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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO BE HELD ON AIRPORT
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, CONFIRMED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE WOULD BE A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ON THE FINANCING OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT.

MR MACLEOD WAS RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM NEWS MEDIA MEMBERS AFTER A TOUR OF THE FUTURES EXCHANGE AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE THIS AFTERNOON.

"I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS YET IN A POSITION TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN IT WILL TAKE PLACE. BUT THERE CERTAINLY IS GOING TO BE ONE," HE SAID.

ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALLABLE EQUITY AND DEBT, MR MACLEOD SAID WHILE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO A DEBATE OVER THE MEANING OF WORDS, CALLABLE EQUITY WAS A FORM OF EQUITY WHICH ONLY BECAME DUE WHEN CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENED.

"IT'S AN ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE TO LENDERS, THAT IF ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS TAKE PLACE THEN THE SHAREHOLDER, WHICH IN THIS CASE OF COURSE IS THE GOVERNMENT, WILL PUT SOME MORE MONEY IN.

"IT IS QUITE A SIMPLE CONCEPT, AND OF COURSE IT IS NOT A NEW ONE. IT ALREADY EXISTS WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION," HE SAID.

ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE, MR MACLEOD SAID THE EXCHANGE WAS ON A VERY GOOD BASIS IN TERMS OF REGULATORY MATTERS.

"WHAT IT IS NOW MOVING FORWARD WITH IS THE TECHNOLOGY SIDE, THAT IS TO SAY, THE CLEARING SYSTEM, AND SO ON. THE FIRST STEP WILL BE NEXT WEEK WHEN CENTRAL CLEARING ON A TRADE-FOR-TRADE BASIS WILL BE LAUNCHED."

HE SAID SUBJECT TO SOME LEGISLATION GOING THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, CENTRAL CLEARING SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STOCK MARKET TO THE ECONOMY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID ITS KEY ROLE WAS IN THE FIELD OF NEW ISSUES AND THERE THE STOCK MARKET WAS PLAYING A VERY USEFUL ROLE.

"I GATHER THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW ISSUES COMING UP. SO IT IS PERFORMING THE FUNCTION OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COMPANIES WHICH AFTERALL IS A BASIC FUNCTION."

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE, MR MACLEOD WAS BRIEFED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR EOGHAN MCMILLAN, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR GARY KNIGHT.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT HIS TOUR OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHARLES LEE.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL THIS YEAR WAS 2.5%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.2%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD MARCH - MAY 1992 WAS ALSO 2.5%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.3%.

IT APPEARS THAT THE INCREASES IN THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE STABILISED SOMEWHAT LATELY.

DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY - APRIL 1992, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 70,300, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 62,100.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR FEBRUARY - APRIL 1992 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,600 HOUSEHOLDS OR 40,400 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

RELEVANT DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1992 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND JUNE 22, AT $15.50 PER COPY.

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1991 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS FOR 1991 HAS JUST STARTED.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY AND REPRESENTS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME IN THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

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THE AIMS OF THE SURVEY ARE TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT SECTORS TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND SALES LEVELS.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO THE MANAGEMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEY, SO AS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, WILL BE RELEASED.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE RETURNS, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ABOUT 9,300 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES : WHOLESALE; RETAIL; IMPORTS AND EXPORTS; RESTAURANTS; HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES : TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (I.E. WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), OPERATING EXPENSES, TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AS WELL AS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND STOCKS.

THE SURVEY IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 316) AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 16 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE SURVEY.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31.

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IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HELP THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THESE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILE ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE/RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1278.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

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

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES($)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.NEW RESTFULL LTD	CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL	1.2.90-1.6.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,500	1ST	EASTERN
2.TAI YIP DYEING FTY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	30.1.91-9.1.92	APCO : "	2,500	3RD	KWUN TONG
3.BEGIN LUCK LTD	SHAU KEI WAN RD, SHAU KEI WAN	1.3.91-31.3.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
4.SUN FAI RESTAURANT	JAFFE RD, WAN CHAI	1.3.91-8.3.91	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	EASTERN

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5.HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO LTD	HARBOUR RD, WAN CHAI	1.4.91-30.4.91	APCO : "	5,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
6.NICE SENCE DEVELOPMENT LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, YUEN LONG	28.4.91	APCO : "	500	1ST	FANLING
7.LSG CATERING HONG KONG LTD	WONG CHUK HANG RD, ABERDEEN	1.5.91-1.8.91	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	EASTERN
8.LUCKYWICK DEVELOPMENT LTD	CANTON RD, YAU MA TEI	2.5.91-8.10.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
9.ABERDEEN HSIN KUANG RESTAURANT LTD	NAM NING ST, ABERDEEN	1.6.91-30.6.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
10.STRONG TRUTH LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, YUEN LONG	19.6.91-10.8.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	FANLING
11.THE KOWLOON PANDA HOTEL LTD	KWAN MUN HAU ST, TSUEN WAN	21.6.91-29.9.91	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
12.SOURCE ONE INVESTMENT LTD	LUARD RD, WAN CHAI	28.6.91-21.10.91	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	EASTERN
13.GRANDPOP DEVELOPMENT LTD	TING KOK RD, TAI PO	28.6.91-27.9.91	APCO :	1,200	1ST	SHA TIN
14.HONCERT DEVELOPMENT LTD	AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	2.7.91-19.8.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
15.TEEMBO INVESTMENT LTD	MONG KOK RD, MONG KOK	3.7.91-18.10.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
16.BOND HOLLY LTD	CHUNG ON ST, TSUEN WAN	3.7.91-20.9.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
17.EAGLE ASIA DEVELOPMENT LTD	KWAI CHUNG PLAZA, KWAI CHUNG	9.7.91-7.8.91	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

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18.GOLD SUCCESS LAND LTD	CITY ONE PLAZA, SHA TIN	15.7.91-27.9.91	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	SHA TIN
19.WONG SYI-LAAI	GRANVILLE RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	25.7.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
20.TENSHINE LTD	YEE WO ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	29.7.91-30.9.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
21.TAI CHEONG LAND AND MARINE ENGINEERING LTD (WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR)	SHANTUNG ST, YAU MA TEI	12.8.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 800 CUBIC METRES OF PULVERIZED FUEL ASH TO SEA BETWEEN LAMMA ISLAND AND CHEUNG CHAU WITHOUT LICENCE	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
22.ORCHARD COURT RESTAURANT LTD	HANKOW RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	11.9.91-29.10.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	5,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
23.TAI CHEONG LAND AND MARINE ENGINEERING LTD (WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR)	SHANTUNG ST, YAU MA TEI	17.9.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 1,100 CUBIC METRES OF PULVERIZED FUEL ASH AT SEA FROM LAMMA ISLAND TO SOUTH OF TAP SHEK KOK WITHOUT LICENCE	3,500	2ND	EASTERN
24.TANG BING-SHU OF CHOI LUI HONG RESTAURANT	LUEN WO RD, FANLING	11.10.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE MATTER POLLUTING INTO THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING

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25.JIM SHUI-CHIU	LAM TSUEN SAN TSUEN, TAI PO	22.10.91	WDO : CAUSING TO DISCHARGE LIQUID LIVESTOCK WASTE INTO WATERCOURSE	2,500	1ST	SHA TIN
26.TSE SIU-MAN	LIBERTY AVENUE, HO MAN TIN	7.11.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	3,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
27.TSANG SAU-KEUNG OF CHI SHING MARBLE FACTORY	KAM SHEUNG RD, PAT HEUNG	25.11.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	2ND	FANLING
28.SOONING CO LTD	CHUEN LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	26.11.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
29.HING FUNG PRINT-ING & DYEING FTY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	6.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
30.EAGLE ASIA DEVELOPMENT LTD	KWAI CHUNG PLAZA, KWAI CHUNG	7.12.91	APCO : FAILURE TO FURNISH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION TO THE AUTHORITY	5,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
31.LEUNG KEE	KING ST, TAI HANG	12.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
32.KAU KEE (BEVERLEY) RESTAURANT LTD	CHATHAM RD SOUTH, TSIM SHA TSUI	18.12.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	20,000	3RD	SOUTH KOWLOON

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33.HONG NIN SIZING AND DYEING WORKS LTD	HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG	19.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
34.LEUNG SHU-KAN (TUG BOAT MASTER)	LAI KING ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG	23.12.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTHEAST OF NAM KWO CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
35.LO KWOK-IU (TUG BOAT MASTER)	TAI SAN PRAYA ST, CHEUNG CHAU	23.12.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTHEAST OF NAM KWO CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
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KONG FOOK-YAU (BARGE OPERATOR)	YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN	23.12.91	DASO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
36.PERFECTA DYEING, PRINTING & WEAVING WORKS LTD	WANG WO TSAI ST, TSUEN WAN	6.1.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
37.METTLE-SOME CO LTD	LAI CHI KOK RD, SHAM SHUI PO	7.1.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	7,500	2ND	NORTH KOWLOON
38.TSUEN FAT ROASTED	GREENERY PLAZA, TAI PO	10.1.92	APCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF FURNACES ETC	600	1ST	SHA TIN

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39.TWINKLE SUCCESS DEVELOPMENT LTD	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	10.1.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
40.CHE SUN BLEACHING & DYEING FTY LTD	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	15.1.92	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
41.CHENG PING-HEI OF MEI KEI STEAM LAUNDRY CO	HIN KENG ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, TAI WAI	23.1.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF TOLO WATER CONTROL ZONE	2,500	1ST	SHA TIN
42.CENTRE OCEAN INVESTMENT LTD	WING KUT ST, CENTRAL	16.1.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
43.GOLD-FLEX ELASTIC LTD	FUI YIU KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	27.1.92	APCO : "	5,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
44.MAY YOUTH LTD	KO FONG ST, KWAI CHUNG	30.1.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
45.ORIENT RACE INVESTMENT LTD	SHA TSUI RD, TSUEN WAN	31.1.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
46.WINSURE CO LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	10.2.92	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
47.CENTRE OCEAN INVESTMENT LTD	WING KUT ST, CENTRAL	14.2.92	APCO : "	4,000	2ND	EASTERN
48.LAM'S IND CO	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	16.3.92	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

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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
WDO : WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT, THREE PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND THE FINES RANGED FROM $1,000 TO $2,000.

ANOTHER PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED $2,000 FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM PUBLIC PLACE. ONE PERSON WAS ALSO FINED $200 FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACE AT NIGHT.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID TWO OFFENCES COMMITTED BY TAI CHEONG LAND AND MARINE ENGINEERING LTD IN CASE 21 AND 23 WERE RELATED TO ILLEGAL DUMPING OF COAL ASH IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

TAI CHEONG WAS SUB-CONTRACTED BY A COMPANY TO SEND THE COAL ASH GENERATED FROM A POWER STATION ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND TO CHINA FOR RE-USE. HOWEVER, TAI CHEONG HAD INSTEAD SHORT-DUMPED THE COAL ASH WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS WITHOUT A LICENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF COAL ASH AT THE SEA WAS DETRIMENTAL TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. POWER COMPANIES SHOULD EXERCISE THEIR CLOSE SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CONTRACTORS PERFORM IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASE CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS :

APCO		MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL NO. 810 2907
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WPCO	CASE 24, 27	DR ELLEN CHAN	TEL NO. 650 6955
DASO		MR EDDIE LUI	TEL NO. 755 3553
WDO		DR MALCOLM BROOM	TEL NO. 685 1132

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE BE DIRECTED TO EPD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION.

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ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT OFFERED TO REDUNDANT TUNNEL STAFF

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A LARGE NUMBER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO WILL BE MADE REDUNDANT BY THE CONTRACTING OUT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FOUR REMAINING GOVERNMENT TUNNELS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SECURING ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTERVIEWS ARRANGED FOR THEM.

THESE INTERVIEWS, WHICH BEGAN IN MAY, WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

SO FAR, ABOUT 40 TUNNEL STAFF HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CLERICAL ASSISTANTS AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS.

MORE OFFERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THESE TWO GRADES ARE EXPECTED IN SUBSEQUENT BATCHES, A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OFFERS TO BE MADE SHORTLY ARE FOR FOREMAN POSTS IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ABOUT 70 OF THE REDUNDANT STAFF ARE SUITABLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THIS GRADE.

MANY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO BE SUITABLE FOR THE POST OF POSTMAN, THE SELECTION INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS.

"THE PROSPECT OF APPOINTMENT TO OTHER POSTS IS ALSO VERY ENCOURAGING.

"ALTHOUGH IN SMALLER NUMBERS THE OFFERS WOULD ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF WHO CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY REDEPLOYED WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE," HE ADDED.

ABOUT 300 STAFF WILL BE AFFECTED UNDER A PLAN TO CONTRACT OUT THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE LION ROCK, AIRPORT, TSEUNG KWAN O AND SHING MUN TUNNELS. THESE STAFF WERE BEING DEPLOYED.

INCLUDING JOB OFFERS FROM THE FUTURE OPERATORS OF THE TUNNELS, THE SPOKESMAN IS HOPEFUL THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE REDUNDANT STAFF, APART FROM THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED RETIREMENT AGE, WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE HELP OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH BEFORE TUNNEL MANAGEMENT IS HANDED OVER TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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THE ROLE OF SPONSORSHIP IN THE ARTS

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ARTS SPONSORSHIP WAS A TRIANGULAR BALANCE BETWEEN THE ARTS, BUSINESS, AND THE AUDIENCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE, MR MAN SAI-CHEONG SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG CITY NORTH LUNCHEON MEETING, MR MAN SAID THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL AND MANY OTHER LOCAL ARTS ORGANISATIONS WERE WISHING TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE BUSINESS SECTOR.

"THE COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE VALUE OF COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP BECAUSE IT CAN SEE THAT ARTS PROVISION IS AN EXPENSIVE BUSINESS," MR MAN SAID.

NOTING THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS ITSELF A PRESENTER OF THE ARTS, MR MAN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL WAS ALSO A SPONSOR OF CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, USING PUBLIC MONEY TO SUBSIDIZE THESE ACTIVITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"BY POOLING RESOURCES OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, IT CAN ENLARGE THE SOURCES OF FUNDING. IT THEN CAN ORGANISE MORE PROGRAMMES, AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF ITS PRESENTATIONS AND FACILITIES," THE COUNCILLOR SAID.

MR MAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BASIS OF ANY BUSINESS/ARTS CO-OPERATION COMPRISED THREE VITAL ELEMENTS: THE MATURITY OF HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND TRADE CENTRE; THE AVAILABILITY OF PROGRAMMES, VENUES AND FACILITIES ABLE TO MEET THE EXPECTATION OF SPONSORS; AND THE EXISTENCE OF AN APPRECIATIVE TARGET AUDIENCE.

"MAJOR CORPORATIONS HAVE PROSPERED AND TAKEN ROOT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND ARE KEEN TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS CONTRIBUTORS TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY," THE COUNCILLOR SAID.

"THEY WERE IN A SAME VIEW THAT SPONSORSHIP WAS USED AS A VEHICLE TO CONVEY THE COMPANY'S MESSAGE OF PARTICIPATION IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE SOCIETY IN WHICH IT HAS GROWN," HE CONTINUED.

ALTHOUGH FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF A BUSINESS SPONSOR, MR MAN SAID IT NEEDED THE EXPERTISE AND FACILITIES OF THE ARTS IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY PULL OFF A SPONSORSHIP DEAL.

"IN HONG KONG, LOCAL ARTS MANAGERS HAVE, THROUGH YEARS OF HARD WORK AND EXPERIMENTATION, ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE READY TO OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE TO MEET THE SPONSORS' EXPECTATIONS."

MEANWHILE, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG INTO AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY, AND AFTER LOCAL PRESENTERS' YEARS OF HARD WORK, THERE HAS EMERGED AN AUDIENCE FOR THE ARTS TO WHOM SPONSORS CAN TARGET THEIR MESSAGE OF COMMITMENT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

MR MAN NOTED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL AND MANY OTHER ARTS ORGANISATIONS HAVE THE EXPERTISE, CONTACTS, VENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES TO PRESENT A VARIETY OF ATTRACTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR SPONSORS WITH DIFFERING REQUIREMENTS.

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"THIS INVOLVES WORKING THROUGH THE DETAILED MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS, REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS, TICKETING AND WHATEVER ELSE THE SPONSOR MAY BE SEEKING IN RETURN FOR ITS SPONSORSHIP," HE SAID.

"IN MANY CASES SPONSORSHIP IN KIND IS ALSO IMPORTANT," MR MAN SAID.

"IN SOME COUNTRIES, THE SPONSOR AND THE SPONSORED COMPANY HAVE ENTERED INTO AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WHICH I WOULD DESCRIBE AS THE 'MENTOR RELATIONSHIP'. THIS IS WHERE A COMPANY ADOPTS A PATRIARCHAL ROLE TOWARD AN ARTS ORGANISATION.

"IT MAY INCLUDE ACCOUNTANCY OR AUDIT SERVICES, FINANCIAL ADVICE AND THE INTRODUCTION TO OTHER POTENTIAL SPONSORS WITH WHOM THEY DO BUSINESS."

MR MAN ADDED THAT EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT WHEN THE PRODUCT AND THE PRICE WAS RIGHT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS INTERESTED.

"THE END PRODUCT OF EACH COLLABORATION IS A BETTER AND ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE BEAUTY OF THE ARTS," THE COUNCILLOR CONCLUDED.

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NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR CHEUNG CHING ESTATE

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SPECIAL NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS IN CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC NOISE OF THE ROAD NETWORKS OF THE DUPLICATE TSING YI SOUTH BRIDGE PROJECT.

THE MEASURES, WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY EPCOM AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WILL INCLUDE INSULATION OF WINDOWS FROM NOISE AND INSTALLATION OF AIR-CONDITIONERS IN ABOUT 380 UNITS IN CHING TAO HOUSE, CHING PAK HOUSE AND CHING KWAI HOUSE OF CHEUNG CHING ESTATE WHICH ARE CLOSEST TO THE BRIDGES AND ROUNDABOUTS.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE WORKS IS ESTIMATED AT $10 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THESE MEASURES ARE TO SUPPLEMENT A PACKAGE OF DIRECT TECHNICAL REMEDIES RECOMMENDED TO REDUCE NOISE LEVELS IN THE AREA.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT THE NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE NEW ROADS ARE OPEN TO THE TRAFFIC.

"SIMILAR NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR OCCUPANTS OF RESIDENTIAL PREMISES AT CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WHO ARE TO BE AFFECTED BY THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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257 VMS RETURNED

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A GROUP OF 257 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 98 MEN, 58 WOMEN, 53 BOYS AND 48 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 107TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 4,940 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 18,919 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT 60% OR 154 OF THOSE REPATRIATED TODAY, HAD BEEN SCREENED OUT. IT IS BY FAR THE HIGHEST PROPORTION TO RETURN ON A VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FLIGHT. THE USUAL PROPORTION IS ONLY 5 TO 25 PER CENT.

"THIS LOOKS TO BE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE MAY 12 AGREEMENT," HE SAID.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 70.6% OF CAPACITY OR 414.034 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 156.078 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 26.6% OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	16 JUNE 92	16 JUNE 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q225	Y291
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,435 MN	HKD 1,130 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.90 PCT	3.99 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.91 PCT	4.00 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	80 PCT	ABOUT 20 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.95 PCT	4.04 PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDER TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 22 JUNE 1992 -

TENDER DATE	23 JUNE 92	23 JUNE 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q226	H267
ISSUE DATE	24 JUNE 92	24 JUNE 92
MATURITY DATE	23 SEPT 92	23 DEC 92
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 500 + 100 MN	HKD 200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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16 JUNE 1992

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,488 MN
REVERSAL OF LAF	-500 MN
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	988 MN
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+20 MN
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,008 MN

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 111.0 *+0.0* 16.6.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.82 PCT
1 MONTH	2.81 PCT
3 MONTHS	2.87 PCT
6 MONTHS	3.22 PCT
12 MONTHS	3.96 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
18 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.32	4.59
21 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.07	4.88
24 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.78	5.13

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 5,385 MN

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