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UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT TO BEAT CRIME: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) PLEDGED HIS UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT IN ALL THE WORK DONE BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO BEAT CRIME.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1992 FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE, HE SAID: "I'M DELIGHTED THAT WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER WITH THAT OBJECTIVE, TO MAKE SURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS THE CITY, THE TERRITORY, THAT WE ALL LOVE AND ALL WANT TO LIVE IN."

"WHEN I'M ASKED WHAT IS CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE AND TO THE SUCCESS AND TO THE STABILITY OF THIS COMMUNITY, I ALWAYS THINK THAT THE EASIEST, IF FOR SOME PEOPLE THE MOST SURPRISING, ANSWER, IS THIS: WHAT WE NEED ABOVE ALL IS A GUARANTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE RULE OF LAW.

"THAT IS WHAT WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS A MARVELLOUS PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE AND WORK AND BRING UP FAMILIES. THAT IS WHAT, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS ONE OF THE ECONOMIC CAPITALS OF THE WORLD, BECOMES EVEN STRONGER AS ONE OF THE ECONOMIC CAPITALS OF THE WORLD," HE ADDED.

MR PATTEN SAID THE WORK OF ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HELPING TO COMBAT CRIME.

"I THINK THE PROGRESS THAT'S ALREADY BEEN MADE IS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO THE EFFORTS THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE CARRIED OUT, AND OF COURSE IT'S A GREAT TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE POLICE.

"BUT IN MY VIEW IT'S ALWAYS A MISTAKE TO THINK OF CRIME AS JUST A MATTER FOR THE POLICE. IT'S NEVER JUST A MATTER FOR THE POLICE, ALTHOUGH THEY'RE OF COURSE IN THE FRONT LINE. AND ALL OF US, I'M SURE, ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FRONT LINE HERE IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"SINCE MY ARRIVAL AS GOVERNOR, I'VE SEEN FOR MYSELF SOME OF THE EXCELLENT WORK DONE BY OUR POLICE FORCE. THEY'RE A FINE FORCE.

"I'VE VISITED POLICE STATIONS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT, AND SOMETIMES TO THE SLIGHT SURPRISE OF THE OFFICERS ON DUTY. I'VE SEEN THE POLICE ON THE GROUND, I'VE BEEN OUT WITH THEM ON SHIPS AT NIGHT.

"I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IS THE WORK THEY DO, I KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IS THE WORK THEY DO, AND I SAY - WHICH I KNOW YOU BELIEVE AS WELL - THAT THEY DESERVE THE STAUNCH SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. THEY'LL CERTAINLY ALWAYS HAVE MY SUPPORT FOR THE MAGNIFICENT WORK WHICH THEY DO," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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COMMUNITY FEELING SAFER NOW: CHIEF SECRETARY

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THE COMMUNITY IS FEELING RATHER SAFER NOW THAT THE NUMBER OF ARMED ROBBERIES HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN RECENT MONTHS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CONFERENCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THERE WERE THREE REASONS FOR THIS.

"FIRSTLY, THE SUSTAINED POLICE EFFORT TO PUT MORE POLICEMEN ON TO THE STREETS IN KEY AREAS HAS NO DOUBT ACTED AS A DETERRENT.

"SECONDLY, THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICE FORCE IN ARRESTING SOME OF THE KEY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS SORT OF CRIME HAS HELPED BREAK THE BACK OF MANY OF THE ORGANISED GANGS WHICH WERE INVOLVED.

"THIRDLY, THE IMPROVEMENT IN CROSS-BORDER LIAISON AND THE EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT IN BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAS ALSO LED TO A REDUCTION IN THIS TYPE OF CRIME," SIR DAVID SAID.

ARMED ROBBERIES WERE A CAUSE OF VERY REAL CONCERN IN THE COMMUNITY AND THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THE NUMBERS OF THEM DID NOT AGAIN INCREASE, HE SAID.

HE INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO INTRODUCE THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIMES BILL TO FIGHT ORGANISED CRIMES.

"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND MUCH NEEDED BILL. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE DEBATE WILL NOT DRAG ON TOO LONG AND THAT WE CAN BRING IT INTO LAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT JUVENILE CRIME, IN PARTICULAR, TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS.

ON THEFT OF VEHICLES, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH TO TACKLE VEHICLE THEFT IN THE TERRITORY WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GIVEN CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT THIS PROBLEM FROM GETTING WORSE," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID AGAIN STRESSED IN THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE THE NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY TO PLAY A PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, ADDING THAT NO POLICE FORCE IN THE WORLD COULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN THAT FIGHT WITHOUT THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

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STI COMMENTS ON SECTION 301

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU TODAY (SATURDAY) WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT THE U.S. AND CHINA HAD EVENTUALLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE SECTION 301 MARKET ACCESS TALKS DURING THE FINAL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

"WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID.

"THIS IS A TRIUMPH FOR PRAGMATISM. THE POSITIVE OUTCOME IS THE RESULT OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE TWO SIDES.

"WE HOPE THAT THE U.S. AND CHINA WILL BUILD ON THIS CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL BENEFIT BOTH ECONOMIES AND HONG KONG AS WELL," MR CHAU SAID.

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HK JUNIOR POLICE CALL DELEGATION TO PATROL TORONTO CHINATOWN

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MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) DELEGATION ARE GIVEN A CHANCE TO PATROL THE CENTRAL CHINATOWN IN TORONTO TOGETHER WITH LOCAL POLICEMEN TODAY (SATURDAY) AFTER THEIR TOUR OF THE 52 DIVISION, A POLICE STATION AT CHINATOWN AREAS IN THE MORNING.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR JIMMY LEE AND MISS PEGGY NG, IS INVITED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 FOR A 10-DAY TOUR IN CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL EVENTS, VISIT LOCAL SCHOOLS, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND THE POLICE FORCE.

THE FIVE JPC YOUTHS FROM HONG KONG INCLUDE THREE WINNERS OF THE BEST JPC LEADERS : MR BART WONG (18), MR MAX MAK (19), MISS SIRET CHAN (24), AND TWO WINNERS OF THE BEST JPC MEMBERS AWARD : MISS YVONNE KAN (15) AND MR KWOK KA-CHUEN (16).

AS YOUTH AMBASSADORS FROM HONG KONG, THESE JPC YOUTHS HELP TO INTRODUCE THE JPC SCHEME AND ITS ACTIVITIES TO LOCAL CANADIANS THROUGH VISITS, DISCUSSIONS AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS.

SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL IN TORONTO ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 7), THEY HAVE VISITED THE MOUNTED UNIT, THE C.O. BICK POLICE TRAINING COLLEGE OF THE METRO POLICE AND HAVE TOURED THE INNER HARBOUR OF LAKE ONTARIO ON POLICE MARINE LAUNCH.

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WHILE TOURING THE METRO POLICE HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) MORNING, THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE METRO POLICE, MR JOHN MACDONALD, AND ALSO MET WITH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE METRO POLICE SERVICES BOARD, MISS SUSAN ENG.

APART FROM VISITING THE EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BLOOR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, THE JPC MEMBERS ALSO JOINED IN A LARGE SCOUT GROUP MEETING AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH SCOUTS WHO CAME FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

THE DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FOR OTTAWA NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) MORNING.

TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CANADIAN LIFE, EACH OF THE JPC MEMBER WILL BE INVITED TO STAY IN A HOST FAMILY OF THE OTTAWA POLICE, AND THEY WILL JOIN IN THE THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH THEIR HOSTS ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

FULL PROGRAMMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN LINED UP FOR THE JPC DELEGATION IN OTTAWA. THE GROUP WILL TAKE PART IN STREET PROCESSION AT CARNIVAL, VISIT POLICE CENTRE, ATTEND CHARITY DINNER FOR THE CANADIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION AND MEET WITH THE "VENTURERS", WHO ARE THE LOCAL COUNTERPARTS OF THE HONG KONG JPC.

BEFORE DEPARTING FOR HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 16, THE GROUP WILL ATTEND SEVERAL FESTIVAL HONG KONG EVENTS WHICH INCLUDE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY AND THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE FILM FESTIVAL.

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#### 58 NON-REFUGEES RETURN TO VIETNAM

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THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR BRIAN BRESNIHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) WELCOMED THE SMOOTH REPATRIATION OF 58 VIETNAMESE NON-REFUGEES UNDER THE ORDERLY RETURN PROGRAMME (ORP).

"WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE REPATRIATION OPERATION CONDUCTED THIS MORNING HAS BEEN UNEVENTFUL.

"INCREASINGLY, NON-REFUGEES REALISE THAT THEIR FUTURE LIES BACK IN VIETNAM, WHERE THEY CAN REBUILD THEIR LIVES WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER AID SCHEMES," HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 58 VIETNAMESE NON-REFUGEES WERE RETURNED TODAY ON THE SIXTH ORP FLIGHT UNDER THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 29 LAST YEAR.

THE GROUP COMPRISED 21 MEN, 12 WOMEN, FIVE BOYS AND 20 GIRLS.

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OF THEM, 48 WERE FORMER INMATES OF THE CHI MA WAN (LOWER) DETENTION CENTRE WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE OCTOBER 29, 1991. THE REMAINING 10 WERE CRIMINAL OFFENDERS BEING DEPORTED TO VIETNAM. ALL HAVE BEEN SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES.

"THE ORDERLY RETURN PROGRAMME REMAINS A KEY ELEMENT IN ENCOURAGING MORE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER UNDER THE UNHCR SCHEME," HE SAID.

OVER 8,700 HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY TO VIETNAM SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR AND OVER 2,500 ARE WAITING TO GO HOME.

"WITH AN INCREASED RATE OF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CLOSE ALL OUR CAMPS IN ABOUT THREE YEARS TIME," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

TURNING TO THE DECISION ANNOUNCED BY THE UNHCR TODAY TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ORP RETURNEES, MR BRESNIHAN SAID THE MOVE WOULD SERVE AS A FURTHER INCENTIVE FOR NON-REFUGEES TO AVAIL OF THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMME.

"WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE UNHCR FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW TO SEE HOW WE CAN FURTHER ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER," HE SAID.

"WE HOPE THAT A SYSTEM OF DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENTS BETWEEN VOLUNTEERS AND ORP RETURNEES WILL HAVE AN APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME. THOSE RETURNED ON TODAY'S FLIGHT, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

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DANGEROUS OPENINGS ON SITES MUST BE COVERED  
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BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST ENSURE THAT SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS OR COVERINGS ARE PROVIDED AT ALL DANGEROUS FLOOR EDGES OR OPENINGS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES TO PREVENT WORKERS FALLING FROM A HEIGHT.

A BUILDING CONTRACTOR, SUNG FOO KEE LIMITED, WAS RECENTLY IMPOSED THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 BY A MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS OR A FIXED COVERING TO A FLOOR OPENING.

THE COMPANY WAS ALSO FINED \$4,000 FOR FAILING TO INSTALL SUITABLE GUARDS TO THE DRIVING BELT AND PULLEY OF A MIXING MACHINE ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN GARDEN ROAD.

"UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, EVERY OPENING, CORNER, BREAK, EDGE OR OTHER DANGEROUS PLACES FROM WHICH A PERSON MAY FALL MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SUITABLE GUARD-RAILS OR FIXED COVERINGS," SAID CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN TAT-KING, TODAY (SATURDAY).

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"ANY CONTRACTOR BREAKING THE PROVISIONS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS," MR CHAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FALL OF PERSONS FROM A HEIGHT WAS A COMMON CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH OF WORKERS.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY ISSUED 242 SUMMONSES TO OFFENDERS FAILING TO PROVIDE FENCES OR COVERINGS TO FLOOR EDGES, EXCAVATIONS, OPENINGS AND OTHER DANGEROUS PLACES ON SITE TO PREVENT THE FALL OF PERSONS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TO KWA WAN  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL GO OFF FROM 8 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, TO KWA WAN ROAD AND MOK CHEONG STREET, AS WELL AS 1-19 MOK CHEONG STREET, MA TAU KOK ROAD PUBLIC TOILET, MA TAU KOK ABATTOIR AND PART OF THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY DEPOT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,680
REVERSAL OF LAF	-1,180
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-290
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,210
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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