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CONSTITUTIONAL PACKAGE IS MODEST  
AND NOT CONFRONTATIONAL

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THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PACKAGE IS MODEST AND IS NOT PROVOCATIVE OR CONFRONTATIONAL, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ALBERT LAM CHI-CHIU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) LAST YEAR, MR LAM STRESSED THAT THE POLITICAL BLUEPRINT WAS "WELL WITHIN THE BASIC LAW".

THE REFORMS, HE SAID, WERE NOT JUST IMPORTANT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BUT TO EVERYONE IN THE TERRITORY.

IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID THE CNTA OFFICIALS WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS THEM IN A CONSTRUCTIVE, INFORMED AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

"AFTER 11 YEARS OF DEVELOPING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, WHICH IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE READY FOR A GREATER DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

"THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE BEST IN HONG KONG, SUCH AS THE RULE OF LAW AND AN ACCOUNTABLE ADMINISTRATION, IS MAINTAINED," MR LAM SAID.

IN ORDER THAT A MORE OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS PRACTISED, MR LAM SAID AS FROM APRIL, ALL 19 DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN WOULD BE INVITED TO SIT ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, DISTRICT OFFICERS WILL CONSULT THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN ON ALL DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

FURTHERMORE, AT LEAST 50 PER CENT OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY IS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO CHANGE ANY DISTRICT BOARD BOUNDARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THIS MEANS THAT THE BOUNDARIES FOR SHA TIN, KWAI TSING, TSUEN WAN AND ISLANDS WILL REMAIN INTACT.

"WE HAVE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND ACCEPT THEIR VALIDITY," MR LAM SAID.

TURNING TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LAM SAID IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN INCREASING FOCUS ON IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF RURAL DWELLERS.

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"THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IS THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS."

IN MONEY TERMS, MR LAM ESTIMATED THAT THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO \$68 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR - A STAGGERING 37 PER CENT LEAP OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ALL THE PROJECTS WERE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL LIVING CONDITIONS, AND WERE UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL NEEDS, MR LAM SAID.

THESE INCLUDED VAN TRACKS, BRIDGES, DRAINAGE SCHEMES, SITTING-OUT AREAS, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, AND OTHERS.

IN ADDITION, NT DISTRICT OFFICERS HAVE ALSO ARRANGED WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS TO YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG, AND THE PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO MANY REMOTE VILLAGES.

DISTRICT OFFICERS ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF CLEARANCES AND LAND RESUMPTION RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

LAST YEAR, THEY WERE SUCCESSFULLY INVOLVED IN VILLAGE CLEARANCES FOR THE YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS, THE CLEARANCE OF THE YUEN HA TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND SEVERAL OTHER PROJECTS.

CNTA STAFF, MR LAM SAID, HAD ALSO MEDIATED AND RESOLVED MANY "FUNG SHUI" DISPUTES.

TURNING TO DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS, MR LAM SAID SPECIAL ATTENTION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PAID TO TIN SHUI WAI, MA ON SHAN AND TSEUNG KWAN O.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CNTA HEADQUARTERS WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE AND TIMELY PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

"THEY ALSO LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE NEW TOWNS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG HAS ACCELERATED THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC) IN TSEUNG KWAN O BY ASSISTING SOME 80 PER CENT OF THE HOUSING BLOCKS TO FORM THEIR OWN MAC'S."

AS REGARDS RURAL HOUSING FOR INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS, MR LAM SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STREAMLINING PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING SMALL HOUSE APPLICATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING PROCESSING TIME.

AT PRESENT, THE AVERAGE TIME FOR PROCESSING A SMALL HOUSE APPLICATION IS 10 MONTHS.

"OUR AIM IS TO REDUCE THIS TO SEVEN MONTHS BY THE END OF 1993," MR LAM SAID.

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ON COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY CNTA, MR LAM SAID CONTINUED EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF AREA COMMITTEES AND RURAL COMMITTEES.

ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS, YOUTH GROUPS AND WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS.

DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUCH AS THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL, DRAGON BOAT RACES, THE TIN HAU PROCESSION IN YUEN LONG AND TRADITIONAL TA CHIU CEREMONIES WILL ALSO BE PROMOTED TO RETAIN NEW TERRITORIES' LOCAL FLAVOUR AND CUSTOMS.

AS THE HEUNG YEE KUK - WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 350,000 INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN THE NT - HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ALL THIS, MR LAM PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY LIAISE AND MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KUK.

"WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO CONSULT THE HEUNG YEE KUK ON ALL MAJOR POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING THE NEW TERRITORIES."

MR LAM STRESSED CNTA'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF BOTH THE NT NEW TOWNS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES.

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AG EXPLAINS ROLE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, SERVED THE INTERESTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF HONG KONG AND WAS NOT THE SERVANT OR THE TOOL OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATION TODAY (TUESDAY), MR MATHEWS SAID THIS PRINCIPLE WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE RULE OF LAW AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS A KEY FEATURE AND HAS LONG BEEN SO REGARDED IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM THAT, AS AN ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARD FOR THE FAIR, UNBIASED ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MUST JEALOUSLY GUARD THAT INDEPENDENCE IN THE SAME WAY AS THE JUDICIARY," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN NEWSPAPERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROSECUTED SUCH AND SUCH A PERSON, THAT WAS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING.

"THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTES NO ONE, FOR IT HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROSECUTION. ALL PROSECUTIONS ARE BROUGHT BY OR IN THE NAME OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ARE BROUGHT QUITE INDEPENDENTLY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"SO THAT WHEN IT IS CLAIMED THAT A PARTICULAR PROSECUTION HAS BEEN BROUGHT FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES IMPLYING THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS BEEN TOLD WHOM TO PROSECUTE, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THAT IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

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"THIS PRINCIPLE IS, I REPEAT, OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE AND THAT IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN RECOGNISED IN BOTH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND IN THE BASIC LAW, ARTICLE 63 OF WHICH GUARANTEES THAT PROSECUTIONS WILL BE BROUGHT FREE FROM INTERFERENCE," SAID MR MATHEWS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF HIS ROLE AS THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WAS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED AND UNDERSTOOD WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

A SECOND ASPECT OF INDEPENDENCE, ALSO OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE, WAS THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PROSECUTOR FROM THE POLICE.

THE ROLE OF THE POLICE WAS, AMONG OTHERS, TO INVESTIGATE THE COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES AND TO APPREHEND THOSE WHOM THEY THOUGHT WERE WRONG DOERS.

ONCE THE INVESTIGATION BY THE POLICE WAS COMPLETE, THE PROSECUTOR TOOK OVER TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS, TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE A PROSECUTION AT ALL AND IF SO THEN TO HAVE THE CONDUCT OF IT.

"THE PROSECUTOR IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE IN TAKING THIS DECISION, NOR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC," MR MATHEWS SAID.

HE SAID THIS SEPARATION OF FUNCTION WOULD ENSURE THAT THE PROSECUTOR WAS ABLE TO BRING AN INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE EYE TO THE CASE PREPARED BY THE POLICE.

IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO PROSECUTE IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE, FIRST OF ALL, THERE HAD TO BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE ALL THE ELEMENTS OF AN OFFENCE.

EVEN IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT TENDED TO PROVE THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS OF AN OFFENCE, A BARE PRIMA FACIE CASE WAS, GENERALLY SPEAKING, NOT ENOUGH TO WARRANT A PROSECUTION.

"THERE MUST BE A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF SECURING A CONVICTION BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC JUSTICE, NOR OF THE PUBLIC REVENUE, THAT WEAK OR BORDERLINE CASES SHOULD BE PROSECUTED," MR MATHEWS SAID.

A "REASONABLE PROSPECT" MEANT THAT THE PROSECUTOR DID NOT NEED TO SATISFY HIMSELF WITH 100 PER CENT CERTAINTY THAT THE ACCUSED WOULD BE CONVICTED.

THE PROSECUTOR MADE HIS DECISION TO PROSECUTE BASED ON EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE POLICE. THE PROSECUTOR HIMSELF DID NOT INTERVIEW THE WITNESSES EXCEPT HE MIGHT INTERVIEW EXPERT WITNESSES TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR EVIDENCE.

IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR THE PROSECUTOR TO QUESTION THE WITNESSES BY CONDUCTING SOME SORT OF MINI-TRIAL BEFORE THE PROPER TRIAL BECAUSE ALL TRIALS SHOULD BE HELD IN A COURT OF LAW, WHERE THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF AN ACCUSED WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE JUDGE, OR IN SERIOUS CASES BY A JURY.

"THE CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING A LEGAL SYSTEM WITH AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY AND WITH THE PROSECUTOR NOT HAVING TO SATISFY HIMSELF OF 100 PER CENT CERTAINTY OF CONVICTION MEANS THAT THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WILL RESULT IN ACQUITTALS," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE MIGHT BE MANY REASONS FOR AN ACQUITTAL. A PROSECUTOR COULD WORK ONLY ON THE MATERIAL PRESENTED TO HIM AND DURING THE COURSE OF CROSS-EXAMINATION THE WITNESS MIGHT DEPART FROM HIS EARLIER TESTIMONY OR MIGHT REVEAL MATTERS WHICH HE HAD NOT DISCLOSED TO THE POLICE.

THERE WERE OCCASIONS WHERE A WITNESS ABSCONDED AND IF HE WAS A VITAL WITNESS THE CASE WOULD SUFFER.

IF THE PROPOSED PROSECUTION SURVIVED THIS EVIDENTIAL TEST, THE PROSECUTOR THEN HAD TO TURN TO OTHER CRITERIA, GENERALLY KNOWN AS "THE PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA".

MR MATHEWS SAID THERE CLEARLY COULD NOT BE HARD AND FAST RULES THAT WOULD DICTATE HOW TO JUDGE THE PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA. BUT AMONG SOME OF THE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE THESE:

- \* WHAT WERE THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENCE?
- \* HOW SERIOUS WAS IT?
- \* WHAT WERE ITS PRACTICAL EFFECTS?
- \* WHAT EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THERE?
- \* HOW WOULD THE DECISION TO LAUNCH A PROSECUTION AFFECT OTHER PEOPLE?
- \* HOW SERIOUS A VIEW WOULD A COURT TAKE OF THE OFFENCE IF THERE WERE A CONVICTION?
- \* WOULD THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROSECUTION BE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENCE OR TO THE PENALTY A COURT WOULD BE LIKELY TO IMPOSE?
- \* HOW LONG AGO WAS THE OFFENCE COMMITTED AND HAD THE ACCUSED HIMSELF ATTRIBUTED TO THE DELAY?
- \* WAS THE OFFENDER SO YOUNG, OR SO OLD (AND POSSIBLY INFIRM) THAT A PROSECUTION COULD CAUSE DISPROPORTIONATE HARM?
- \* WAS THERE A SUBSTANTIAL RISK THAT THE STRAIN OF A PROSECUTION WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE CONDITION OF THE ACCUSED?
- \* WAS IT REALLY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PROCEED AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE ONLY ON THE FRINGE OF THE OFFENCE AS WELL AS THE RING LEADERS?

IF, AFTER WEIGHING ALL THESE FACTORS IN THE BALANCE THE CASE BETWEEN PROSECUTION AND NON-PROSECUTION REMAINED EVEN, THE FINAL ARBITER HAD TO BE THE COURT, AND THE PROSECUTION SHOULD PROCEED.

THE PROSECUTOR THUS NEEDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC ATTITUDE AND INTERESTS IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS AND AT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT STAGES IN A PROSECUTION.

IN APPLYING THE EVIDENTIAL TEST SYSTEM, THE PROSECUTOR MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE A VIEW OF THE PROBABLE REACTION OF A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SITTING AS JURORS, TO A PARTICULAR SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

"IN OTHER WORDS, IS THERE A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF A CONVICTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SELECTED AT RANDOM?

"THEN IN APPLYING THE PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA, HOW DOES HE ASSESS WHAT THE PUBLIC REALLY EXPECTS OF ITS PROSECUTORS. THIS MAY NOT BE EASY. VERY OFTEN, PUBLIC OPINION IS AROUSED QUICKLY AND IRRATIONALLY AND THE PROSECUTOR, LOOKING AT THE SITUATION IMPASSIONATELY AND OBJECTIVELY, SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SWAYED BY IT," SAID MR MATHEWS.

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GOVT WELCOMES LAN KWAI FONG REPORT

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED THE INTERIM REPORT PREPARED BY MR JUSTICE BOKHARY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO THE DEATHS OF 21 PEOPLE IN LAN KWAI FONG IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE REPORT, WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, HE SAID, WOULD BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY AND WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MR JUSTICE BOKHARY WOULD BE SUBMITTING HIS FINAL REPORT WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO.

"I AM PLEASED THAT THE PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS HAVE CO-OPERATED SO FULLY WITH MR JUSTICE BOKHARY," HE SAID.

"A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT HAS GONE INTO THE PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO MR JUSTICE BOKHARY."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTERIM REPORT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED.

THIS WOULD BE DONE AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE INTERIM REPORT WHICH CALLED FOR ACTION BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. THEY CONCERN THE NEED TO PREVENT OVERCROWDING, PUBLICITY ABOUT CROWD CONTROL MEASURES AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD, FOR THE PAST WEEK, BEEN ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO DEAL WITH CROWDS OVER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THE REQUEST FOR THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO DEAL WITH LARGE CROWDS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"WE MAY HAVE TO RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF PEDESTRIANS OR VEHICLES IN ORDER TO ENSURE SAFETY," HE SAID, "AND WE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL CO-OPERATE."

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WOULD BE DEPLOYED AT A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD. THIS FOLLOWED NORMAL PRACTICE.

"THE POLICE HAVE COMPLETED THEIR OWN STUDY INTO THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LAN KWAI FONG INCIDENT AND THESE HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED, WHERE APPROPRIATE, INTO THEIR PLANS FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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POLICE TEAM ON CROWD CONTROL STUDY APPOINTED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE MR LI KWAN-HA TODAY (TUESDAY) CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF THE INTERIM REPORT BY MR JUSTICE BOKHARY ON THE LAN KWAI FONG TRAGEDY.

MR LI SAID A PLANNING GROUP AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAD COMPLETED A REVIEW OF ALL POLICE OPERATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS AND TAKEN STEPS TO IMPLEMENT NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

HE ALSO SAID A HIGH-LEVEL TEAM HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT A WIDE-RANGING STUDY OF POLICE CROWD CONTROL OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

MR LI SAID THE REPORT BY MR JUSTICE BOKHARY WOULD NOW BE EXAMINED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH APPLIED TO THE POLICE.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR TRAVELLERS  
DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE THE LARGE VOLUME OF AIR PASSENGERS OVER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD.

IN ADDITION TO THE 2,046 SCHEDULED DEPARTING FLIGHTS, AIRLINES WILL BE OPERATING ABOUT 359 ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS BETWEEN JANUARY 19 AND FEBRUARY 1.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN PASSENGER VOLUME OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE HOLIDAY TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO REACH A PEAK DURING JANUARY 21 TO 28 WHEN ABOUT 53,000 PASSENGERS ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART ON MORE THAN 180 FLIGHTS EACH DAY.

THE AIRPORT TERMINAL MANAGER, MR CLARENCE CHOI YOK-LUNG, TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF OUTGOING FLIGHTS DURING THIS PERIOD, A SPECIAL CHECK-IN FACILITY WOULD BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR ALL CHINA-BOUND FLIGHTS AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DEPARTURE HALL OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

THIS WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM THURSDAY (JANUARY 21) UNTIL JANUARY 27 WHEN THE NUMBER OF DEPARTING PASSENGERS WILL REACH THE PEAK, MR CHOI SAID.

THE FACILITY, CALLED CHECK-IN AREA "N", COMPRISES 10 CHECK-IN COUNTERS, FIVE WEIGHTSCALES FOR BAGGAGES AND AN X-RAY MACHINE FOR SECURITY SCREENING.

"ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AT THE AIRPORT ASSOCIATED WITH DEPARTURE ACTIVITIES HAVE PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT BY PUTTING UP MAXIMUM MANNING RESOURCES TO HELP PASSENGERS," HE SAID.

TO HELP DEPARTING PASSENGERS TO FIND THE CHECK-IN COUNTERS, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE DISPLAYED AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS AT THE DEPARTURE HALL.

AS THE AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY CROWDED DURING THE PERIOD, TRAVELLERS ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND NOT TO DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT.

TAXI TRADE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO SEND MORE TAXIS TO THE AIRPORT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND.

IN ORDER TO AVOID MISSING FLIGHTS, MR CHOI ADVISED DEPARTING PASSENGERS TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT EARLY, PREFERABLY TWO HOURS BEFORE THE FLIGHT DEPARTURE TIME, CHECK IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND GO IMMEDIATELY TO DEPARTURE IMMIGRATION CONTROL AFTER CHECK-IN.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO SEND OFF OR GREET FRIENDS OR RELATIVES ARE ALSO ADVISED NOT TO GO TO THE AIRPORT DURING THE PERIOD.

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ACTION AGAINST UNAUTHORISED NT DEVELOPMENTS GATHERS MOMENTUM

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ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS (DPA) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS GATHERING MOMENTUM, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR K S PUN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION, HE POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE IN 1991, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD FORMED ENFORCEMENT TEAM TO PATROL THE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS.

"IN 1992, WE CONSIDERED 88 CASES OF SUSPECTED UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT IN RESPECT OF CONTAINER STORAGE, SITE FORMATION, DUMPING, OPEN STORAGE AND WORKSHOP USES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS," HE ADDED.

AFTER INVESTIGATION, 477 WARNING LETTERS, 78 ENFORCEMENT NOTICES AND NINE STOP NOTICES WERE SERVED.

AFTER THE ISSUE OF THE WARNING LETTERS OR NOTICES, 14 CASES OF UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT WERE DISCONTINUED AND FOUR OBTAINED PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO CONTINUE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT.

"WITH THE STEPPING UP OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION, BETTER PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION, WE HOPE THAT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL IN THE RURAL AREAS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND A BETTER ENVIRONMENT COULD RESULT."

DR PUN THEN HIGHLIGHTED HIS DEPARTMENT'S OTHER MAJOR TASKS LAST YEAR AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR. THESE INCLUDED:

- \* PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE,
- \* TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW,
- \* REVIEW OF THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY,
- \* REVIEW OF THE SOUTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES,
- \* DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS FOR WEST KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN/KWAI TSING,
- \* CONSULTANCY STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT FOR SOUTHEAST KOWLOON, AND
- \* TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF DEEP BAY AND ITS CATCHMENTS.

DR PUN ALSO LISTED OTHER STUDIES WHICH ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

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THEY INCLUDE REVIEW OF DENSITY GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF SPECIAL CONTROL AREAS, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES IN FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA, REDEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED GOVERNMENT SITES AND PLANNING OF PORT DEVELOPMENTS AT KOWLOON BAY, TSEUNG KWAN O AND TUEN MUN.

ELABORATING ON THE MAJOR WORK ITEMS LAST YEAR, DR PUN POINTED OUT THAT THE INITIAL CONCLUSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE WOULD BE PUT INTO THE FORM OF A WHITE BILL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION LATER THIS YEAR.

THE REPORT ON THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW WAS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION IN MID-1993, HE ADDED.

ALSO TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY WILL BE A BILINGUAL "EXECUTIVE SUMMARY" OF THE REVIEW OF THE PORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

AS REGARDS THE REVIEW OF THE SOUTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, DR PUN SAID HE AIMED TO PRODUCE INTERIM RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES BY MID-1993.

"ACCORDING TO CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME, REVIEW OF THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT WILL BEGIN IN MAY THIS YEAR. THESE SUBREGIONAL STRATEGIES WILL HELP PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE CONVERSION OF DPA PLANS INTO STATUTORY OUTLINE ZONING PLANS," HE SAID.

IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS, DR PUN SAID DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS FOR WEST KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN/KWAI TSING HAD BEEN COMPLETED TO TRANSLATE THE METROPLAN CONCEPTS INTO MORE DETAILED DISTRICT PROPOSALS.

THE CONCERNED DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE BRIEFED ON THE KEY ITEMS TO BE TACKLED AND WOULD BE FURTHER BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR PROPOSALS BEFORE THE FINAL REPORTS WERE COMPLETED.

REFERRING TO THE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT FOR SOUTHEAST KOWLOON (COVERING THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SITE, KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND ADJOINING AREAS OF KOWLOON CITY AND TO KWA WAN), DR PUN SAID A PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 260,000 - 280,000 PEOPLE.

"THE FINAL REPORT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY MID-1993. IN ADDITION, GROUND WORK FOR THE PREPARATION OF A DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WEST (THAT IS WESTERN DISTRICT AND THE PROPOSED GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION) IS UNDER WAY," HE SAID.

DR PUN POINTED OUT THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF DEEP BAY AND ITS CATCHMENTS WOULD PROVIDE A CROSS-BORDER FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH AIR AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS AND ASSOCIATED LAND USE ISSUES AFFECTING DEEP BAY AND ITS CATCHMENTS COULD BE DEALT WITH.

REFERRING TO THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN HIS POLICY SPEECH LAST YEAR, DR PUN ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL PLANNING SERVICES WOULD BE DELIVERED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND TIMELY AS RESOURCES PERMIT.

EARLIER, DR PUN SAID 1992 WAS ALSO A BUSY YEAR FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

DURING THE YEAR, THE BOARD CONSIDERED 618 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (AS COMPARED TO 398 IN 1991).

OF THE APPLICATIONS, 309 WERE APPROVED UPON FIRST CONSIDERATION AND 24 APPROVED UPON REVIEW. THE BOARD ALSO CONSIDERED 283 AND HEARD 376 OBJECTIONS.

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BORDER TALKS USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE

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AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, MR HUANG QUN, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN, VISITED DONGGUAN, GUANGDONG, FROM JANUARY 17 TO 19 FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL BORDER REVIEW.

THE BORDER LIAISON SYSTEM PROVIDES FOR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND CONTROL AT THE BORDER. BOTH SIDES CONSIDER IT EFFECTIVE AND VALUABLE.

AT TALKS HELD YESTERDAY (MONDAY), THE TWO SIDES REVIEWED LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR. THEY DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF WAYS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING THESE ARRANGEMENTS. THE TALKS WERE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE.

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NEW ACCOUNTING SERVICES DIRECTOR APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR C F M O'KELLY, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, WILL RETIRE ON MARCH 16 THIS YEAR.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR CHIU SZE-HUNG, CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES.

MR O'KELLY, AGED 59, JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1967. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN 1979 AND TO DIRECTOR IN 1983.

ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR O'KELLY WILL HAVE COMPLETED 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR CHIU, AGED 59, JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A TEMPORARY CLERK IN 1952.

HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER GRADE IN 1957 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE TREASURY ACCOUNTANT GRADE IN 1972.

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HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN 1979 AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN 1984.

MR CHIU RETIRED IN 1986 ON ATTAINING MAXIMUM PENSION STATUS AND HAS SINCE BEEN RE-EMPLOYED ON AGREEMENT TERMS OF SERVICE.

HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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ETV SPECIAL ON VALUE OF LIFE

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A TELEVISION PROGRAMME PRODUCED FOR VIEWING IN THE CLASSROOM TO DISCOURAGE SUICIDE WILL BE BROADCAST PUBLICLY TO ENLIST THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

THE EDUCATION TELEVISION (ETV) SPECIAL, "VALUE OF LIFE", WILL BE SHOWN ON JADE CHANNEL OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD AT 7 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 21).

"PARENTS SHOULD WATCH THIS ETV SPECIAL TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY CAN LATER DISCUSS THE HOME, SCHOOL AND PEER PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE 30-MINUTE PRODUCTION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SPECIAL WAS JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WAS BROADCAST TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SINCE DECEMBER 11.

APART FROM VARIOUS SCENARIOS DEPICTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PEER SITUATIONS, THE PROGRAMME ALSO CONTAINS MESSAGES FROM POPULAR PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING TENNIS ACE MICHAEL CHANG, ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN OVERCOMING SETBACKS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR LIFE.

THE PROGRAMME WOULD ALSO HELP VIEWERS, PARTICULARLY YOUTHS, TO KNOW HOW TO VALUE LIFE AND TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS, PARENTS AND THEIR PEER GROUPS.

"IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH WATCHING THE PROGRAMME, PARENTS WOULD UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO COMMUNICATE MORE WITH THEIR CHILDREN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ORDERS, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES  
FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS INCREASED BY 2% IN NOVEMBER 1992 OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1991, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ORDERS POSITION IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES IMPROVED FAIRLY SIGNIFICANTLY. SLIGHT INCREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, ORDERS FOR THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED INCREASED BY 1%. ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES INCREASED MODERATELY.

SOME INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES. THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN ORDERS.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS DECREASED BY 12% IN NOVEMBER 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST IN 1991. THIS DECLINE IS IN LINE WITH THE RECENT TREND OF RELOCATING PRODUCTION PROCESSES TO SOUTH CHINA.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE SURVEYED MANUFACTURERS DECREASED BY 1%.

IN NOVEMBER 1992, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 16% IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1991, BUT DECREASED BY 2% WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE LARGE YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF SEVERANCE PAYMENTS BY SOME COMPANIES AS THEY RELOCATED THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES ACROSS THE BORDER.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED MODERATELY IN NOVEMBER 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1991, BUT REMAINED STABLE WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THESE COMPANIES INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR BUT DECREASED MILDLY OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER 1992 OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1991, AND REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THESE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1991 BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERS ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE SECTORS.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1992 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.50 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6441.

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TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY -----	AS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1992 ----- (MONTHS)	ORDERS-ON-HAND -----	
		CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH -----	
		OCT. 92 ----- (%)	NOV. 91 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED -----	4.47	+1 --	+2 --
WEARING APPAREL	4.69	+1	-1
TEXTILES	2.17	+6	-10
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.62	+7	+2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.66	+2	+10
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.78	*	+7
OTHERS	3.95	*	-1

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED  
AS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1992

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	OCT. 92	NOV. 91
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	-1	-12
FOOD AND DRINKS	+1	+3
WEARING APPAREL	-2	-17
TEXTILES	-2	-21
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-3	-11
FABRICATED METAL	*	-10
PRODUCTS		
ELECTRICAL AND	-1	-16
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS		
OTHERS	*	*
CONSTRUCTION #	*	-5
SERVICES	*	+2
BANKS	+1	-1
HOTELS	*	-1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	+3
OTHERS	+1	+4

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS  
EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE : DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN NOVEMBER 1992	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		OCT. 92	NOV. 91
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	7,976	-2	+16
FOOD AND DRINKS	8,350	-2	+14
WEARING APPAREL	6,053	*	+11
TEXTILES	7,005	-5	+15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7,971	-4	+13
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	7,643	-1	+9
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	8,357	-3	+20
OTHERS	9,914	-2	+15
CONSTRUCTION #	10,840	-3	+13
SERVICES	12,548	-1	+11
BANKS	11,658	-1	+12
HOTELS	8,003	*	+12
PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,688	-2	+7
OTHERS	14,083	*	+13

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

# PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 :

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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MEXICO TO REVIEW ANTI-DUMPING RESOLUTION ON DENIM

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THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INITIATED A REVIEW ON THE FINAL RESOLUTION MADE IN SEPTEMBER 1991 TO IMPOSE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG OF DENIM OF 85 PERCENT COTTON OR MORE.

THE REVIEW PERIOD COVERS JANUARY 1, 1992 TO JUNE 30, 1992.

A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLED ON COMPANIES WHO MAY HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THE REVIEW TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

"AS THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS NOT ANNOUNCED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE NOTICE THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING THE SUBMISSIONS, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT HAS SOUGHT CLARIFICATIONS WITH THEM AND WILL INFORM TRADERS OF THE DEADLINE ONCE SUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

"TRADERS ARE, HOWEVER, ADVISED THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTERESTS TO FORWARD THEIR SUBMISSIONS TO THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG OF DENIM OF 85 PERCENT COTTON OR MORE INTO MEXICO ARE SUBJECT TO AN ANTI-DUMPING DUTY OF US\$1 A KILOGRAMME UNLESS SUCH IMPORTS ARE SUPPLIED BY COMPANIES SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDING TO HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF DENIM TO MEXICO AMOUNTED TO HK\$59.6 MILLION IN 1991 AND HK\$77.1 MILLION IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1992.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THE PROVISIONAL RESOLUTION ON ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION ON ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SERIES ORIGINATING FROM CHINA.

WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 9, 1992, THE FOLLOWING ANTI-DUMPING DUTY HAS BEEN IMPOSED:

- \* US\$1.97 PER UNIT FOR 20 LIGHTS SET WITH ACCESSORIES;
- \* US\$7.05 PER UNIT FOR 140 LIGHTS SET WITH ACCESSORIES;
- \* US\$9.44 PER UNIT FOR 200 LIGHTS SET WITH ACCESSORIES; AND
- \* US\$6.15 PER UNIT FOR ALL OTHER TYPES OF SETS.

ACCORDING TO HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO MEXICO OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SETS ORIGINATING FROM CHINA AMOUNTED TO HK\$5.1 MILLION IN 1991 AND HK\$9.2 MILLION IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS IN 1992.

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REVIEW ARTICLE ON MANUFACTURING SECTOR

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THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS" CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON SALIENT FEATURES OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES STATISTICS WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DURING THE PERIOD 1980-1992.

THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG, 1980-1992", ALSO ANALYSED THE EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES OF THE SECTOR BY DISTRICT AND SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENT.

THE BOOK, AT \$48 A COPY, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES FOR THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THERE WILL BE NO CLINIC SERVICE BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND 24. HOWEVER, EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON JANUARY 25 (MONDAY).

THEY ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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DO VISITS TSING YI

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THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI TSING, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING VISITED THE GREENFIELD GARDEN ON TSING YI TO FAMILIARISE HERSELF WITH THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT THERE.

LOCATED NEAR THE HONG KONG CEMENT PLANT, THE RESIDENTS OF THE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUISANCE GENERATED BY THE PLANT.

NOTING THE RESIDENTS' CONCERNS, MRS ALLCOCK SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RELOCATE THE PLANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"IN THE MEANTIME, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION," SHE ADDED.

MRS ALLCOCK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS OF TSING YI EAST CONSTITUENCY, MR CHAN SIU-MAN.

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## ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES FOR DECEMBER

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS DURING DECEMBER OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

AS THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING, THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING DECEMBER LAST YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.SANCTOWN LTD	CHEONG LOK ST, YAU MA TEI	15.7.91- 28.8.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,000	2ND	EASTERN
2.EMPIRE LEADER ENTERPRISES LTD	QUEEN'S RD EAST, WAN CHAI	1.1.92- 31.1.92	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	"
3.GOOD TASTE KITCHEN LTD	MORRISON HILL RD, WAN CHAI	11.2.92- 7.4.92	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	"
4.SOUTH PACIFIC HOTEL MANAGEMENT LTD	"	9.3.92- 22.5.92	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	"
5.MANCROWN LTD	CANTON RD, YAU MA TEI	27.3.92- 12.5.92	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	"
6.HIP HING CONSTRUCTION CO LTD	SHARP ST EAST, CAUSEWAY BAY	12.4.92	NCO : CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	15,000	1ST	"

7. CHOI HOI- CHUN	HUNG WAN ST & PANG CHING ST, TO KWA WAN	23.4.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
8. INTERNAT- IONAL DYEING & BLEACHING FTY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	30.4.92- 13.7.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
9. LAU CHEONG KEE MARINE ENGINEERING LTD (LICENSEE)	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	13.5.92	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 1500 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH- SOUTHWEST OF SHEK KWU CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	2,500	3RD	EASTERN
10. FOK MOON KAM (TUG BOAT MASTER)	CANTON RD	13.5.92	DASO : "	2,000	1ST	"
11. WONG LEE KWAN (BARGE SAILOR)	KWAI CHUNG RD, KWAI CHUNG	13.5.92	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH- SOUTHWEST OF SHEK KWU CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	1,000	1ST	"
12. THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB	SPORTS RD, HAPPY VALLEY	27.5.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,500	1ST	EASTERN
13. KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LTD	WAN HOI ST, HUNG HOM	31.5.92	NCO : CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	20,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON

14. LEIGHTON-BRUCKNER FOUNDATION ENGINEERING LTD	WAN HOI ST, HUNG HOM	31.5.92	NCO :	"	25,000	2ND	"
15. WONG SHI-LAN	"	31.5.92	NCO :	"	5,000	1ST	"
				PERMIT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT			
16. GAMMON CONSTRUCTION LTD	QUEEN'S RD EAST, WAN CHAI	2.6.92	WPCO :	"	10,000	1ST	SHATIN
				DISCHARGE WASTE MATTER INTO TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE			
17. "	"	18.6.92	WPCO :	"	10,000	2ND	"
18. KAI WO DYEING FTY	LAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	22.6.92	APCO :	"	3,500	3RD	KWUN TONG
				EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION			
19. QUICK VIC CO LTD	FU YAN ST, KWUN TONG	23.6.92	NCO :	"	8,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
				FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	(PLUS A DAILY FINE 80 DAYS @ \$100=\$8,000)		
20. SOONING CO LTD	CHUEN LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	25.6.92	NCO :	"	8,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
21. HOP LIK METAL PROCESSING COMPANY	ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING	2.7.92	WPCO :	"	10,000	1ST	FANLING
				DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE			
22. WONG MENG-WAH	JORDAN RD, YAU MA TEI	3.7.92	NCO :	"	25,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
				FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE			

23.SUPER- STYLE TEXTILE PRINTING FTY LTD	KWAI TING RD, KWAI CHUNG	9.7.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
24.TIN FUNG LAUNDRY	PING CHE, FANLING	9.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	2ND	FANLING
25.GOOD VIEW NEW VILLAGE (STP)	FANLING	10.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
26.CHI SHING BLEACHING & DYEING FTY LTD	CHEUNG TAT RD, TSING YI	14.7.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
27.YUEN YUEN DAIRY FARM	PING CHE, FANLING	15.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	1ST	FANLING
28.HOP FAT DAIRY	PING CHE, FANLING	15.7.92	WPCO : "	20,000	1ST	"
29.SHUI FUNG (PING CHE) DAIRY B	"	15.7.92	WPCO : "	10,000	1ST	"
30.LICK SANG KNIT- TING & DYE- ING FTY	WANG LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	17.7.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	12,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
31.UNION DYEING WORKS LTD	KWAN TEI PAK TSUEN, FANLING	23.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	40,000	3RD	FANLING
32.FAN AH BEAN CURD FACTORY	PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG	27.7.92	WPCO : "	15,000	2ND	"

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33.SHING SANG INTER- NATIONAL PAPER FACTORY	KONG HA WAI, KAM TIN	27.7.92	WPCO : "	20,000	1ST	"
34.TELLY WEAVING & DYEING FTY LTD	KIU TAU WAI, YUEN LONG	29.7.92	WPCO : "	20,000	1ST	"
35.KWONG WO PORK LARD SHOP	WING KIN RD, KWAI CHUNG	6.8.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
36.FAT KEE BEAN CURD FTY	KWU TUNG VILLAGE, SHEUNG SHUI	11.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	2ND	FANLING
37.GOLDEN MONGKOK RESTAURANT LTD	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	11.8.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	2ND	NORTH KOWLOON
38.GLINTAGE LTD	KANSU ST, YAU MA TEI	11.8.92	NCO : "	20,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
39.TEXKNIT LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, KWAI CHUNG	13.8.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
40.WONDERFUL HONOUR LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	14.8.92	APCO : "	12,000	2ND	"
41.CHUNG SHING FINISHING WORKS LTD	TSING YI IND CTR, TSING YI	18.8.92	APCO : "	7,000	2ND	"
42.SUNFOONG DYEING & BLEACHING FTY	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	19.8.92	APCO : "	10,000	2ND	"
43.KONG FUNG IRON & STEEL FTY LTD	KWAN TEI, FANLING	20.8.92	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	7,000	3RD	FANLING

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44.MEE CHUN CANNING COMPANY LTD	PING SHAN, YUEN LONG	20.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
45.TAI YICK FOOD COMPANY	HUNG SHUI KIU, YUEN LONG	20.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
46.CHO KAN CHEUNG	KWAN TEI NORTH VILLAGE, FANLING	25.8.92	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	2,000	1ST	"
47.YIP LAI- CHUEN	MATHESON ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	25.8.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	8,000	2ND	EASTERN
48.CHIN HUAY FOODS COMPANY (HK) LTD	KWU TUNG VILLAGE, SHEUNG SHUI	28.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	20,000	2ND	FANLING
49.YUEN HENG IND LTD	GIN DRINKER'S BAY, KWAI CHUNG	1.9.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
50.WINNER COMPANY (WEAVING) LTD	GRANVILLE RD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST	3.9.92	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	"
51.WIDEGUIDE DYEING CO LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	4.9.92	APCO : "	8,500	2ND	"
52.MAXWELL SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LTD	WU KWONG ST, HUNG HOM	22.9.92	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	2,500	1ST	SAN PO KONG

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53.CHUN KEE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCT- ION CO LTD	HARBOUR RD, WAN CHAI	7.10.92	APCO : "	4,500	1ST	FANLING
54.CHO KAN CHEUNG	KWAN TEI NORTH VILLAGE, FANLING	13.10.92	APCO : "	2,000	2ND	"
55.MING KAI DYEING FTY LTD	TSING YI IND CTR, TSING YI	14.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
56.KAI WO DYEING FTY	LAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	21.10.92	APCO : "	3,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
57.KAI WO DYEING FTY	"	22.10.92	APCO : "	5,000	2ND	"

NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID DAILY FINE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE WAS IMPOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

IN CASE (19), THE DEFENDANT WAS FINED A SUM OF \$8,000 PLUS A DAILY FINE OF \$100 PER DAY FOR 80 DAYS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13(7) OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM DAILY FINE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE IS \$10,000 PER DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID A WOMAN WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACE. SHE WAS FINED \$300 IN COURT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING  
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

APCO :	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL 594 6200
NCO :	MR STEVEN HO	TEL 594 6500
WPCO : CASE 21,24	DR ELLEN CHAN	TEL 650 6955
25,27,28,29,31,32		
33,34,37,45,46,49		
CASE 16,17	DR MICHAEL CHIU	TEL 417 4101
DASO :	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL 755 3553

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE  
DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON TUESDAY  
(JANUARY 19) UP TO 4.30 PM

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1. STUDYING FURTHER STATEMENTS FROM THE POLICE (RECEIVED YESTERDAY);
2. STUDYING POST-MORTEM REPORTS (RECEIVED YESTERDAY) ON THE 21 LAN KWAI FONG VICTIMS;
3. STUDYING 20 TOXICOLOGY REPORTS (RECEIVED YESTERDAY) ON 20 OF THE VICTIMS;
4. STUDYING THE FIRE SERVICES' FINAL REPORT ON SPECIAL SERVICES AT LAN KWAI FONG ON JANUARY 1, 1993 (RECEIVED YESTERDAY);
5. CORRESPONDENCE; AND
6. FILING.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	19 JANUARY 1993	19 JANUARY 1993
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q303	H356
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 3,260MN	HKD 1,300MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 800MN	HKD 300MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.37 PCT	3.65 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.40 PCT	3.70 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 38 PCT	ABOUT 39 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.43 PCT	3.71 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 25 JANUARY 1993-

TENDER DATE	26 JANUARY 1993	26 JANUARY 1993
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q304	Y385
ISSUE DATE	27 JANUARY 1993	27 JANUARY 1993
MATURITY DATE	28 APRIL 1993	26 JANUARY 1994
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 800+160MN	HKD 200+60MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+400
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,900

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.5 \*-0.2\* 19.1.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.04 PCT	13 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.27	4.32
1 MONTH	3.13 PCT	16 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.25	4.57
3 MONTHS	3.31 PCT	19 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.32	4.88
6 MONTHS	3.61 PCT	22 MONTHS	2411	4.625	99.28	5.10
12 MONTHS	4.17 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 17,663 MN

CLOSED 19 JANUARY 1993

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