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GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO THE JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION
AND THE NEWS EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION - JOINT LUNCHEON
HELD ON MONDAY, 29TH JUNE 1992

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HE THE GOVERNOR: MR HON, MR TSANG, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS MY LAST WEEK IN HONG KONG AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO START THAN HAVING LUNCH WITH ALL OF YOU, WHAT BETTER WAY TO END MY PERIOD AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG THAN HAVING AN OCCASION WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THESE TWO ASSOCIATIONS UP THERE ON THE BOARD. MAY YOU HAVE MANY OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN YOU GET TOGETHER IN A SIMILAR WAY.

HONG KONG IS WELL KNOWN FOR HAVING, PROBABLY, MORE NEWSPAPERS PER HEAD OF POPULATION THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD AND CERTAINLY MORE JOURNALISTS PER SQUARE FOOT THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. SOME OF THOSE SQUARE-FOOTED JOURNALISTS I MEET AS I TRAVEL AROUND. IT'S VERY NICE TO SEE YOU ALL SITTING DOWN PEACEFULLY AND NOT HAVING TO GO ON A DISTRICT VISIT INSTEAD.

I THOUGHT WHAT I WOULD DO WOULD BE JUST TO REFLECT, VERY BRIEFLY, ON SOME OF MY OWN THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND THEN GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WAITING TO RELY ON THE HANDED-OUT WRITTEN TEXT, YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR A VERY LONG TIME BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ONE, AND THEREFORE IF YOU WANT TO NOTE WHAT I AM SAYING, YOU WILL SOMEHOW HAVE TO REMEMBER IT.

THESE FIVE YEARS AS GOVERNOR HAVE BEEN ENORMOUSLY EVENTFUL YEARS, I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD DOUBT THAT. SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY TO ME: YOUR GOVERNORSHIP HAS BEEN FILLED WITH MORE SERIES OF PROBLEMS THAN ANYONE ELSE'S. I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT'S TRUE, I SOMETIMES THINK BACK TO ONE PARTICULAR GOVERNOR, SIR MARK YOUNG, WHO ARRIVED HERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1941 AND HE FOUND HIMSELF IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP BY CHRISTMAS DAY. I DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ANY PROBLEMS LIKE THAT, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY EVENTFUL YEARS AND I'D JUST LIKE TO CHART SOME OF THOSE THINGS AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE ABOUT THEM.

TAKE FOR INSTANCE 1987, MY FIRST YEAR HERE, THE AUTUMN OF 1987, THE 'STOCK MARKET CRASH' - NOT SOMETHING PRODUCED IN HONG KONG BUT SOMETHING WHICH HAPPENED ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD WE HAD TO DEAL WITH - A GREAT CRISIS. AND WE DEALT WITH IT, AND WE DEALT WITH IT QUICKLY AND WE PUT IN PLACE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE NOW WORKING SO THAT WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER SYSTEM FOR RUNNING OUR STOCK MARKET. AND, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THE MARKET HAS RECOVERED, NOT JUST IN THE WAY IT ORGANISES ITSELF BUT AS A MARKET. IT IS NOW OVER 6,000 POINTS, IT REACHED A RECORD HIGH LAST FRIDAY. JUST BEFORE THE CRASH IN OCTOBER 1987 IT WAS SOMEWHERE NEAR 4,000 POINTS. SO THERE IS ONE CRISIS - MET, HANDLED, DEALT WITH, SUCCESSFUL AS A RESULT.

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OR TAKE 1989, THE EVENTS OF MAY AND JUNE, WHICH HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT HERE IN HONG KONG, AND I DON'T REMEMBER IN MY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF THE TERRITORY, ANY TIME WHEN PEOPLE GOT SO LOW IN THEIR OWN CONFIDENCE. THERE WAS A REAL SENSE OF GLOOM WHICH LASTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. BUT THERE, TOO, WE HAVE COME THROUGH THAT CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE, WE HAVE COME OUT THE OTHER SIDE. YOU CAN SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THESE CONFIDENCE INDEXES WHICH I GET PRODUCED BY A CERTAIN ORGANISATION HERE AND I FIND PRETTY ACCURATE, THAT THE GRAPH DIPS DOWN, STARTS COMING UP AGAIN, LEVELS, AND THEN GOES UP EVEN FURTHER. SO WE'RE ROUGHLY BACK WHERE WE WERE BEFORE MAY AND JUNE OF 1989. -- I MIGHT JUST INTERPOLATE A COMMENT: I'M FASCINATED BY THE FACT THAT EVERY TIME I RAISE MY HAND SOMEBODY USES A FLASH-GUN. CLEARLY, GESTURES ARE THE THINGS THAT MATTER! -- BUT WE HAVE COME THROUGH THAT CRISIS. WE'VE COME THROUGH THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAD WITH CHINA AS A RESULT. WE WENT THROUGH SEVERAL MONTHS - A YEAR OR MORE - WHEN RELATIONS WITH CHINA WERE STRAINED, BUT WE HAVE COME THROUGH IT, WE ARE REPAIRING THOSE RELATIONS, WE'RE GETTING BACK ON TO A SENSIBLE FOOTING AGAIN.

OR TAKE ANOTHER ONE - AND IT IS INTERESTING TO ME HOW THIS ONE HAS DROPPED OUT OF THE NEWS, AND THAT PERHAPS IS ITSELF A MEASURE OF HOW IT'S BEEN DEALT WITH - THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANT PROBLEM. IN THE PERIOD OF 1988-91 WE HAD SOMETHING LIKE 60,000 PEOPLE COMING HERE FROM VIETNAM, BY BOAT OR ACROSS THE MAINLAND, HUGE NUMBERS. WE DIDN'T BEND UNDER THAT PRESSURE, WE MANAGED, WE RETAINED OUR POLICY, ALMOST ALONE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA, WE MANAGED TO KEEP OUR NERVE AND NOW WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THAT LONG LASTING PROBLEM WHICH WAS HERE IN 1979 WHEN I WAS DOING A DIFFERENT JOB AS POLITICAL ADVISER. WE'VE HAD SOMETHING LIKE 19,000 PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING TO GO BACK AND THE IMPACT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS NOW PUT IN PLACE FOR NON-REFUGEES TO GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN VIETNAM IS SUCH THAT THIS YEAR, INSTEAD OF LAST YEAR'S SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ARRIVING BY THIS TIME, WE'VE HAD - HOW MANY? - PRECISELY SEVEN PEOPLE COMING HERE THIS YEAR. NOW THAT IS A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

IT IS THOSE CRISES THAT ALWAYS GRAB THE HEADLINES. NATURALLY YOU WRITE ABOUT THEM, NATURALLY YOU WILL WISH TO GO ON DOING SO. SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT GO ON THE WHOLE TIME DON'T GRAB THE HEADLINES AND I WOULD LIKE JUST TO TOUCH ON A FEW OF THOSE TO SHOW HOW, DESPITE ALL THESE PROBLEMS, AS A SOCIETY WE HAVE CONTINUED TO BUILD OURSELVES UP AND MAKE PROGRESS.

TAKE FOR INSTANCE HOUSING. SOMETHING LIKE 233,000 APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN BUILT HERE SINCE 1987. THAT WORKS OUT AT SOMETHING LIKE 130 NEW FLATS EVERYDAY, EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, AND THAT'S NOT A BAD ACHIEVEMENT. OR TAKE EDUCATION. IN 1987 THE NUMBER OF FIRST-YEAR FIRST-DEGREE PLACES WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE-AND-A-HALF THOUSAND, IT'S NOW SOMETHING LIKE TEN THOUSAND. 1995 IT IS GOING UP TO FOURTEEN-AND-A-HALF-THOUSAND. VERY MAJOR SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT, THE GRAPH GOES UPWARDS -- AND THE FLASH-GUNS GO OFF! -- OR THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I WENT THE OTHER DAY TO QUEEN ELIZABETH AND AN ASTONISHING SIGHT TO SEE, THAT THE CAMP-BEDS ARE ALMOST ALL GONE AND WE ARE MAKING TREMENDOUS PROGRESS WITH OUR HOSPITALS. IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1987 AND NOW SOMETHING LIKE 6,000 NEW HOSPITAL-BEDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AND MANY MORE ARE IN THE PIPELINE. OR TAKE THE ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS A SUBJECT CLOSE TO MY OWN HEART. IN 1987 WE WERE SPENDING SOMETHING LIKE \$330 MILLION-A-YEAR ON THE ENVIRONMENT. IN 1992-93 WE WILL BE SPENDING \$3.9 BILLION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. I'M NOT SAYING THERE THAT WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH, I'M ONLY SAYING THAT WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS; WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

NOW WE CAN ACHIEVE ALL THIS BECAUSE OF ONE OTHER FUNDAMENTAL THING: A PLATFORM -- WITH A FLASH-GUN! -- THAT PLATFORM IS THE ECONOMY, AND THE ECONOMY DOING WELL. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE ECONOMY DOING WELL, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL THESE OTHER THINGS. BUT WE HAVE BEEN DOING WELL, WE'VE BEEN GROWING AT SOMETHING LIKE SIX-AND-A-HALF-PERCENT-A-YEAR ON AVERAGE DURING ALL THAT TIME. OUR PER CAPITA GDP, ABOUT THE ONLY MEASURE WE HAVE OF WEALTH, HAS BEEN RISING STEADILY DESPITE INFLATION, THE REAL FIGURE HAS BEEN RISING TOO. WE'RE CLOSE NOW ON US\$16,000 PER CAPITA INCOME PER YEAR, AND THAT PUTS US VERY HIGH IN ASIA, IT PUTS US HIGHER THAN MANY COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND THAT IS REALLY THE FOUNDATION OF THE REST OF OUR SUCCESS. THE FOUNDATION OF THAT SUCCESS, THE BASIS FOR THE BASIS, -- (WHICH PRODUCES EVEN MORE FLASHES!) -- THE GROWING ECONOMY OF SOUTHERN-CHINA, THE WAY IN WHICH WE ARE LINKED-IN TO THE ECONOMY OF SOUTHERN-CHINA. THE GROWTH OF THAT ECONOMY, THE WAY WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM IT AND CONTRIBUTED TO IT, THAT I THINK HAS BEEN FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR OWN SUCCESS.

NOW AS ONE LOOKS AHEAD, ONE CAN SEE MANY ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH. ONE CAN SEE THINGS LIKE SPEED OF POLITICAL EVOLUTION. EXACTLY HOW DO WE MANAGE IT - WORKING OUT THOSE DEBATES, DISCUSSING WITH CHINA WHAT WE DO IN THE 1995 ELECTIONS? YOU CAN SEE MANY ISSUES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE TACKLED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, BUT ONE IMPORTANT THOUGHT WHICH I'D LIKE TO LEAVE WITH YOU IS THAT AS WE FACE THESE ISSUES, WE SHOULDN'T BE DEFEATED BY THE PROBLEMS. WE SHOULDN'T BE DEFEATED EITHER BY A TIMESCALE, WE SHOULD LOOK WELL BEYOND 1997 AND WE SHOULD PLAN AND WE SHOULD WORK NOW, FOR THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG, AS AN SAR, AFTER 1997. THAT'S THE REASON THAT I PERSONALLY ATTACH SO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO LONG TERM PLANS AND TO GETTING ON WITH THEM NOW, HOWEVER DIFFICULT THAT MAY BE, HOWEVER MUCH ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORT, HOWEVER MUCH RESOURCES THAT MAY REQUIRE. FOR INSTANCE: AIRPORT, OR THE PORT DEVELOPMENT, OR ROAD DEVELOPMENT, OR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE TIME-LIMITED, WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE FRIGHTENED BY PROBLEMS INTO DOING NOTHING. AND IF WE DO THAT, AND IF HONG KONG HAS WHAT IT HAS I BELIEVE NOW, THE CONFIDENCE IN ITSELF, THE DYNAMISM OF THIS SOCIETY WHICH IS ALMOST WITHOUT PARALLEL AROUND THE REST OF THE WORLD, THEN WE WILL SEE THROUGH THOSE DIFFICULTIES AND WE WILL COME OUT SUCCESSFUL.

I LEAVE, MYSELF, ON FRIDAY. I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED AND INVOLVED WITH THE SUCCESS AND THE OVERCOMING OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH HONG KONG HAS SHOWN IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BUT I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN GOVERNOR DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THANK YOU.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN HONOUR OF LORD WILSON

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A TRUST FUND IN HONOUR OF THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, IS TO BE SET UP TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS ATTENDING THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE WHICH OPENS THIS AUTUMN AS WELL AS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS ATTENDING UNITED WORLD COLLEGES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"THE LORD WILSON UNITED WORLD COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY A COUNCIL UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WHO IS ALREADY THE TRUSTEE OF A NUMBER OF OTHER TRUST FUNDS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"OTHER MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL INCLUDE SIR Q.W. LEE, MR LI SHIU-TSANG, MR LEE CHUNG-KEUNG, MR DAVID W. GAIRNS AND MR LUNG PING-YEE.

SO FAR, A SUM OF \$45,275,000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR THE FUND BY SIR Q.W. LEE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE (LPCUWC).

GIVING SOME BACKGROUND ON THE LPCUWC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND IN MAY 1989 AND WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY SIR Q.W. LEE AND MR LI SHIU-TSANG AND GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT BY LORD WILSON AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD.

THE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE TEACHING PROGRAMME, COVERING THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION BEFORE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE, WILL AIM TO DEVELOP EACH STUDENT'S TOTAL PERSONALITY THROUGH EDUCATION PROVIDING BREADTH, BALANCE AND CHALLENGE WHICH CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE CLASSROOM ALONE.

THE COLLEGE WILL ENROLL A TOTAL OF 250 STUDENTS OVER ITS TWO-YEAR PROGRAMME, 125 FOR EACH YEAR.

ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE INTAKE ARE EXPECTED TO COME FROM HONG KONG AND THE OTHERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE CHEQUE FOR SETTING UP THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY SIR Q.W. LEE AND MR LI SHIU-TSANG AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN; THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE AND DONORS TO THE FUND ALSO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY.

SIR Q.W. SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAD GIVEN "POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT" FOR THE FORMATION OF A UNITED WORLD COLLEGE IN HONG KONG.

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HE ALSO THANKED THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ENDORSEMENT OF THE CREATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

"IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO YOUR PERSONAL PRESTIGE, POPULARITY AND RESPECT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT THE FUND HAS REACHED THE SIZE IT IS TODAY," HE SAID.

SIR Q.W. ALSO URGED THE PUBLIC TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND.

"DONATIONS BY CHEQUE PAYABLE TO "SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS INCORPORATED - LORD WILSON UNITED WORLD COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIP FUND" MAY BE MADE TO THE TRUST FUNDS SECTION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

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OVER A MILLION YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER THAT WILL GIVE THEM FUN AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR LEE SAID ABOUT 13,000 PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN PLANNED BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER.

IN LINE WITH THE THEME "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", THE COMMITTEE, THROUGH FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, HAD ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD OFFER YOUNG PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING THEM WITH ENJOYABLE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 10-DAY AND 18-DAY COURSES AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL TO ATTRACT VOLUNTEER YOUNGSTERS TO TAKE PART IN PLANNING AND PROMOTING SUMMER ACTIVITIES.

"THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE DISPLAYED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PROMOTING SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES WHILE WORKING AS VOLUNTEERS," MR LEE SAID.

EXPENDITURE FOR THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES IS ESTIMATED TO BE AT \$35 MILLION. THEY WILL BE MET BY A DONATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AMOUNTING TO \$12.7 MILLION AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE BODIES.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, MR LEE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAMME IN 1969.

THE ASSISTANT INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR WILSON CHENG, SAID THE JOCKEY CLUB STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE PROGRAMME NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT OFFERED VARIOUS TYPES OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO YOUTH IN SUMMER, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT SERVED TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION - A SPIRIT THAT THE CLUB CHERISHED DEARLY.

"WE HOPE TO SEE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES, THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN BE GROOMED TO BECOME FINE CITIZENS AND HONG KONG'S FUTURE LEADERS," MR CHENG SAID.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE PROGRAMME, A CEREMONY CUM VARIETY SHOW ENTITLED "SWINGING SUMMER" WILL BE STAGED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON JULY 4.

SOME 2,000 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVITED TO THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROGRAMME MAY BE DIRECTED TO ANY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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TELA'S STATEMENT ON ADVERTISING MAGAZINE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) SAID TODAY (MONDAY) IT HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE "DIRECT COMMUNICATION CHARITY HOTLINE PURCHASE AD MAGAZINE" AND CONCLUDED THAT IT DID NOT BREACH ANY OF THE TELEVISION CODES OF PRACTICE ON PROGRAMME OR ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

TELA IS THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

A TELA SPOKESMAN SAID IN THIS CASE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, WHICH IS THE STATUTORY REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR TELEVISION, WAS CONFINED TO WHAT WAS ACTUALLY BROADCAST ON TELEVISION.

AS THE CONTENTS OF THE ADVERTISING MAGAZINE, WHICH WAS BROADCAST IN EARLY FEBRUARY, WERE ACCEPTABLE BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY'S STANDARDS, TELA WOULD NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE BROADCAST.

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HEPATITIS B VACCINATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL EXPAND ITS HEPATITIS B VACCINATION PROGRAMME ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 1) TO COVER PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1986 AND 1988.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SUCH CHILDREN WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN VACCINATED COULD GET THE VACCINE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES WITHIN A SCHEDULED PERIOD.

THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME, EXPECTED TO BENEFIT ABOUT 150,000 PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THREE STAGES.

STAGE ONE (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 1986) WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31 AND STAGE TWO (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 1987) FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO FEBRUARY 28 NEXT YEAR.

STAGE THREE (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 1988) WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MARCH 1 TO JUNE 30 NEXT YEAR.

TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM PROTECTION, EACH CHILD SHOULD RECEIVE A FULL COURSE OF THREE DOSES --- THE FIRST AND SECOND DOSE AT AN ONE-MONTH INTERVAL WHILE THE SECOND AND THE THIRD DOSE AT AN INTERVAL OF TWO TO FOUR MONTHS.

PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN, TOGETHER WITH THE IMMUNISATION CARDS, BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES DURING THE ASSIGNED VACCINATION PERIOD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON A TELEPHONE HOTLINE - 838 7428 - DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE PARTICULARLY PRONE TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS INFECTION BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY ACTIVE AND MAY EASILY INJURE THEMSELVES THROUGH ACTIVITIES AND ACCIDENTS. HEPATITIS B VIRUS CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THEIR BODIES THROUGH EVEN MINOR WOUNDS."

HE ADDED THAT INFECTION BY HEPATITIS B VIRUS MAY RESULT IN DEVELOPING CHRONIC LIVER PROBLEMS SUCH AS LIVER CANCER.

THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1984 FOR HEALTH-CARE WORKERS AND BABIES BORN TO CARRIER MOTHERS AND LATER EXPANDED TO COVER ALL NEWBORN BABIES IN NOVEMBER 1988.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ON GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY
ON LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1992 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$15.5 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THE REPORT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

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CAPTAINS AND CREW PRAISED FOR HELP IN SEA PERILS

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, TODAY (MONDAY) PRAISED THE CAPTAINS AND CREW OF THE HONG KONG SALVAGE AND TOWAGE CO LTD AND THE BRITISH CARGO SHIP "RIZCUN ENTERPRISE" FOR THEIR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN THREE MAJOR EMERGENCIES EAST OF HONG KONG IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

IN A CEREMONY AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, MR MILLER PRESENTED COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG SALVAGE AND TOWAGE CO LTD, MR ALAN CURTIS, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD, SHIPMANAGER OF THE BRITISH CARGO SHIP, MR SAMARENDRA BANERJEE.

MR MILLER THANKED MR CURTIS AND HIS OFFICERS AND CREW FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND PROFESSIONALISM IN SALVAGING FOUR SHIPS INVOLVED IN THE THREE EMERGENCY RESCUES CO-ORDINATED BY THE MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE (MRCC) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

MR MILLER ALSO THANKED THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE CARGO SHIP "RIZCUN ENTERPRISE" FOR "UPHOLDING THE TRADITIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT AT SEA IN ASSISTING ALL THOSE IN PERIL".

ON APRIL 18, THE 11,000-TONNE RUSSIAN CARGO VESSEL "PSKOV" WAS ON FIRE 150 MILES EAST OF HONG KONG.

TUGS OF HONG KONG SALVAGE RUSHED TO THE SCENE, CONTAINED THE FIRE AND TOWED THE VESSEL SAFELY BACK TO HONG KONG WITH NO LOSS OF LIFE OR INJURIES.

TWO DAYS LATER, THE 30,000-TONNE TANKER "SEASTAR" HAD AN EXPLOSION 275 MILES EAST OF HONG KONG. TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED IN THE INCIDENT.

THE BRITISH CARGO SHIP "RIZCUN ENTERPRISE" WAS IN THE VICINITY AND SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED 26 SURVIVORS FROM THE LIFEBOAT OF THE TANKER.

HONG KONG SALVAGE TUGS ALSO SPED TO THE SCENE, FOUGHT THE FIRE AND TOWED THE "SEASTAR" BACK TO HONG KONG.

ON APRIL 29, A MAJOR COLLISION OCCURRED 180 MILES EAST OF HONG KONG BETWEEN THE GREEK CONTAINER VESSEL "INCHON GLORY" AND GERMAN PASSENGER SHIP "EUROPA" WITH 771 PASSENGERS AND CREW ON BOARD.

ONLY ONE CREW MEMBER WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED.

TUGS FROM THE HONG KONG SALVAGE TOWED THE "EUROPA" TO TAIWAN AND, AFTER STEMMING THE FLOODING, KEEPING THE HOLDS FREE OF WATER AND PATCHING UP CRACKS, TOWED THE CONTAINER VESSEL "INCHON GLORY" TO HONG KONG.

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SCHOOL CONTESTS TO PROMOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING TWO INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AMONG STUDENTS.

SECONDARY STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT-MAKING COMPETITION ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF LIBRARIES AND AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES SUCH AS SLIDES, VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPES OR PHOTOGRAPHS TO ILLUSTRATE THE THEME.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE: UNDERSTANDING SELF, UNDERSTANDING LIFE; MAINTAINING HARMONIOUS INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP; AND RELIEVING STRESS AND FACING PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

PRIMARY STUDENTS JOINING THE BOOKMARK COMPETITION ARE REQUIRED TO READ THREE BOOKS FROM DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATIONS AND TO COMPOSE A CHINESE SLOGAN OF NO MORE THAN 24 CHARACTERS WHICH SHOULD REFLECT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE.

A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION OF THE SELECTED OR WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, NORTH POINT, IN NOVEMBER.

BOOK COUPONS RANGING FROM \$300 TO \$500 AND FROM \$4,000 TO \$7,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN THE BOOKMARK AND PROJECT COMPETITIONS RESPECTIVELY.

BOTH CONTESTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE SHUN HING EDUCATION AND CHARITY FUND LTD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 76.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 447.529 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 167.013 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 28.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1992

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	688
REVERSAL OF LAF	+300
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	988
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+1,000
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,988
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 110.2 *-0.2* 29.6.92	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1W	2.84 PCT	17M	2311	6.25	102.53	4.39
1M	2.80 PCT	20M	2402	5.50	101.22	4.77
3M	2.82 PCT	23M	2405	5.50	100.92	5.04
6M	3.18 PCT					
12M	3.88 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 6,461MN

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