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SPEECH BY GOVERNOR AT OPENING CEREMONY OF
JUNIOR MEN'S SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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THE FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF A SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT
HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FUJIFILM WORLD
JUNIOR MEN'S SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 1992 THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN OPENING THIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS TO WELCOME, ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG SQUASH RACKETS
ASSOCIATION AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THOSE WHO
COME FROM SO MANY DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD TO TAKE PART IN THIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH US. WE OFFER THEM ALL OUR HOSPITALITY AND WE ARE
SURE THAT, AS WELL AS ENJOYING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS, YOU ENJOY THE DAYS
THAT YOU SPEND WITH US IN HONG KONG AS WELL.

I HAVE TO CONFESS AT THE OUTSET THAT I HAVEN'T PLAYED SQUASH
SINCE I WAS AT UNIVERSITY AND THEN I WAS A PRETTY INADEQUATE PLAYER.
I NEVER HAD THAT BRUTAL DRIVE WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN TO BE
ESSENTIAL TO PLAY SQUASH REALLY WELL. I KNOW THAT SQUASH, LIKE ALL
GREAT GAMES, IS MORE THAN JUST A SPORT. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL THE
WORDS OF THE LATE BILL SHANKLEY, THE MANAGER OF LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL
CLUB, WHO ONCE SAID THAT FOOTBALL ISN'T A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH,
IT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT. AND FROM MY EXPERIENCE, THOSE
OF MY FRIENDS WHO STILL PLAY SQUASH WELL INTO MIDDLE LIFE AND BEYOND
FEEL ABOUT IT AS BILL SHANKLEY FELT ABOUT FOOTBALL.

CERTAINLY IT'S A GAME WHICH HAS MANY SUPPORTERS, ENTHUSIASTIC
PLAYERS HERE IN HONG KONG. WE'VE BEEN PLAYING SQUASH FOR WELL OVER A
HUNDRED YEARS AND TODAY I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE 600 SQUASH COURTS,
3,000 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION AND
ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE WHO IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, PERHAPS SOME ALMOST
AS BADLY AS ME, PLAY SQUASH THEMSELVES. SO WE ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT SQUASH AND THAT IS WHY I AM SURE IT'S WHOLLY APPROPRIATE THAT
WE ABOUT SQUASH AND THAT IS WHY I AM SURE IT'S WHOLLY APPROPRIATE
THAT WE SHOULD BE THE VENUE FOR THIS IMPORTANT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I TOO WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE
TO HOLD THIS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HONG KONG. I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MR
MURRAY IN THANKING THOSE WHO'VE WORKED SO HARD TO ORGANISE THE
CHAMPIONSHIPS. I KNOW HOW MUCH EFFORT HAS BEEN INVOLVED. AND OF
COURSE I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THOSE
WHO IN VARIOUS WAYS HAVE SPONSORED THIS - THE FUJIFILM, WHO HAVE
GIVEN US THEIR COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP, THEIR PRIVATE PATRONAGE WHICH
IS SO IMPORTANT TO THIS CHAMPIONSHIPS; THE HONG KONG SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND OF COURSE THE URBAN COUNCIL WHO DO MUCH TO
IMPROVE AND RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.
SO TO ALL OF THEM I SAY A VERY WARM THANK YOU.

BUT ABOVE ALL I SAY TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE TAKING PART IN THE
CHAMPIONSHIPS, OR WATCHING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS, THAT WE HOPE YOU'LL HAVE
A VERY ENJOYABLE FEW DAYS, WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOURSELF SO MUCH
THAT YOU'LL COME BACK TO HONG KONG MANY TIMES IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH IN DEED.

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RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH

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ANGLERS WISHING TO INDULGE THEIR PASTIME IN LOCAL RESERVOIRS DURING THE COMING FISHING SEASON MAY APPLY FOR A LICENCE FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, STARTING AUGUST 17 (MONDAY).

THE NEXT FISHING SEASON IN RESERVOIRS WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1.

THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY CAN CALL AT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 44TH FLOOR OF WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAINLAND DEPOT AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI YEE STREET AND ARGYLE STREET IN MONG KONG, CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRES ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 21 ON WAH STREET AND ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PERFECT MOUNT GARDENS IN PO MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND PAY A LICENCE FEE OF \$20. A LICENCE WOULD NORMALLY BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY UPON SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE BY POST TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT WANCHAI TOWER II, GIVING THE APPLICANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHOTOCOPY OF HIS IDENTITY CARD, TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE FOR \$20 MADE PAYABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

A LICENCE WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE APPLICANT BY ORDINARY MAIL. A LICENCE WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 13.

ANGLERS HAVE TO OBSERVE CERTAIN RULES WHILE FISHING IN RESERVOIRS. THEY SHOULD NOT USE A NET OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AS ONLY ROD AND LINE IS ALLOWED.

EXPLOSIVES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES ARE PROHIBITED. THE USE OF A BOAT, DINGHY OR RAFT FOR FISHING IS ALSO BANNED.

AN ANGLERS'S DAILY CATCH SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN TWO BLACK BASS (360 MM OR OVER IN LENGTH), TWO SNAKEHEAD (300 MM OR OVER) AND TWO TILAPIA (180 MM OR OVER).

THESE AND OTHER RULES ARE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE LICENCE.

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SPECIAL ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SPECIAL DOG INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO FOR FISHERMEN TO HAVE THEIR DOGS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

THE DRIVE, A REGULAR EXERCISE SINCE 1980, IS INTENDED TO HELP FISHERMEN WHO HAVE LITTLE TIME TO TAKE THEIR DOGS TO AN INOCULATION CENTRE OR A GOVERNMENT KENNEL FOR INOCULATION.

STARTING FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 17), THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS WILL GO TO THE TERRITORY'S SEVEN FISHING PORTS ONE AFTER THE OTHER AND MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM DAILY.

THE WHOLE OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR SEVEN WORKING DAYS UNTIL AUGUST 25.

THEY WILL VISIT THE FISHING PORTS IN SHA TAU KOK ON AUGUST 17; SHAU KEI WAN ON AUGUST 17 AND 18; SAM MUN CHAI ON AUGUST 18 AND 19; CHEUNG CHAU ON AUGUST 19 AND 20; CASTLE PEAK BAY ON AUGUST 20 AND 21; SAI KUNG ON AUGUST 20 AND 21; AND ABERDEEN ON AUGUST 24 AND 25.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR K K LIU, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE DRIVE WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF RABIES IN HONG KONG.

"THE TERRITORY REGAINED THE RABIES-FREE AREA STATUS ON JULY 10, 1989 BY HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED THE OUTBREAK OF ANY INDIGENOUS RABIES CASE SINCE JULY 10, 1987," HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT RABIES WAS A DEADLY DISEASE TRANSMISSIBLE FROM ANIMALS TO HUMAN.

DOGS ON FISHING VESSELS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH OTHER ANIMALS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT THAT FISHERMEN'S DOGS ARE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AT LEAST EVERY THREE YEARS TO KEEP UP THEIR IMMUNITY," DR LIU ADDED.

HE CALLED ON FISHERMEN WHO OWN DOGS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL INOCULATION SERVICE.

"THE DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED IN 1980, SINCE THEN A TOTAL OF 4,521 DOGS OWNED BY FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN INOCULATED," HE NOTED.

UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE, ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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40 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SOLD

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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,705,800.

THE SUM WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE AUCTION.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK FA11 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$240,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK FA2 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$210,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR EW8348.

FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
EX667	15,000	EX3282	21,000	EX388	82,000	EX8900	6,000
EX973	7,000	*CC600	130,000	*FA11	240,000	AY1673	11,000
EW8348	1,000	EX911	40,000	EX605	5,000	EX1112	11,000
*FA57	41,000	AA8119	26,000	CF314	9,000	*AV7878	72,000
EX6008	8,000	*FA2	210,000	*CS69	136,000	EW911	40,000
AL5020	8,000	EX1668	61,000	EX3219	4,000	EX1033	5,000
EX199	16,800	EX3288	38,000	EX880	40,000	EX9005	5,000
*BC20	121,000	*FB828	80,000	*FA86	88,000	*DA929	23,000
EX2336	5,000	EX899	32,000	EX7301	2,000	EX6188	6,000
EW8266	4,000	EX936	13,000	XX791	31,000	EX662	12,000

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 178TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$143,404,905.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR TWO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT TO THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AT THE JUNCTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD AND LOK SHAN ROAD TO ENHANCE CIRCULATION.

DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE MARKET WILL BE MORE COMMODIOUS AND ACCESSIBLE AFTER A RE-ARRANGEMENT OF LAYOUT AND THE OPENING OF AN ADDITIONAL ENTRANCE.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 158 WET FOODSTUFF STALLS, 80 DRY FOODSTUFF STALLS, 30 FISH STALLS AND NINE MEAT STALLS, WHILE THE EXISTING EIGHT COOKED FOOD STALLS WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A MARKET ECONOMIC AIR TREATMENT SYSTEM, THE INDOOR TEMPERATURE OF THE MARKET WILL BE LOWERED AND VENTILATION IMPROVED.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE RECREATION AREAS AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND OUTSIDE THE MARKET AND THE BASKETBALL COURT ON THE ROOF.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR BID BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 4.

MEANWHILE, THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD SYSTEM FOR THE TAI PO SPORTS COMPLEX.

THE SYSTEM WILL COMPRISE A DISPLAY BOARD, AN ANALOGUE REAL TIME CLOCK, A 45-MINUTE SOCCER CLOCK AND A DOTS-COLOURED DISPLAY MATRIX.

IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISPLAY BOTH CHINESE CHARACTERS AND ENGLISH LETTERS, SOCCER SCORES, TIMING AND SCORES FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND ALSO PERMIT SIMPLE ANIMATION AND GRAPHIC DISPLAY FOR PRESENTING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WILL CLOSE AT NOON, SEPTEMBER 11.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO STAGE CONCERT

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THE 75-MEMBER HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL STAGE AN "ENCHANTING SYMPHONIC MUSIC" CONCERT ON SEPTEMBER 13 (SUNDAY) AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

UNDER THE BATON OF ITS CONDUCTOR, MR FUNG WING-KIT, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY TWO CLASSICAL PIECES: BEETHOVEN'S "SYMPHONY NO. 1 IN C MAJOR, OP. 21" AND SCHUBERT'S "SYMPHONY NO. 7 IN C MAJOR".

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AND HAS PERFORMED OVERSEAS IN AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, UNITED KINGDOM AS WELL AS IN CHINA AND MACAU, WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIANS AND CONDUCTORS INCLUDING FOU TS'ONG, EDEN AND TAMIR, SHALOM RONLY-RIKLIS, GEORG TINTNER, SIR DAVID WILLCORKS, KENNETH TEAN AND WING-SEI YIP.

OTHER PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED A JOINT CONCERT WITH THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ON THE 1987/88 SEASON, PRESENTATION BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IN ITS "PLATFORM FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS SERIES" IN 1987 AND TWO PERFORMANCES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN 1988.

TICKETS AT \$20 AND \$30 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT URBOTIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 802 0657.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,770
REVERSAL OF LAF	-1,000
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,770 *
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,770

* LAF TO BE REVERSED ON 17.8.92 -270 MN

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER

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