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VISITS IMPORTANT TO SHAPE POLICY DIRECTION: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID IT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO SEE THINGS FOR HIMSELF IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD BECAUSE IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES IN PUBLIC SPENDING PROGRAMMES SO THAT HE COULD HELP SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF SOCIAL POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE GOVERNOR MADE THE REMARKS AFTER VISITING A NUMBER OF WELFARE AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS TODAY (FRIDAY).

DESCRIBING TODAY'S VISITS AS A VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE, MR PATTEN SAID HE WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND BY THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY, ON BEHALF OF SOME OF THE NEEDIER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY; THE ELDERLY, THE HANDICAPPED AND THE POORER MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

"HOWEVER, SUCCESSFUL WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY, AND THERE ARE VERY FEW COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE DONE BETTER ECONOMICALLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THAN HONG KONG, IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US NOT TO FORGET ABOUT THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO DON'T DO AS WELL, WHO DON'T SUCCEED AS WELL AS OTHERS, OR WHO BECAUSE OF AGE OR INFIRMITY OR HANDICAP, NEED AN EXTRA BIT OF ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS THAT HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO MR LU PING, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS ANY SECRET ABOUT IT, SINCE I ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT IT ON A SIMILAR OCCASION TO THIS I THINK LAST WEEK."

"MR LU PING HAS SENT ONE OR TWO MESSAGES TO ME, AS YOU KNOW, INCLUDING ONE BY THE DELEGATION FROM THE DABHK (THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE FOR BETTERMENT OF HONG KONG) WHICH WENT UP TO PEKING TO SEE HIM.

"I'VE ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO MR LU PING SAYING THAT I HOPED TO SEE HIM BEFORE TOO LONG, EITHER IN PEKING OR IN HONG KONG, AND POINTING OUT WHAT I SAID IN MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADING AN EFFECTIVE, STRONG GOVERNMENT; AN EXECUTIVE-LED GOVERNMENT.

"I DREW HIS ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE SAID IN MY INAUGURATION SPEECH WHICH WAS EXACTLY FOUR WEEKS AND ONE DAY AGO," MR PATTEN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR BEGAN HIS WELFARE DAY WITH A BRIEFING BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

ACCOMPANIED BY MRS WONG AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M D CARTLAND, THE GOVERNOR FIRST TOURED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL/WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON A PACKAGE OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, INCLUDING FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION.

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HE ALSO SAW FOR HIMSELF THE OPERATION OF A FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND A SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT.

MR PATTEN THEN MOVED ON TO VISIT TWO HOMES FOR THE AGED AND A PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

AFTER LUNCH WITH LEADING PERSONALITIES IN THE WELFARE FIELD, HE WENT TO SEE A DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE LAST STOP WAS THE PAK TIN SHELTERED WORKSHOP IN WESTERN KOWLOON, WHERE THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN REHABILITATION SERVICES BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION, MR ALLAN CHOW.

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LINK PROVIDES STABLE MONETARY ENVIRONMENT -- FS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG, AND A KEY FACTOR UNDERPINNING THIS CONFIDENCE IS A STABLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE STABILITY OF THE EXCHANGE RATE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE HONG KONG TEXTILES COUNCIL LUNCHEON WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES.

"FOR BUSINESSMEN, WHETHER IN TEXTILES INDUSTRY OR ANY OTHER INDUSTRY OR OPERATION IN HONG KONG, CONFIDENCE MATTERS AND PREDICTABILITY MATTERS," HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT HE BELIEVED THE CASE FOR RETAINING THE EXISTING LINK WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR WAS OVERWHELMING.

"WE NEED A MONETARY ANCHOR. WE NEED A STABLE AND PREDICTABLE MONETARY ENVIRONMENT. AND THE PARTICULAR SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE HAS STOOD UP MAGNIFICENTLY TO THE TESTS WHICH IT'S BEEN PUT TO IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, INCLUDING STOCK MARKET CRASH AND EVENTS IN CHINA," HE SAID.

ON THE "MINI-DEBATE" REVIVED RECENTLY ABOUT THE OLD IDEA OF PEGGING THE HK DOLLAR TO A BASKET OF CURRENCIES, MR MACLEOD SAID: "ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS BEING USED AT PRESENT IS THAT THE HK DOLLAR IS UNDERVALUED AND THAT THIS IS A PRIME CAUSE OF INFLATION. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT WE ARE "IMPORTING INFLATION" BECAUSE A WEAK DOLLAR MAKES IMPORTS MORE EXPENSIVE.

"IT IS A PERFECTLY RESPECTABLE ARGUMENT AS A THEORETICAL ARGUMENT, BUT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO FIT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG.

"THE FACTS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT. THE FACTS ARE THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY ONLY ABOUT 2 PER CENT LAST YEAR AND IT SO HAPPENS THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, IMPORT PRICES ACTUALLY DECLINED SLIGHTLY.

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"SO THE LEVEL OF THE HK DOLLAR IS CLEARLY NOT A PRIME CAUSE OF INFLATION. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT IT IS."

MR MACLEOD SAID MORE GENERALLY, IT WAS WELL ACCEPTED BY MOST COMMENTATORS THAT THE MAIN CAUSE OF INFLATION WAS IN FACT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN OUR ECONOMY, COUPLED WITH THE DEMAND FROM INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION IN SOUTHERN CHINA ON A HONG KONG ECONOMY WHICH WAS TO SOME EXTENT LIMITED BY ITS SHORTAGE OF LAND AND LABOUR.

"THE SECOND ARGUMENT BY THOSE WHO ARGUE FOR A BASKET SOLUTION IS THAT WE NEED MORE FREEDOM TO USE HIGHER INTEREST RATES AS A WEAPON TO COMBAT INFLATION -- AGAIN A PERFECTLY RESPECTABLE ARGUMENT IN ITSELF.

"BUT THE FLAW IN THE ARGUMENT IS IN LINKING THIS TO PROPOSING THAT WE SHOULD LINK TO A BASKET OF CURRENCIES RATHER THAN THE U.S. DOLLAR.

"THE FACT IS THAT WE WOULD STILL BE CONSTRAINED IN OUR INTEREST RATE POLICY, WHETHER THE PEG IS TO A BASKET OR TO THE U.S. DOLLAR.

WHATEVER THE HK DOLLAR IS PEGGED TO, THE INTEREST RATE CANNOT VARY TOO FAR FROM THE INTEREST RATE OF THE OTHER CURRENCY OR CURRENCIES. THAT'S SIMPLY A FACT OF LIFE. THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THE IDEA, BUT I THINK THAT'S THE MAIN ONE."

TAKING STOCK OF THE CHALLENGES FACING HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AT PRESENT, MR MACLEOD SAID THE TREND WHICH STOOD OUT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS WAS THE DRAMATIC EXPANSION OF THE SERVICES SECTOR.

"THE RESULTS ARE PLAIN FOR EVERY ONE TO SEE -- THE FACT THAT WE CAN FORECAST HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE FUTURE, THE FACT THAT OUR CONTAINER PORT IS EXPANDING, IT SEEMS FAST AND ENDLESSLY, THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY BOOM CONTINUES FOR AN AMAZINGLY LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

"ALL THESE ARE RESULTS, MAINLY, NOT ONLY, OF THIS DYNAMIC GROWTH IN SOUTHERN CHINA FEEDING BACK INTO HONG KONG, GROWTH IN HONG KONG FEEDING BACK INTO SOUTHERN CHINA," HE SAID.

"THE GROWTH IN THE SERVICES SECTOR IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN STORIES OF THE NEXT FIVE OR 10 YEARS. I WOULDN'T ATTEMPT TO LOOK INTO 15 OR 20 YEARS, BUT I THINK THAT CERTAINLY IS GOING TO BE THE TREND.

"WE ARE FORTUNATE NOT ONLY TO BE IN OUR PRESENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA, BUT OF COURSE WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION IN GENERAL.

"IT'S VERY EVIDENT WHEN YOU HAVE VISITORS FROM EUROPE OR THE UNITED STATES, IT JUST KEEPS REMINDING US HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE IN ONE OF THE FEW GROWTH AREAS IN THE WORLD.

"DOES THAT MEAN THAT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE NO FUTURE IN HONG KONG? I DON'T THINK IT DOES. I THINK IT HAS A RATHER DIFFERENT FUTURE.

"AND IT'S TRUE OF COURSE IT IS AND WILL BE EMPLOYING A SMALLER PROPORTION OF THE WORKFORCE.

"CURRENTLY, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTES ABOUT 17 OR 18 PER CENT OF OUR GDP. AN INTERESTING POINT THOUGH IS THAT ALTHOUGH MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IS EMPLOYING ONLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE MANPOWER IT WAS 10 YEARS AGO, IT IS PRODUCING 80 PER CENT MORE IN REAL TERMS THAN IT WAS 10 YEARS AGO.

"SO PRODUCTIVITY HAS BEEN GOING UP IN I THINK A QUITE UNPRECEDENTED RATE -- AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE 9.5 PER CENT."

"CLEARLY NOT JUST AUTOMATION AND MACHINERY AND ALL THE REST OF IT, PARTLY ALSO THE SHIFT OF THE LESS PRODUCTIVE, THE MORE LABOUR INTENSIVE INTO CHINA, SO WE CAN'T SAY IT IS SOLELY A SELF-GENERATED INCREASE IN PRODUCTION. BUT STILL IT IS NOTABLE, IT IS DRAMATIC, AND IT IS USEFUL.

MR MACLEOD SAID INDUSTRY FACED CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGES. MANPOWER IS THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM.

OTHERS INCLUDE PROTECTIONISM IN OUR VARIOUS MARKETS, THE VERY FLAT GROWTH IN MANY OF THE DEVELOPED ECONOMIES, AND COMPETITION FROM LOWER COST ECONOMIES.

"WE ARE SEEING WAYS IN WHICH AT LEAST SOME SECTORS OF INDUSTRY OR SOME PARTS OF SECTORS ARE COPING WITH THIS SUCCESSFULLY," HE SAID.

AFTER OUTLINING THE STRATEGIES DEVELOPED BY MANUFACTURERS TO MEET CHALLENGES TO THEIR COMPETITIVENESS, MR MACLEOD AFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORTIVE ROLE IN INDUSTRY.

"ALTHOUGH WE WILL KEEP ON BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT INTERVENING, WE SHOULD NEVERTHELESS NOT FORGET THAT WE DO ACTUALLY ASSIST," HE ADDED.

CITING EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE THIS, HE SAID COMPANIES COULD TURN TO THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND ITS CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION CENTRE FOR HELP WITH AUTOMATION.

FOR HELP WITH MARKET ACCESS, EXPORTERS CAN LOOK TO THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR HELP WITH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURERS CAN MAKE USE OF THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE CLOTHING AND INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL.

"LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WE HAVE THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT RECENTLY PUBLISHED A QUITE DETAILED RESEARCH STUDY ON THE TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES WHICH I HOPE PEOPLE HAVE FOUND AND WILL FIND USEFUL.

"IT'S ACTUALLY NOW BEING STUDIED FURTHER BY THE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WHICH I HAPPEN TO BE CHAIRMAN.

"AND THAT COUNCIL ITSELF IS ANXIOUS TO PLAY A SOMEWHAT MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ASSISTING INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY AND I THINK A USEFUL SYMBOL OF THAT DETERMINATION IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY APPROVED \$200 MILLION -- A SMALL BUT I HOPE USEFUL AMOUNT -- FOR INVESTMENT IN APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON A 50-50 BASIS.

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"THAT IS TO SAY THOSE WHO APPLY WILL HAVE TO PUT UP 50 PER CENT OF THE MONEY."

"SO LET'S NOT TALK OURSELVES INTO TOO PESSIMISTIC A STATE OF MIND ABOUT INDUSTRY. I AM QUITE SURE THAT ALTHOUGH SERVICE SECTOR IS GROWING FASTER, THERE WILL STILL BE AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HERE IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS TO COME," HE SAID.

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GDP - PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1992
AND REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1990 AND 1991

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) GREW BY 4.7% IN REAL TERMS OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1991, ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE MAIN EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS OF GDP, PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE GREW BY 8.7% IN REAL TERMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1991.

UNDERLYING THIS RAPID GROWTH WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE ON DURABLE GOODS.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE GREW BY 7.4% IN REAL TERMS.

AMONG THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION, INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE ON MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT CONTINUED TO GROW RAPIDLY, BY 10.3% IN REAL TERMS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 OVER THE YEAR EARLIER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE ON BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION DECREASED BY 2.6% IN REAL TERMS.

EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUED TO RECORD SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992.

TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS REGISTERED A YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF 20.8% IN REAL TERMS. OF THESE, RE-EXPORTS GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 31.7%, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECLINED MARGINALLY BY 0.5%. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE FOR IMPORTS OF GOODS WAS 21.9%.

AS REGARDS EXPORTS OF SERVICES, THE GROWTH RATE IN REAL TERMS WAS 13.9%, REFLECTING AN IMPROVED PERFORMANCE OF TOURIST INDUSTRIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 AS COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WHEN TOURIST INDUSTRIES WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE GULF WAR. THE CORRESPONDING GROWTH RATE FOR IMPORTS OF SERVICES WAS 9.3%.

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THE IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR OF GDP, AS A BROAD MEASURE OF OVERALL INFLATION IN THE ECONOMY, ROSE BY 12.1% IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 11.2% IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1991.

THE FASTER INCREASE IN THE FIRST QUARTER DID NOT CONSTITUTE A CASE FOR CONCERN, BECAUSE IT WAS MAINLY DUE TO A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE TERMS OF TRADE.

THE GROWTH RATE OF OVERALL GDP FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WAS COMPARATIVELY LOWER THAN THE GROWTH RATES RECORDED FOR THE VARIOUS FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS, INCLUDING PRIVATE CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AND TOTAL EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE INCREASES FOR THE VARIOUS FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS WERE SUPPORTED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BY A LARGE INCREASE IN IMPORTS, APART FROM THE INCREASE IN LOCAL PRODUCTION.

GDP REFLECTS HOW MUCH THE LOCAL ECONOMY HAS PRODUCED AND IS ACTUALLY THE SUM OF ALL FINAL DEMAND COMPONENTS NET OF THEIR CORRESPONDING IMPORT CONTENTS.

ALONG WITH THE RELEASE OF THE PRELIMINARY GDP ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992, GDP ESTIMATES FOR 1990 AND 1991 HAVE ALSO BEEN UPDATED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LATEST DATA SOURCES, SUCH AS THE RESULTS FROM VARIOUS ECONOMIC SURVEYS.

AS A RESULT, THE REAL GROWTH RATE OF GDP FOR 1990 WAS SLIGHTLY REVISED FROM 3.0% TO 3.2%, THAT FOR 1991 REVISED FROM 3.9% TO 4.2%.

FOR THE PRODUCTION-BASED GDP, THE REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1990 SHOW THAT, AMONG THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, "WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS" ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST SHARE (24.3%) OF GDP, FOLLOWED BY "FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES" (20.8%) AND "MANUFACTURING" (17.2%).

LATEST EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP FIGURES FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 1. REVISED PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES FOR 1990 ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

LATEST ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 ARE PUBLISHED IN A REPORT ENTITLED "QUARTERLY ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, 1ST QUARTER 1992". THE REVISED (AUGUST 92) PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES FOR 1990 ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 582 5077.

TABLE 1 EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP ESTIMATES
FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 TO FIRST QUARTER OF 1992

YEAR/QUARTER	HK\$ MN	GDP AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES	GDP AT CONSTANT (1980) MARKET PRICES
		% CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD OF THE PRECEDING YEAR	% CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD OF THE PRECEDING YEAR
1990	559,623	12.1	262,603 3.2
1991	643,728	15.0	273,547 4.2
1990 Q1	122,894	11.5	59,127 0.8
Q2	132,574	11.7	61,943 3.6
Q3	150,011	12.5	70,579 4.2
Q4	154,144	12.6	70,954 4.0
1991 Q1	139,937	13.9	61,753 4.4
Q2	152,117	14.7	64,318 3.8
Q3	172,268	14.8	73,199 3.7
Q4	179,406	16.4	74,277 4.7
1992 Q1	164,274	17.4	64,641 4.7

TABLE 2 PERCENTAGE SHARE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN
PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES, 1990

REVISED (AUGUST 92) ESTIMATES FOR 1990

	% SHARE
1. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING	0.3
2. MINING AND QUARRYING	#
3. MANUFACTURING	17.2
4. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	2.3
5. CONSTRUCTION	5.6

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6.	WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	24.3
7.	TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION	9.4
8.	FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	20.8
9.	COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES	15.0
10.	OWNERSHIP OF PREMISES	10.8
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4 MANUFACTURERS URGED TO BE MORE INNOVATIVE

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MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE MORE INNOVATIVE AND SKILL-INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES TO MAINTAIN THEIR COMPETITIVE EDGE, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T H BARMA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PRODUCTIVITY SHOWCASE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC), MR BARMA SAID HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS NOW UNDERGOING A PROCESS OF RAPID CHANGE.

"WITH THE OPENING UP OF CHINA AND THE RELOCATION OF ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS ACROSS THE BORDER, HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO MOVE UP THE VALUE-ADDED LADDER AND EQUIP ITSELF AS A SUPPLIER OF QUALITY GOODS AND PRECISION PARTS, COMPONENTS AND TOOLING.

"THERE IS A GROWING NEED TO STRIVE FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY, IMPROVED QUALITY, AND NEW PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT," MR BARMA SAID.

HE SAID DURING THIS PERIOD OF CHALLENGE AND TRANSITION, SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HKPC HAD A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT BY STATUTE IN 1967, THE HKPC HAD EVOLVED FROM A SMALL TRAINING AND INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE INTO A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ORGANISATION OFFERING A FULL RANGE OF INDUSTRY SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING A VARIETY OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES, INDUSTRIAL AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCIES, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, MR BARMA SAID.

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WITH THE OPENING OF ITS NEW PURPOSE-BUILT BUILDING LAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL COULD NOW UNIFY ALL ITS FACILITIES UNDER ONE ROOF.

MR BARMA SAID THE HKPC HAD RECENTLY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO UNDERTAKE MULTI-CLIENT PROJECTS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR IMPROVED PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE LIGHT OF INCREASING EMPHASIS ON THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION PROCESS, THE COUNCIL HAD ALSO EMBARKED ON A RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO HELP MANUFACTURERS OBTAIN ISO 9000 CERTIFICATION, HE ADDED.

MR BARMA SAID THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY'S RESPONSE TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

"THIS IS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL HAD OVER 1,200 CONSULTANCY CLIENTS LAST YEAR.

"IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, THE COUNCIL ORGANISED OVER 600 TRAINING PROGRAMMES, IN WHICH OVER 14,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED," MR BARMA SAID.

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POLLUTION OF POWER STATION GREATLY REDUCED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) WELCOMED THE DECISION OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO LTD (CLP) TO INTRODUCE A PROGRAMME THAT WILL REDUCE NITROGEN OXIDES EMISSIONS FROM THE COAL-FIRED CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION IN TUEN MUN BY 50 PER CENT.

THE PROGRAMME IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE WINTER OF 1994-95 AT A TOTAL COST OF MORE THAN \$150 MILLION.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, CLP WILL RETROFIT ALL THE 'B' STATION BOILERS WITH AN ADVANCED TYPE OF COAL BURNER THAT WILL PRODUCE LOWER QUANTITIES OF NITROGEN OXIDES (NO_x) GASES THAN CONVENTIONAL BURNERS. THEY ARE KNOWN AS "LOW-NO_x BURNERS".

EARLY LAST YEAR, CLP BEGAN A PILOT PROGRAMME TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF REDUCING THEIR EMISSIONS BY INSTALLING LOW-NO_x BURNERS IN ONE OF THE BOILERS AT THE CASTLE PEAK 'B' STATION.

THE RESULTS HAVE SO FAR PROVED ENCOURAGING AND A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME.

THE EPD POINTED OUT THAT NITROGEN DIOXIDE IS A MAJOR AIR POLLUTANT WHICH IS PRODUCED MAINLY BY THE OXIDATION OF ATMOSPHERIC NITROGEN DURING THE COMBUSTION OF FOSSIL FUELS IN POWER STATIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLES.

WHEN PRESENT IN HIGH CONCENTRATIONS, NITROGEN DIOXIDE POSES A SERIOUS HEALTH THREAT SINCE IT IMPAIRS LUNG DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION, CAUSES RESPIRATORY IRRITATION AND INCREASES SUSCEPTIBILITY TO RESPIRATORY INFECTION.

IT IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO ACID RAINFALL WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MICROBIOLOGY OF SOILS AND THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF RIVERS AND LAKES.

LOW-NO_x BURNERS USE A MODERN COMBUSTION TECHNIQUE WHICH INHIBITS THE FORMATION OF NITROGEN OXIDES BY REDUCING THE TEMPERATURE AND OXYGEN CONTENT OF THE FLAME IN THE INITIAL COMBUSTION ZONE AROUND THE BURNER.

ALTHOUGH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MODIFIED BURNERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED CLOSELY BY CLP IN THE FUTURE, THE INITIAL TESTS HAVE INDICATED THAT REDUCTIONS OF AROUND 50 PER CENT IN THE LEVEL OF NITROGEN OXIDES EMISSIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE OVERALL PLAN TO IMPROVE LOCAL AIR QUALITY AND WAS A REFLECTION OF THE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND A LEADING INDUSTRIAL COMPANY.

HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH CLP TO INCLUDE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AS A CONDITION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THEIR SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

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CONSTRUCTION OF LAST SECTION OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS TO PUT THE FINAL TOUCHES ON THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE YAU MA TEI SECTION OF THIS ELEVATED ROADWAY.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WILL FORM PART OF ROUTE 2.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE THROUGH ROUTE TO THE PROPOSED WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY BRINGING TRAFFIC FROM THE FUTURE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TO MEI FOO AREA.

"IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A LINK TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ACROSS THE CENTRAL PART OF SOUTH KOWLOON," HE ADDED.

THE WORKS MAINLY COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ESSENTIALLY DUAL THREE-LANE FLYOVER ABOUT 650 METRES LONG ALONG FERRY STREET ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION WITH FOUR CONNECTING RAMPS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TWO-LANE UPRAMP ABOUT 400 METRES LONG WOULD BE BUILT ALONG CHERRY STREET TO LINK WITH THE EXISTING NORTHBOUND FLYOVER IN TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

WORKS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING SUBWAYS ACROSS FERRY STREET NEAR DUNDAS STREET AND TUNG KUN STREET AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTBRIDGES AND NEW PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS.

THE WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1996.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK;
- * YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 6 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE QUALITY IN INDUSTRIES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR RICKY FUNG, AT A BREAKFAST BRIEFING ON ISO 9000 THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE PROGRAMME INVOLVED FURTHER EXPANSION OF EXISTING GOVERNMENT-FUNDED QUALITY SERVICES, SUCH AS THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME AND THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU, MR FUNG SAID.

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IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1989 TO PROVIDE ISO 9000 CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES, HE ADDED.

ANOTHER STEP BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS TO TAKE UP THE QUALITY CHALLENGE WAS THE LAUNCHING OF A QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN MARCH 1990.

"THE CAMPAIGN EMPHASISES THAT 'HONG KONG NEEDS QUALITY' AND 'QUALITY IS PROFITABLE'.

"THE MESSAGE IS CONVEYED TO INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ONGOING PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING QUALITY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS, TRAINING SESSIONS AND THE PUBLICATION OF A RANGE OF PROMOTIONAL AND INFORMATIVE LITERATURE," HE SAID.

MR FUNG SAID A SERIES OF BREAKFAST BRIEFINGS ON ISO 9000 WOULD BE HELD TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES OF ISO 9000 CERTIFICATION.

"WE INTEND TO HOLD SUCH BRIEFINGS ONCE EVERY MONTH AND EVEN BIWEEKLY, IF NECESSARY.

"PROMINENT INDUSTRIALISTS OR CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE GOOD EXPERIENCES OF ISO 9000 WILL BE INVITED AS GUEST SPEAKERS.

"CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, MAINLY FROM SIMILAR SECTORS OF INDUSTRY FOR EACH BRIEFING, WILL BE INVITED," HE SAID.

MR FUNG SAID AS OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS WERE BECOMING EVER MORE DISCERNING IN THEIR DEMAND FOR HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS, THERE WAS A GROWING TREND FOR BUYERS TO SOURCE GOODS FROM QUALITY ASSURED SUPPLIERS, AND REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARD ISO 9000 WAS FAST BECOMING A PREREQUISITE FOR DOING BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE.

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CONSTRUCTION OF JETTIES AND PIER ON BROTHERS ISLANDS

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PERMIT THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT TWO TEMPORARY JETTIES ON THE BROTHERS ISLANDS, AND A PERMANENT PIER ON THE EAST BROTHER ISLAND.

ABOUT 2.85 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED OF THE TWO ISLANDS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE EXCAVATION OF THE ISLANDS AND SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION WHICH IS NEEDED FOR TRACKING AND CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS DURING THE OPERATION OF THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WAS A MODIFICATION TO THE PREVIOUS ONE WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON JANUARY 3 UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS TO THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED (RECLAMATION) ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE NEW PROPOSALS THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AREAS AT THE EAST BROTHER ISLAND HAVE BEEN SHIFTED FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND TO REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE AREA.

HOWEVER, THE POSITION AND AREA OF THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED OF THE WEST BROTHER ISLAND WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 6 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER); AND AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TUNG CHAU STREET PROJECT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (UADO) IS INVITING TENDERS TO UNDERTAKE WORKS FOR THE EXTENSION AND WIDENING OF TUNG CHAU STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS MAINLY INVOLVE THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING TUNG CHAU STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TONKIN STREET TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND TO WIDEN THIS SECTION OF THE STREET TO A TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

AFTER IMPROVEMENTS, THE STREET WILL PROVIDE EASIER ACCESS TO THE NEW WHOLESALE MARKET ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

WORKS WILL START THIS OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1993.

CONSULTANTS MOTT MACDONALD HONG KONG LIMITED HAVE DESIGNED THE WORKS AND WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE UADO.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING COMPANY ON 12TH FLOOR, SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, 30 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDER IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 4.

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CONTRACTORS INVITED TO SEEK PREQUALIFICATION FOR
RAMBLER CHANNEL BRIDGE PROJECT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM CONTRACTORS TO PREQUALIFY FOR TENDERING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAMBLER CHANNEL BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED ROADWORKS WHICH FORM PART OF ROUTE 3.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BRIDGE WOULD BE BUILT ACROSS THE RAMBLER CHANNEL FROM THE EAST OF TSING YI, AT A POINT JUST NORTH OF THE EXISTING TSING YI SOUTH BRIDGE, TO THE JUNCTION OF KWAI TSING ROAD AND KWAI KING ROAD.

IT WILL BE A 1.2-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE EXPRESSWAY ON VIADUCTS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE BUILDING THREE SECTIONS OF 122 METRES SPAN BALANCED CANTILEVER BRIDGE USING PRECAST SEGMENTS TO CROSS THE RAMBLER CHANNEL.

A NOTICE OF THE INVITATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORKS WILL START IN MAY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1996.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS CONTRACT WAS ONE OF THE THREE MAIN CIVIL CONTRACTS FOR THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PORTION OF ROUTE 3 FROM NORTHWEST TSING YI TO MEI FOO.

PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTANTS AT 38TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA TOWER 1, 223 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI FONG.

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT BY NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

FOLLOWING THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR FOR THE PROJECT.

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MORE PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION URGED

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CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM, TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO THE BUSINESS SECTOR TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME 1992, MRS LAM SAID STUDENTS SHOULD BE EDUCATED TO TREASURE NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE THEY WERE FUTURE LEADERS OF SOCIETY WHO WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS THRIVING CITY WORK IN THE FUTURE.

/MRS LAM

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MRS LAM POINTED OUT THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAD OVER THE YEARS INTRODUCED STRINGENT CONTROLS TARGETED AT PREVENTING THE DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVING AIR AND WATER QUALITY AND REDUCING NOISE POLLUTION.

SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED LEGISLATION BANNING THE USE OF HEAVY FUEL OIL BY INDUSTRY.

AS A RESULT, EMISSIONS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE HAD REDUCED BY 80 PER CENT, CLEARING THE AIR OVER VICTORIA HARBOUR, MRS LAM ADDED.

STRESSING THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH, MRS LAM SAID PRIVATE CORPORATIONS SHOULD STOP EXPLOITING THE SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES AND SHOULD TAKE ON AN ACTIVE ROLE TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

AT THE CEREMONY, MRS LAM PRESENTED CHEQUES FOR \$5,000 TO EACH OF THE 19 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND \$4,000 TO EACH OF THE TWO KINDERGARTENS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME.

SCHOOLS WILL USE THE AWARDED FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROPOSED EDUCATION PROJECTS AND TO MOUNT DISPLAYS IN NOVEMBER.

"THE PROJECT PROPOSALS REFLECTED A KEEN INTEREST AND COMMITMENT OF THE STUDENTS," MRS LAM SAID.

THE PROJECT PROPOSALS CENTRED ON FOUR AREAS, NAMELY BUILDING A BETTER ENVIRONMENT; FIGHTING AGAINST POLLUTION; WHAT HONG KONG WILL BE LIKE IN 2001 AND HOW TO BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD/DISTRICT.

MRS LAM THANKED THE OTB CARD COMPANY LTD FOR ITS COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

SHE SAID THE COMPANY'S SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME MADE IT POSSIBLE TO FURTHER PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

"IN THE COMING YEARS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF BUSINESS SECTORS," MRS LAM SAID.

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RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE STREET FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME FOO MING STREET, PRESENTLY A PRIVATE STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR PUBLIC WORKS PURPOSES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 357 SQUARE METRES, THE LAND TO BE RESUMED WILL BE USED FOR CARRYING OUT A ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WHICH WILL INVOLVE REPAIRS WORKS OF THE DEFECTIVE CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTWAYS IN THE STREET AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORK.

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THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN OF THE RESUMPTION WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LAND WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING NOTICES ON THE SITE.

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SALE OF GOVT LAND BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR USE AS FUNERAL PARLOUR.

THE LAND IS LOCATED AT YAU ON STREET, AREA 18, SHA TIN AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,744 SQUARE METRES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE FUNERAL PARLOUR SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND MAKE FIT FOR OCCUPATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1995.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 18.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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BEACH SHOW TO PROMOTE REUSABLE BAGS

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BEACH-GOERS TO REPULSE BAY THIS SUNDAY (AUGUST 9) AFTERNOON WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CONCERT PRESENTED BY POP SINGERS IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO USE LESS PLASTIC BAGS.

THE ONE-HOUR SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT FOUNTAIN CAFE, RB DELIGHT, REPULSE BAY, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

POPULAR SINGER, MR ANDY LAU, WILL SING THE THEME SONG "THE GREENER MOUNTAINS" WHICH HE IS PRODUCING AS HIS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS YEAR'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN.

/OTHER SINGERS

OTHER SINGERS WILL INCLUDE MR DICKY CHEUNG, MS SHIRLEY YUEN AND MR LUI SHAN.

THE AUDIENCE WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED GAMES. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED WITH PRIZES INCLUDING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

IT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PLASTICS BAGS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SWITCH TO REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.

AUDIENCE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO OBTAIN A REUSABLE BAG DONATED BY DU PONT ASIA PACIFIC LTD.

THE CONCERT, TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK FROM 2 PM TO 3 PM, IS PART OF ITS SOLAR PROJECT '92.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONCERT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT FOUNTAIN CAFE, RB DELIGHT, 30 BEACH ROAD, REPULSE BAY, BEGINNING AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 9).

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

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	+940
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,440
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 110.0 **+0.0* 7.8.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.67 PCT	15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.44	3.49
1 MONTH	2.53 PCT	18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.44	3.87
3 MONTHS	2.49 PCT	21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.43	4.10
6 MONTHS	2.64 PCT					
12 MONTHS	3.16 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 14,608MN

CLOSED 7 AUGUST 1992

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