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DEPUTY LAW DRAFTSMAN ERIC AU PASSES AWAY

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STAFF MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WERE DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE DEATH ON MONDAY OF THEIR COLLEAGUE, DEPUTY LAW DRAFTSMAN MR ERIC AU SING-WAI, AGED 39.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID HE WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED BY MR AU'S DEATH.

MR MATHEWS SAID: "MR AU'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN IMMENSE, PARTICULARLY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILINGUAL LAW DRAFTING PROGRAMME.

"MR AU WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE BILINGUAL LAW DRAFTING PROGRAMME AND BELIEVED PROFOUNDLY IN THE USEFULNESS OF THE PROGRAMME TO THE COMMUNITY.

"HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED," MR MATHEWS SAID.

MR AU HAD AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. HE UNDERTOOK A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY WORK AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE RED CROSS.

HE PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN THE RED CROSS'S FLOOD RELIEF WORK IN EAST CHINA LAST YEAR AND WAS SELECTED IN 1991 ONE OF THE "10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS OF HONG KONG".

MR AU WAS A MEMBER OF THE BASIC LAW CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

MR AU JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER II ON JULY 24, 1972. HE WAS AWARDED A GOVERNMENT LEGAL TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP IN 1976 AND JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS A LEGAL TRAINEE IN JULY 1980.

HE WAS APPOINTED CROWN COUNSEL IN MARCH 1982 UPON HIS ADMISSION AS A SOLICITOR IN HONG KONG, AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN OCTOBER 1984, TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN DECEMBER 1988, AND TO THE PRESENT RANK OF PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN JULY 1991.

MR AU COLLAPSED AT AN EXIT OF THE PRINCE EDWARD MTR STATION ON MONDAY EVENING AND WAS CERTIFIED DEAD ON ARRIVAL IN HOSPITAL.

MR AU IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

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HOTLINES ON RATES DEMAND NOTES SET UP

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THE TREASURY WILL INTRODUCE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) NEW TELEPHONE HOTLINES WITH A RECORDED MESSAGE ADVISING RATEPAYERS ON HOW TO OBTAIN DUPLICATE RATES DEMAND NOTES.

RATEPAYERS MAY DIAL 829 0588 FOR AN ENGLISH MESSAGE OR 829 0533 FOR A CHINESE MESSAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID RATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WERE DUE FOR PAYMENT ON APRIL 30.

HE ADVISED RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR DEMAND NOTE BY APRIL 11 TO OBTAIN A DUPLICATE ONE AT THE RATES SECTION, 30TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, HONG KONG OR AT ANY OF THE TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES.

THE NEW HOTLINES WILL STRENGTHEN THE DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES ON OTHER QUESTIONS ON RATES DEMAND NOTES, RATEPAYERS MAY CALL TEL. 829 5011.

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CLOSURE DEADLINE FOR OPEN NIGHTCLUB EXTENDED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE "OPEN NIGHTCLUB AND DAY-TIME PARKING LOT" BORDERING THE WATERFRONT POLICE STATION IN CENTRAL WOULD BE EXTENDED TO JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP CONVENED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE GRANTED THE EXTENSION AFTER CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY THE STALL OPERATORS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "NIGHTCLUB" OPERATORS HAD REJECTED A SIMILAR OFFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT DURING A MEETING WITH THE WORKING GROUP ON MARCH 25.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HAWKERS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY REVERSED THEIR POSITION AND SUBMITTED A COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES FROM THE MAJORITY OF HAWKERS YESTERDAY (MONDAY) TO INDICATE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW DEADLINE.

A REVISION IN THE WORK SCHEDULE OF THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION PROJECT HAD ENABLED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL CLOSURE DEADLINE ON MARCH 31, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/HOWEVER, HE

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HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GRANT ANY FURTHER EXTENSIONS AS THE SITE WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A WORKS AREA THIS SUMMER.

TURNING TO THE LAST MEETING WITH THE HAWKERS, HE SAID THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT AN EX-GRATIA PAYMENT OF \$7,500 WOULD BE OFFERED TO ALL LICENSED ITINERANT HAWKERS IF THEY SURRENDERED THEIR PERMITS.

HE SAID THEY COULD ALSO CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THEIR BUSINESS IN MINI-STALLS IN THE URBAN COUNCIL MARKETS OR ON-STREET FIXED-PITCH STALLS UNDER THE PREFERENTIAL CONDITIONS OFFERED IN THE ITINERANT HAWKER LICENCE REDUCTION SCHEME.

HE STRESSED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD NOT MAKE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE UNLICENSED HAWKERS AT THE "NIGHTCLUB" BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIRNESS FOR ALL HAWKERS IN THE TERRITORY.

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VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN TO START TOMORROW

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THE ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL START TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND LAST UNTIL JULY 1.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, SAID OUT OF THE 3.7 MILLION ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE, 1.9 MILLION WERE ALREADY ON THE ROLL.

MR LAI URGED THE REMAINING 1.8 MILLION TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS.

"ONCE REGISTERED, AN ELECTOR WILL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN ALL THE GEOGRAPHICALLY-BASED ELECTIONS," MR LAI SAID.

GENERALLY, PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE, WHO ARE HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR HAVE ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS, ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OVER 1,400 DISTRIBUTION POINTS AT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG BANK, HANG SENG BANK, CHARTERED BANK AND BANK OF CHINA GROUP.

REQUESTS FOR THE FORMS CAN ALSO BE MADE THROUGH THE REGISTRATION HOTLINE 827 1122.

/MR LAI

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MR LAI ALSO INDICATED THAT OVER 170,000 APPLICATION FORMS WOULD BE POSTED TO PERSONS ON THE MAILING LIST FOR URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS AND TO SOME DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS AND VEHICLE OWNERS WHO ARE NOT YET ENROLLED AS ELECTORS.

MR LAI URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS TO REPORT CHANGES OF THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, BY FILLING IN A REGISTRATION FORM OR WRITING TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

"OVER 98,000 POLL CARDS WERE RETURNED UNDELIVERED IN THE 1991 ELECTIONS. EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO TRACE THE ELECTORS CONCERNED. IF NO CONTACT COULD BE RE-ESTABLISHED, SUCH ELECTORS WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REGISTER," HE SAID.

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FOUR MORE HIV CARRIERS FOUND

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ONE MORE WOMAN WAS FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (FEBRUARY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED WOMEN TO 11, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

REVIEWING THE LATEST SITUATION OF AIDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID APART FROM THE WOMAN, THREE MEN WERE TESTED HIV POSITIVE LAST MONTH. THIS BROUGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED IN HONG KONG TO 272.

NO NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD AND THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES REMAINED AT 61.

SO FAR, 40 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE DIED AND 21 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 272 HIV INFECTED, 60 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 179 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FIVE WERE DRUG ABUSERS AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

FOR THE REMAINING 25, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION, HE ADDED.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 226,897 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

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

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,038,767 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 18 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

/AIDS VIRUS

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 病毒組 衛生署
 Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Jan 92		Feb 92		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 Public hospitals and clinics	26476	108	335	1	26811	109
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2450	52	34	2	2484	54
前往社會衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	187462	46	1684	1	189146	47
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	573	60	16	0	589	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	6443	1	75	0	6518	1
經由家庭計劃協會轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	239	0	1	0	240	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	1088	0	21	0	1109	0
總數 TOTAL	224731	267	2166	4	226897	271

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

	Aug 85-Jan 92		Feb 92		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	1024854	17	13913	1	1038767	18

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CERTAIN GOODS VEHICLES REQUIRED INSPECTION

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SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF GOODS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1989 REQUIRING RELICENSING ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR WILL HAVE TO BE INSPECTED FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL.

ANNOUNCING THE COMPULSORY REQUIREMENT, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THESE VEHICLES INCLUDED LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES BUT NOT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1989; AND MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1987.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE VEHICLES REQUIRING A NEW LICENCE STARTING ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR MUST BE INSPECTED AT A DESIGNATED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE.

"THE OWNERS HAVE TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES OF ROADWORTHINESS FOR RELICENSING THEIR VEHICLES.

"THE CERTIFICATE WILL BE VALID FOR RELICENSING FOR FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE," HE ADDED.

OWNERS AND OPERATOR GROUPS OF THESE VEHICLES HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE TIMING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INSPECTION, HE SAID.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A TOTAL OF 70,000 GOODS VEHICLES BELONGING TO THESE CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

FOR VEHICLES HAVING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF BETWEEN 1.9 TONNES AND 16 TONNES WILL BE INSPECTED AT THE NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT 8 TSUI HING STREET, KOWLOON BAY.

OWNERS OF THESE VEHICLES SHOULD CALL 751 8862 FOR INSPECTION APPOINTMENTS.

THE OTHER TYPE OF VEHICLES HAVING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 16 TONNES SHOULD BE INSPECTED AT THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AT 2 CHEUNG YIP STREET, KOWLOON BAY. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MAKING APPOINTMENTS IS 759 7573.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT PROVISIONS HAD BEEN MADE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR OWNERS OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES, SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES AND TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1983 TO SUBMIT THEIR CARS FOR INSPECTION AT A DESIGNATED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL.

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NORTH WESTERN WATER CONTROL ZONE EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IS THE FIRST APPOINTED DAY OF THE NEWLY DECLARED NORTH WESTERN WATER CONTROL ZONE (WCZ) WHEN CONTROLS ON NEW DISCHARGES UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (WPCO) IN THE ZONE TAKES EFFECT.

THE SECOND APPOINTED DAY WILL BE ON OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR WHEN ALL EXISTING DISCHARGES WILL COME UNDER CONTROL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NORTH WESTERN WCZ COVERS TUEN MUN, LAM TEI, TAI LAM CHUNG, SO KWUN WAT, PILLAR POINT, TAP SHEK KOK, LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN, YAM O, CHEK LAP KOK, TUNG CHUNG AND TAI O.

EXCEPT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF DOMESTIC SEWAGE INTO PUBLIC SEWERS AND UNPOLLUTED WATER INTO ENVIRONMENTAL WATERS, ALL OTHER DISCHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

THESE INCLUDE EFFLUENTS FROM ALL TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, AND SEPTIC TANKS RECEIVING DOMESTIC SEWAGE FROM VILLAGE HOUSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO DISCHARGE ANY POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG IN A WCZ UNLESS THE DISCHARGE WAS MADE UNDER, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH, A LICENCE GRANTED UNDER THE WPCO.

THEREFORE, WHILE FAILURE TO OBTAIN A LICENCE IS NOT AN OFFENCE, IT IS STRONGLY ADVISABLE FOR THE DISCHARGER, OR THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES FROM WHICH THE EFFLUENT DISCHARGE IS MADE, TO OBTAIN A LICENCE TO AVOID THE RISK OF PROSECUTION.

FOR ANY NEW DISCHARGE MADE IN THE NORTH WESTERN WCZ AFTER APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, A LICENCE SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE COMMENCING THE DISCHARGE.

FOR ALL DISCHARGES IN EXISTENCE IN THE NORTH WESTERN WCZ BEFORE APRIL 1, APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

NORTH WESTERN WCZ IS THE SEVENTH OF ITS KIND DECLARED SO FAR.

THE SIX OTHER WCZs ARE IN TOLO HARBOUR, SOUTHERN, JUNK BAY, PORT SHELTER, DEEP BAY AND MIRS BAY.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE WHO WERE DISCHARGING POLLUTING MATTER WITHOUT A LICENCE IN THESE WCZs TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN DECEMBER 1990 THE WPCO WAS AMENDED DELETING THE EXEMPTION CLAUSE FOR THE EXISTING DISCHARGES.

THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTIONS ARE INSTEAD DEEMED TO BE LICENSED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THAT DISCHARGES IN THE TOLO HARBOUR, SOUTHERN, JUNK BAY AND PORT SHELTER WCZs WHOSE DISCHARGES WERE PREVIOUSLY EXEMPTED FROM CONTROL AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEEMED TO BE LICENSED, SHOULD APPLY FOR LICENCE RENEWAL BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE SHOULD BE MADE USING FORM A WHICH IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE EPD ON TEL. 835 1181.

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VOLUNTEERS LOOKS FOR RECRUITS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WILL START ITS ANNUAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE REGIMENT IS LOOKING FOR ABOUT 200 MALE RECRUITS AND 50 FEMALE RECRUITS THIS YEAR.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD BE BETWEEN 18 AND 45 YEARS OLD, HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH.

THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AND SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED THEIR EMPLOYERS' CONSENT FOR JOINING THE FORCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOLUNTEERS SAID: "SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN BASIC MILITARY SKILLS, INCLUDING DRILL, HANDLING RIFLES, SUB-MACHINE GUNS, AND USE OF VEHICLES AND ASSAULT BOATS.

TRAINING IN OPERATING RADIO EQUIPMENT, AND IN MAP READING AND FIRST AID IS ALSO GIVEN."

"THIS NO DOUBT HELPS IN BUILDING UP ONE'S PHYSIQUE AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A MORE MATURE AND CAPABLE PERSONALITY.

"VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISORY SKILLS, JUDGEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING." HE ADDED.

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TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON FOUR EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND TWO NINE-DAY TRAINING CAMPS BEFORE PASSING OUT.

THE MAJORITY OF TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCENIC COUNTRY PARKS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING, VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING ON TWO EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND A MONTH. THERE ARE TWO CAMP PERIODS, ONE OF WHICH IS SPENT ON MANNING THE HONG KONG-CHINA BORDER.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 31 THIS YEAR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEERS' HEADQUARTERS ON TEL. 576 1371.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY UNDERWAY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM APRIL TO JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY, CONDUCTED SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, HONG KONG RESIDENTS WORKING IN CHINA, WORKER DISPLACEMENT IN HONG KONG, HOUSING DEMAND AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

ABOUT 4,500 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

/CENSUS OFFICERS

CENSUS OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER PART IIIA OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG) AS NOTIFIED IN THE GENERAL NOTICE NO. 212 IN THE GAZETTE OF JANUARY 19, 1990.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSON OR HOUSEHOLD COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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ORDER TO AMEND FOOTWEAR ITEMS EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

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THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER 1992, WHICH AMENDS CERTAIN ITEMS OF FOOTWEAR THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING LEVY, WILL TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

EXPLAINING THE LEGISLATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE AMENDMENT AIMED AT REFLECTING CHANGES IN THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST AFTER THE FULL ADOPTION OF THE HARMONISED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATION AS FROM JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE, DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO A LEVY OF 0.03 PER CENT OF THE FREE-ON-BOARD VALUE UPON EXPORT. THE ITEMS IN THE SCHEDULE ARE DEFINED BY REFERENCE TO THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST.

"THE REVENUE SO COLLECTED IS USED FOR FINANCING TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY FOR WORKERS IN THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY AND TO OPERATE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED AS APPENDIX II IN THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONISED SYSTEM), 1992 EDITION, WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON HUI CHI-MING ON APRIL 27, 1988 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO A SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. HUI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LEE WING-CHIU.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN EAST KOWLOON

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SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO CERTAIN AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 2) TO FACILITATE MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, LAM TIN AND CHA KWO LING AND INCLUDING CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND LOK WAH ESTATE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	31 MAR 92	31 MAR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q214	HY261
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,792 MN	HKD 1,050 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	4.10 PCT	4.43 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.13 PCT	4.46 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 25 PCT	ABOUT 28 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.17 PCT	4.49 PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDER TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 6 APRIL 1992 -

TENDER DATE	7 APR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q215
ISSUE DATE	8 APR 92
MATURITY DATE	8 JULY 92
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$500 + 100 MN

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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	30.3.92	1,000
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	31.3.92	-200 *
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-100
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED -300 MN
* OTHER FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED +100 MN

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.5 *+0.0* 31.3.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.21 PCT	20 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.20	5.54
1 MONTH	4.03 PCT	23 MONTHS	2402	5.50	99.30	5.98
3 MONTHS	4.07 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.37 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.68 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 8,824 MN

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