READY TO OFFER A HELPING HAND TO COLLEAGUES IN CHINA ON OCCASIONS LIKE THIS.

QUESTION: WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT WORK SAFETY?

GOVERNOR: THAT'S A MATTER FOR THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES. I HAVE TO SAY THAT THOUGH WE HAVEN'T, I THINK, HAD A TRAGEDY QUITE LIKE THAT, WE DON'T HAVE A SOAPBOX THAT WE CAN BOOST FROM BECAUSE OUR RECORD ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS BAD AND MUST BE A GREAT DEAL BETTER. IT'S PARTICULARLY BAD IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND WE NEED TO IMPROVE IT. WE ARE TAKING FURTHER MEASURES TO DO SO BUT WE CAN'T LECTURE OTHER PEOPLE 'CAUSE WE'VE GOT TO DO BETTER OURSELVES.

QUESTION: MR SUEN SAID ON FRIDAY THAT HE HAD NO PLANS TO INCLUDE OTHER MARITAL STATUS AND PREGNANCY IN THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL. ARE YOU DOING A U-TURN ON THAT LINE?

GOVERNOR: NO, WE ARE NOT DOING A U-TURN. I'M TELLING YOU AS I DID A MOMENT OR TWO AGO WHAT THE SITUATION IS.

QUESTION: DO YOU MIND GIVING US A CURTAIN RAISER ON THE PROPERTY PRICES BECAUSE EVER SINCE THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED MEASURES TO CURB THE PROPERTY SPECULATION, I BELIEVE IT HAD DROPPED BETWEEN 10 AND 15 PERCENT. THERE IS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY IN THE PROPERTY SECTOR, AND THAT'S BEEN REFLECTED IN THE STOCK MARKET. COULD YOU JUST GIVE US A CURTAIN RAISER ON WHAT SORT OF MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE?

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GOVERNOR: I'VE BEEN READING ALL SORTS OF MORE OR LESS INFORMED SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY DO BUT YOU WON'T HAVE VERY LONG TO WAIT. THE TASK FORCE, AS I SAID IN MY SPEECH, IS REPORTING TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS WEEK AND SOON AFTER THAT WE'LL BE MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT. I MENTIONED THAT WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO GET RIGHT A RATHER DIFFICULT BALANCE. ON THE ONE HAND, WE WANT TO ABATE THE STEEP INCREASE IN PRICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD BE FUNDAMENTALLY DESTABILISING FOR THE PROPERTY SECTOR. I HOPE THAT WE'VE GOT THAT BALANCE RIGHT.

QUESTION: HOW WILL YOU DESCRIBE THIS PACKAGE? IS IT VERY USEFUL, OR MILD OR WHAT?

GOVERNOR: I THINK IT'S USEFUL, SENSIBLE AND BALANCED.

QUESTION: WILL YOU ADVISE THE PUBLIC NOT TO BUY FLATS AT THE MOMENT?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK THAT POLITICAL LEADERS ARE SENSIBLE TO GIVE DETAILED FINANCIAL ADVICE TO INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH PEOPLE CAN MAKE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC CHOICES WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS. LAST QUESTION.

QUESTION: IN YOUR SPEECH, YOU MADE A REFERENCE TO A HOPE THAT THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS WOULD BE RESOLVED ON THE 29TH. ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT YOU MIGHT END UP WITH EMILY LAU'S 60 DIRECTLY-ELECTED SEATS ON YOUR DESK?

GOVERNOR: I REPEAT THAT I HOPE THAT THE BEST PROPOSALS WHICH ARE IN FRONT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE ONES IN OUR BILL ARE PASSED AND PASSED WITH AS A HANDSOME A MAJORITY AS POSSIBLE. THAT, I THINK, IS THE BEST WAY FORWARD FOR HONG KONG AND I DON'T THINK IT'S SENSIBLE FOR ME TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOME OTHER PROPOSALS WENT FORWARD. I THINK OURS ARE THE BEST. WE WILL ARGUE VIGOROUSLY FOR THEM. WE WILL LOBBY FOR THEM AND WE WILL VOTE FOR THEM. THANKS VERY MUCH INDEED.

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GOVERNOR URGES LEGCO TO APPROVE ELECTORAL PROPOSALS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (MONDAY) STRONGLY URGED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT PROPOSALS WHEN THEY VOTED ON THEM ON JUNE 29.

"THE ADMINISTRATION FIRMLY BELIEVES, STRONGLY BELIEVES, THEY ARE BY FAR THE BEST ON THE TABLE.

"I BELIEVE THE COMMUNITY -WHICH HAS REMAINED SOLIDLY SUPPORTIVE - WANTS TO SEE THE MATTER RESOLVED ON JUNE 29 AS WELL.

"THAT WAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUT THE ARGUMENT ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BEHIND US, AND GET ON WITH PREPARING FOR THE ELECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE COMMUNITY REGARDS AS CREDIBLE," HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR PATTEN SAID HONG KONG'S CREDIBLE LEGISLATURE WAS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF ITS WAY OF LIFE.

HE SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION SPECIFIED THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE CONSTITUTED BY ELECTIONS AND THE BASIC LAW PROVIDED FOR A RISING NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS.

IN THE INTERIM, THERE WILL BE A MIXTURE OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT ELECTIONS.

"OUR CONCERN OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE ELECTIONS - WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT - SHOULD BE OPEN AND FAIR, AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR PATTEN SAID THAT WAS NOT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA, BUT A FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD ITSELF BE CREDIBLE.

"THAT MATTERS, BECAUSE UPON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE LEGISLATURE DEPENDS THE CREDIBILITY OF SO MUCH ELSE - THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IN BUSINESS, THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IN THE COURTS." HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON WHY DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SHOULD MEAN DEADLOCK ACROSS-THE-BOARD.

"AND I AM PLEASED THAT OUR CHINESE COLLEAGUES INCREASINGLY APPEAR TO TAKE THAT VIEW TOO," HE SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MORE RAPID PROGRESS MUST BE MADE ON THE LOCALISATION AND ADAPTATION OF LAWS; AND THE NEW AIRPORT MUST BE COMPLETED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

REFERRING TO ANOTHER ISSUE THAT IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO BUSINESSES, MR PATTEN SAID A TASK FORCE STUDYING RISING PROPERTY PRICES WOULD BE REPORTING TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS WEEK.

"I HOPE THAT THE MEASURES WE PROPOSE WILL HELP TO ALLAY THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE ON THIS FRONT.

"WE HAVE TO STRIKE A DIFFICULT BALANCE, ABATING THE STEEP INCREASE IN PRICES WITHOUT DAMAGING THE WHOLE PROPERTY SECTOR," HE SAID.

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PRESS STATEMENT ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ISSUES

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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, TODAY (MONDAY):

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RECENT REPORTS IN THE MEDIA ABOUT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVES WHICH REQUIRE CLARIFICATION. THE ISSUES CONCERNED ARE SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROTECTION FOR PREGNANT WORKERS AND MARITAL STATUS. THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION ON THESE THREE ISSUES IS AS FOLLOWS:

ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT, WE WILL BE DRAFTING LEGISLATION TO COVER THIS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT GENUINE CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT ARE DEALT WITH FIRMLY AND SERIOUSLY. CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, INSOFAR AS THEY CONSTITUTE INDECENT ASSAULT, ARE ALREADY CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

ON THE QUESTION OF PROTECTION FOR PREGNANT WORKERS, THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH IS COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE. WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THAT ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THAT PREGNANT WORKERS ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

ON MARITAL STATUS, THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AGAINST SEX DISCRIMINATION IN ANY AREAS WHERE THERE IS A CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR IT.

IN DRAWING UP OUR LEGISLATION WE WILL BE EXAMINING THE CASE FOR COVERING THE ISSUE OF MARITAL STATUS AGAINST THIS CLEARLY STATED CRITERION.

OUR OVERALL AIM WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT LEGISLATION ON SEX DISCRIMINATION IS SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE TO COVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE.

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MORE CLEARANCE ALLOWANCE FOR TIU KENG LENG RESIDENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO INCREASE BY 46 PER CENT THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO PERMIT HOLDERS OF STRUCTURES IN THE TIU KENG LENG COTTAGE AREA TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR PHASE III DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN.

THE REVISED RATE OF \$5,037 PER SQUARE METRE OF FLOOR AREA WILL BE APPLICABLE TO DOMESTIC STRUCTURES, SHOPS AND OTHER PREMISES IN THE COTTAGE AREA.

THE AMOUNT OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT WILL BE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE FLOOR AREAS OF BOTH THE GROUND AND UPPER FLOORS OF THE STRUCTURES AS RECORDED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IN THE RECENT SURVEY.

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THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE WILL FORM PART OF THE CLEARANCE PACKAGE TO THE CLEAREES WHICH WILL INCLUDE REHOUSING, REMOVAL ALLOWANCE RANGING FROM \$3,180 - \$8,690 AND A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE OF \$55.73 PER SQUARE METRE FOR ANCILLARY AREAS SUCH AS ENCLOSED AND PAVED OPEN SPACE AND PORCHES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AMOUNTING TO \$721.7 MILLION TO PAY THE CLEAREES.

ELIGIBLE CLEAREES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE NEARBY HAU TAK ESTATE OR OTHER ESTATES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.

THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO BUY THEIR OWN FLATS UNDER THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WITH PRIORITY.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HOLDING TWO BLOCKS OF ABOUT 1,500 FLATS IN HAU TAK ESTATE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE CLEAREES SINCE ITS COMPLETION IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

ELIGIBLE SHOP AND WORKSHOP OPERATORS WILL BE OFFERED RESTRICTED TENDER FOR SHOP AND MARKET SPACES MANAGED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLEARANCE WAS TREATED AS A SPECIAL CASE HAVING REGARD TO THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TIU KENG LENG COTTAGE AREA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "PHASE III DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WILL HINGE ON THE CLEARANCE OF THE COTTAGE AREA. ON TOP OF PRIVATE HOUSING, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PUT UP 12,000 FLATS THERE.

"ANY FURTHER DELAY OF THE CLEARANCE WILL PUT BACK THE COMPLETION DATES OF THE HOUSING PROJECTS THERE AND HENCE DELAY MUCH NEEDED HOUSING SUPPLY."

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL START REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS LATER THIS YEAR. THE TARGET IS TO COMPLETE THE CLEARANCE OPERATION BY MID-1995.

ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE COTTAGE AREA UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CLEARANCE.

A TELEPHONE HOTLINE 351 4135 WILL BE SET UP BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM THE RESIDENTS ON THE CLEARANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TIU KENG LENG COTTAGE AREA RESIDENTS WERE BRIEFED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TODAY (MONDAY) ABOUT THE REVISED CLEARANCE TERMS.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE APPOINTED

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF DR LEUNG YAT-MING, JULIAN, AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

DR LEUNG IS A MEMBER OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND A LECTURER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE WILL TAKE UP THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE POST ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

"WITH HIS GOOD KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, DR LEUNG IS EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR THE JOB," MR WONG SAID.

"I AM SURE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE PROVISION OF A BROAD, BALANCED AND COHERENT SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO THE SIXTH FORM, INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATION," HE SAID.

DR LEUNG'S DUTIES WILL ALSO INCLUDE INITIATING, DIRECTING AND EVALUATING PROJECTS, INCLUDING RESEARCH, RELATED TO CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, AND ORGANISING WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER EDUCATIONALISTS ON CURRICULUM MATTERS.

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EMSD MANAGEMENT AND STAFF HAVE USEFUL DISCUSSION

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THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR HUGH PHILLIPSON, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD A USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADING FUND SCHEME AT A MEETING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON. AT THE MEETING, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO SET UP WORKING GROUPS TO CONSULT STAFF VIEWS ON ALL ISSUES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADING FUND AND WORKSHOP RESTRUCTURING.

MR PHILLIPSON WILL LATER ON GIVE DETAILS ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUPS AFTER TAKING ACCOUNT OF STAFF VIEWS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS OBTAINED CONSENSUS WITH THE STAFF ASSOCIATIONS FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMERCIALISATION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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SITE SAFETY TRAINING CONSULTANCY CONTRACT SIGNED  
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THE WORKS BRANCH TODAY (MONDAY) AWARDED A \$4.9 MILLION CONTRACT ON A SITE SAFETY TRAINING CONSULTANCY AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO PROMOTE SITE SAFETY CULTURE IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE BROOKLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY TRAINING WILL PROVIDE A NINE-WEEK SAFETY ADVISORY COURSE FOR 15 SENIOR ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONALS FROM THE WORKS DEPARTMENTS, WHO WILL BE TRAINED TO SET UP SAFETY ADVISORY UNITS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM-BASED CONSULTANCY WILL ALSO RUN A NUMBER OF GENERAL SAFETY COURSES FOR ABOUT 1,500 NON-SAFETY SPECIALISED PROFESSIONALS AND SITE STAFF TO INCREASE THEIR GENERAL SAFETY AWARENESS AND IDENTIFY THEIR ROLE IN CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY.

THE TRAINING CONSULTANCY HAS BEEN RUNNING COURSES ON SITE SAFETY IN ENGLAND FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, AND MANY OF THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS WERE FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SENIOR SITE SAFETY MANAGERS OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S CHINESE ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED  
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THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE 1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF OCCUPATIONAL RETIREMENT SCHEMES HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT IS ALSO PUBLISHED IN CHINESE. THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REPORT, AT \$30 EACH, ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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JUDICIAL REVIEW ON DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY OF A DENTIST  
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE SECRETARY TO THE DENTAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, MR RUPERT CHEUNG MING-BOR, WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, ON HIS BEHALF, DID FILE AN APPLICATION ON JUNE 3 TO THE HIGH COURT FOR LEAVE TO APPLY FOR "JUDICIAL REVIEW" IN RESPECT OF AN ORDER OF THE DENTAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG AT A DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY HELD ON APRIL 21.

THE DEFENDANT DENTIST IN QUESTION WAS ONLY REFERRED TO AS "DR A" BY THE DENTAL COUNCIL AT THE SAID INQUIRY.

MOREOVER, THE SECRETARY TO THE DENTAL COUNCIL REGRETS THAT, PENDING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HIS CURRENT APPLICATION BY THE HIGH COURT, HE MAY NOT OFFER ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENT ON THE CASE.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HOLIDAY OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVICE ON JUNE 11 (SATURDAY) AND 14 (TUESDAY) DURING THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

EIGHT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPEN ON JUNE 12 (SUNDAY) AND 13 (MONDAY).

THEY ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAUMATEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON THE TWO DAYS.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOUR DAYS OF HOILDAY.

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DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT JUNE 13 (MONDAY), THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, WAS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

HOWEVER, IF ONE OF THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS, WHICH IS ALSO A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, ALSO FALLS ON JUNE 13, THE HOLIDAY FOR THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL SHOULD BE GRANTED ON JUNE 14 (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR WAGE LEVELS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AN EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A FULL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE OF THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 717 1771.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 375.501 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 322.405 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,064	0930	+345
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,626	1000	+375
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+415
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+437	1200	+417
LAF TODAY	+125	1500	+437
		1600	+437
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 125.1	*+0.0*	6.6.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.66	18 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.04	5.64
1 MONTH	3.75	24 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.68	6.06
3 MONTHS	4.05	29 MONTHS	3610	4.20	95.40	6.40
6 MONTHS	4.50	32 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.60	6.54
12 MONTHS	5.09	35 MONTHS	3704	6.15	99.01	6.63

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 24,600 MN

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