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STATEMENT ON LU'S REMARKS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS TO CHANGE THE RULES GOVERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE REPORTED REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE LU PING ON THE SINO-BRITISH DISCUSSIONS ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS.

"THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT THE CONTENT OF THE TALKS SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL WHILE THEY ARE TAKING PLACE. SELECTIVE AND DISTORTED LEAKING DOES NOTHING TO MAXIMISE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN THE TALKS.

"IF THE CHINESE SIDE NOW BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE PUBLIC THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE TWO SIDES, THEN THAT IS A MATTER THEY SHOULD RAISE IN THE TALKS," HE SAID.

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TIDAL FLOW SCHEME AT LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL IMPLEMENT THE TIDAL FLOW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT SCHEME AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THE SCHEME IS TO FACILITATE STAGE I OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM THE HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE TO SHA TIN ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A TRIAL SCHEME WAS HELD BETWEEN AUGUST 29 AND 31 AND WAS FOUND TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ONE TRAFFIC LANE AT ANY ONE TIME WILL HAVE TO BE CLOSED FOR THE WORK. THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE THE TIDAL SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THERE WILL BE TWO KOWLOON-BOUND LANES AND ONE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND LANE BETWEEN 6 AM AND 4 PM ON DAYS OTHER THAN SATURDAYS AND DAYS WITH DAYTIME HORSE-RACING.

FROM 4 PM TO MIDNIGHT, THE MIDDLE LANE WILL BE REVERTED SO THAT THERE WILL BE TWO NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND LANES AND ONE KOWLOON-BOUND LANE.

ONLY ONE LANE WILL BE OPEN FOR EACH DIRECTION BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM FOR SAFER TRAFFIC.

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ON SATURDAYS AND DAYS WITH DAYTIME HORSE-RACING, THE TIME FOR REVERTING TO THE MIDDLE LANE TRAFFIC WILL BE ADVANCED FROM 4 PM TO 11.30 AM.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS.

ANY MAJOR CHANGES TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FURTHER ANNOUNCED.

IN ADDITION, A 24-HOUR ON-SITE COMPLAINT TELEPHONE HOTLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE. THE NUMBER IS 9029 7146.

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OFFICIALS BRIEFED ON AIRPORT WORKS

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ABOUT 150 SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE BRIEFED TODAY (SATURDAY) ON CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

DURING A FOUR-HOUR BOAT TOUR OF THE PROJECTS, THEY SAW WORK ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, THE TSING MA AND KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGES, THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, RECLAMATION FOR TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN, AND THE AIRPORT SITE ITSELF AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THEY WERE ADDRESSED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

SIR DAVID SAID: "WE ARE MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME WITH CONTRACTS WORTH OVER \$44 BILLION WELL UNDER WAY. PROJECTS SUCH AS THE TSING MA BRIDGE, WITH ITS DRAMATIC TOWERS, ARE BECOMING IMPRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION SPECTACLES."

"NOW THAT WORK IS WELL UNDER WAY, WE DECIDED TO TAKE SENIOR OFFICIALS ON A FOUR-HOUR BOAT TOUR OF THE PROJECTS SO THAT THEY COULD SEE THE WORK AT FIRST HAND.

"MANY OF THEM HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES, EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, IN TURNING THIS EXCITING PROGRAMME INTO REALITY, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOULD SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT IS BEING DONE," HE SAID.

"THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH WHAT THEY SAW AND WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF WHAT IS BEING ACHIEVED. WE ARE SHOWING WHAT HONG KONG DOES BEST BECAUSE WE ARE BUILDING ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMMES IN RECORD TIME.

"NO ONE WHO SEES WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITES CAN BE IN ANY DOUBT THAT THE AIRPORT ITSELF AND THE ENTIRE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME ARE INDEED BEING BUILT."

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ORGAN DONATION EXHIBITION OPENS

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ORGAN TRANSPLANT IS THE ONLY HOPE OF RECOVERY FOR THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESSES IN THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ORGAN DONATION EXHIBITION TODAY (SATURDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, URGED HONG KONG PEOPLE TO HELP THESE PATIENTS BY ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE ORGAN DONATION CAMPAIGN AND SIGNING UP.

DR LEE FELT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD ALWAYS BEEN GENEROUS AND CARING.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE AS A NEW ORGAN WOULD MEAN A GIFT OF LIFE FOR THESE PATIENTS.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT CASES HAD INCREASED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE NUMBER STILL COULD NOT MEET PATIENTS' ACTUAL DEMAND.

DR LEE HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT ORGAN DONATION THROUGH THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN AND WOULD COME FORWARD AND BECOME DONORS.

HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE ORGAN DONATION CAMPAIGN RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF MANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND MEDICAL DOCTORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

THE TWO-DAY "GIFT OF LIFE" ORGAN DONATION SIGNING CAMPAIGN AND EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CENTRAL EDUCATION UNIT AND LION ROCK JAYCEES, IS HELD AT THE CRYSTAL ATRIUM ON LEVEL 3 OF METROPLAZA, KWAI FONG THIS WEEKEND.

DR LEE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CO-ORGANISER OF THE EVENT AND SAID HE APPRECIATED THE ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION LION ROCK JAYCEES MEMBERS DISPLAYED IN STAGING THE EXHIBITION.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR LAM KUI-CHUN, MISS HONG KONG 1993 MOK HO-YAN, CITIBANK VICE-PRESIDENT MS DAISY SHAM, AND HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NATIONAL PRESIDENT MR GEORGE LUNG.

THE EXHIBITION, SPONSORED BY THE CITIBANK, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION AND SIGN ORGAN DONATION CARDS AT THE VENUE.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUERIES THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE ON ORGAN DONATION. SOUVENIRS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

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HEALTH WORKERS INVITED TO JOIN COURSE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SERVING HEALTH WORKERS IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED NURSING OR MEDICAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT ON AN 11-WEEK TRAINING COURSE.

SCHEDULED TO START ON NOVEMBER 1, THE COURSE AIMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF STAFF IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"LEGISLATION TO CONTROL RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IS TO BE INTRODUCED SOON," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, NO ONE SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER AS A HEALTH WORKER FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT AT A RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME WITHOUT HAVING COMPLETED A COURSE OF TRAINING APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, HONG KONG, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IT COVERS BASIC SKILLS IN LOOKING AFTER THE ELDERLY, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS AND BASIC PRINCIPLES IN RUNNING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ELDERLY HOMES WHICH THEY ARE SERVING WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

INVITATION LETTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO PRIVATE HOME OPERATORS INVITING THEM TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSE.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO TAKE UP A JOB IN THESE HOMES MAY ALSO FORWARD THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGISTRATION OFFICE OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, SEVENTH FLOOR, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 23.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 834 7414 OR 892 5187.

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RESIDENTS GO ON GREEN TOUR

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MORE THAN 40 CITY DWELLERS AND STUDENTS HAD A TASTE OF FARM LIFE IN FANLING TODAY (SATURDAY) BY TRYING THEIR HANDS IN PLANTING SEEDS.

AT THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM "PRODUCE GREEN", THEY LEARNT IRRIGATION, FERTILISATION AND ORGANIC CULTIVATION.

THE TOUR WAS ARRANGED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RESPONSE, THE ORGANISERS ARE PLANNING MORE SUCH ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

TODAY'S ACTIVITY IS AN EXTENSION OF THE WONG TAI SIN'S GREEN PLANT PROJECT WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN 1989.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDED HORTICULTURAL SEMINARS AND TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES. MORE THAN 10,000 TREES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLANTED IN THE DISTRICT.

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50 CAR MARKS SOLD FOR CHARITY

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FIFTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,624,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE LECTURE HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK FN1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$350,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK AJ88 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$250,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR FH2948, CF547 AND FH9700.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

FH3889	\$ 7,000	FH366	\$ 18,000	FH783	\$ 8,000	FH193	\$ 6,000
FH1138	11,000	BC288	64,000	FF8838	30,000	FH213	16,000
*FR100	30,000	*FC20	50,000	*FP2	100,000	*FN1	350,000
AA3303	72,000	FJ223	22,000	AL633	30,000	AZ1682	26,000
FH8283	18,000	ED280	58,000	FH8868	16,000	FH802	15,000
FJ325	18,000	FH2328	20,000	FG8978	2,000	CD2389	14,000
FH886	29,000	FH119	22,000	FH6618	16,000	FH830	10,000
*FM300	34,000	*FP9000	20,000	*AJ88	250,000	*FN4433	12,000
FH892	14,000	AF107	40,000	FH5551	4,000	FH6818	10,000
FH6628	32,000	FH822	28,000	FH108	52,000	FH2866	4,000
FH3213	5,000	BM3972	3,000	*FP1991	10,000	FH2948	1,000
CF547	1,000	FH2330	7,000	DR8669	2,000	*CM1414	5,000
FH9700	1,000	FH735	11,000				

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

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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 BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 201ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$212,825,905.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,725
REVERSAL OF LAF	+250
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,975
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-530
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,445
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.1 *-0.4*	4.9.93

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