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## INTRODUCTION OF HANG SENG CHINA INDEX FAR-SIGHTED STEP

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THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HANG SENG CHINA ENTERPRISES INDEX IS A FAR-SIGHTED STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL MARKET AND REAFFIRMS THE INCREASING SYNERGY BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND CHINESE ECONOMIES, THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO LAUNCH THE NEW INDEX, MR TSANG SAID THE LISTING OF CHINESE STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG WAS AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE LOCAL MARKET IN RECENT YEARS.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE LISTINGS WERE MANIFOLD, HE SAID.

"FIRST, SUCH LISTINGS INCREASED OUR MARKET CAPITALISATION AND BROADENED THE BASE OF LISTED COMPANIES IN OUR MARKET.

"SECONDLY, THEY HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER THE REGULATORS AND EXCHANGES ACROSS THE BORDER UNDER A FRAMEWORK WHICH IS AIMED AT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PROTECTION FOR INVESTORS."

ABOVE ALL, MR TSANG SAID, THESE LISTINGS DEMONSTRATED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN EFFECTIVE SPRINGBOARD FOR THE CHINESE STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE TO TAP OVERSEAS CAPITAL.

"THE PROCESS CREATES A TOTALLY NEW DIMENSION FOR THESE ENTERPRISES AS WELL AS FOR THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET," HE SAID.

WITH MORE "H" SHARES BEING LISTED IN HONG KONG, IT WAS LOGICAL AND OPPORTUNE TO INTRODUCE AN INDICATOR REFLECTING PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THIS RELATIVELY NEW SECTION OF THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET, MR TSANG SAID.

"THE NEW INDEX WILL NO DOUBT GAIN SIMILAR ACCEPTANCE AND STATUS AS THE HANG SENG INDEX LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

"APART FROM BEING AN INDICATOR OF THE PRICE MOVEMENTS OF "H" SHARES, I ALSO EXPECT THAT THE ADVANCED MARKET PRACTITIONERS WILL GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY SOON TO USE THE NEW INDEX IN DEVELOPING DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF THE NEW INDEX.

"THIS FITS WELL INTO OUR OVERALL STRATEGY OF ENCOURAGING MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND WILL REINFORCE HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE CATERING FOR THE HUGE POTENTIAL PRESENTED BY THE FAST GROWING CHINESE ECONOMY," MR TSANG ADDED.

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## CHINA'S ACCESSION TO GATT

"THE MISSING PIECE IN THE JIGSAW PUZZLE": D-G OF TRADE

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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHINA SHORTLY RE-ENTERING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LION'S CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR MILLER SAID CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE GATT WAS VITAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE FUTURE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO).

"WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GOES BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS TO CHINA OR TO ANY INDIVIDUAL GATT CONTRACTING PARTY; WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE HEALTH AND STRENGTH OF THE WHOLE MULTI-LATERAL TRADING SYSTEM," HE SAID.

MR MILLER SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE OF THE WTO FULFILLING ITS FUNCTIONS ADEQUATELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT CHINA.

"CHINA IS THE MISSING PIECE IN THE JIG-SAW PUZZLE, CHINA NEEDS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE WTO, BUT THE WTO ALSO NEEDS CHINA AS A MEMBER," HE SAID.

"IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT A COUNTRY, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 20 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, WHICH HAS TRAVELLED FURTHER AND FASTER DOWN THE ROAD OF MARKET-DRIVEN ECONOMIC REFORM THAN ANY OTHER PREVIOUS COMMAND ECONOMY, AND WHOSE EXPORTS HAVE DOUBLED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND ARE ESTIMATED TO GROW AT 40 PER CENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SHOULD REMAIN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE WTO LOOKING IN, NEITHER BENEFITING FROM ITS PRIVILEGES NOR SUBJECT TO ITS RULES AND DISCIPLINES."

MR MILLER NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE TO HONG KONG ONCE CHINA HAD REJOINED THE GATT.

"CHINA IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS. GIVEN THE INCREASING VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS, WHICH PASS THROUGH HONG KONG BOTH INTO AND OUT OF CHINA, WE ARE VULNERABLE TO ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN CHINA AND ITS OTHER TRADING PARTNERS," HE EXPLAINED.

"IT WOULD CLEARLY BE PREFERABLE IF SUCH DISPUTES COULD BE HANDLED WITHIN THE GATT/WTO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED RULES AND PROCEDURES. TRADE NEEDS CERTAINTY; THE RULE OF LAW IN THE GATT/WTO WILL PROVIDE IT."

MR MILLER DESCRIBED CHINA'S ACCESSION AS THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION OF CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"WHAT STARTED IN THE 70S AT THE PING-PONG TABLES MUST BE FINISHED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLES IN GENEVA AND FINISHED SOON," HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE LATEST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF CHINA'S ACCESSION IN GENEVA, MR MILLER CHARACTERISED THE PROCESS AS A NEGOTIATION OVER PRICE.

"THE ARGUMENT OVER DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING STATUS IS SOMETHING OF A RED HERRING. THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A TUSSELE BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRY IMPORTERS AND A MAJOR DEVELOPING EXPORTER. ALL PARTIES INVOLVED ARE BOTH IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS. WHAT IS AT ISSUE IS THE DEGREE OF CUSHIONING NEEDED BY ALL PARTIES AS THIS HUGE ECONOMY REJOINS THE MULTI-LATERAL TRADING SYSTEM," HE SAID.

"YES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT BEING FLOODED BY CHINESE EXPORTS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO GAIN GREATER ACCESS TO CHINA'S MARKETS FOR BOTH GOODS AND SERVICES.

/"YES, CHINA .....

"YES, CHINA WANTS TO HAVE BETTER AND MORE CERTAIN ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S MARKETS, BUT IT ALSO WANTS SOME PROTECTION FOR ITS OWN INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING SERVICE INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE EITHER UNDER-DEVELOPED OR OTHERWISE VULNERABLE DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF MARKET REFORMS."

MR MILLER NOTED THAT THESE SO-CALLED "SAFEGUARDS" AGAINST MARKET DISRUPTION WERE NOTHING NEW.

"WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF HONG KONG, NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO TAKE A 'HOLIER THAN THOU' ATTITUDE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. EVERYONE HAS SKELETONS IN THE CUPBOARD, THE LITTLE EXCEPTIONS, THE WAIVERS THAT THEY HAVE FELT OBLIGED TO TAKE IN RESPONSE TO SOME SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP BACK HOME," HE SAID.

"EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA HAVE PROTECTED THEIR TEXTILES AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES FOR SOME 30 YEARS BOTH WITH RIDICULOUSLY HIGH TARIFFS AND WITH QUANTITATIVE RESTRAINTS.

"AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN ANOTHER EXCEPTION AND IS ONLY JUST BEING BROUGHT UNDER GATT RULES AND DISCIPLINES FOLLOWING THE URUGUAY ROUND.

"ACTION HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO STRIP AWAY A WHOLE COMPLEX OF PROTECTIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM THE SERVICES MARKETS OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD. THE 'JONES ACT' REMAINS A MONUMENT TO THE DIFFICULTY OF WITHDRAWING PROTECTION TO AN INDUSTRY ONCE IT HAS BEEN GRANTED."

NEVERTHELESS, MR MILLER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CHINA'S REJOINING THE GATT ON THE RIGHT TERMS, AND HE NOTED THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED WERE TAKING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION IN GENEVA.

"GETTING CHINA INTO THE GATT/WTO WILL PROVIDE ALL OF CHINA'S TRADING PARTNERS WITH BETTER MARKET ACCESS AND WILL IMPROVE THE TRANSPARENCY OF CURRENTLY COMPLEX AND VARYING RULES AND PROCEDURES. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE CHINESE EXPORTERS WITH BETTER ACCESS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS," HE SAID.

"BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT AS BOTH OF THESE WILL BE CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO A SYSTEM OF MULTILATERAL TRADING OBLIGATIONS AND THE POSITIVE IMPLICATIONS THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF REFORM.

"ALL GOVERNMENTS OF ALL GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE FOUND THAT THE GATT HELPS THEM TO RESIST DOMESTIC DEMANDS FOR PROTECTION. SIMPLY BELONGING TO THE CLUB HELPS KEEP THE PROTECTIONIST AT BAY, AND HELPS KEEP GOVERNMENTS POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, TOWARDS FREE TRADE AND OPEN MARKETS."

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SPECIAL REINTEGRATION ALLOWANCE FOR VM'S

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PAY A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE OF US\$150 (ABOUT HK\$1,200) TO ALL VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO RETURN TO VIETNAM BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE ALLOWANCE IS BEING PAID AS A MEASURE TO BOOST THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ITS INTRODUCTION WILL ENCOURAGE THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TO GO HOME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COST OF THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE FUNDED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE UK GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTING US IN THIS WAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAYABLE ONLY TO THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR UNHCR REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE, THAT IS, THOSE WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 1991. THUS, NEW ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS.

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE UNHCR HAVE AGREED TO DISBURSE THE ALLOWANCE TO THE MIGRANTS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE RECENT REPORT INTO THE EVENTS IN WHITEHEAD ON APRIL 7 HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIDER HOW THE INCENTIVES FOR VOLUNTARY RETURN COULD BE IMPROVED.

"WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCE IS A CONCRETE WAY OF TAKING FORWARD THIS SUGGESTION," HE SAID.

"WE APPEAL TO ALL THE SCREENED-OUT VIETNAMESE IN THE DETENTION CENTRES TO AVAIL OF THIS OFFER OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO RETURNING HOME. THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR THEM IN HONG KONG.

"THIS ALLOWANCE IS A ONE-OFF MEASURE TO ASSIST THE VIETNAMESE WITH THEIR REINTEGRATION IN VIETNAM. IT WILL ONLY BE PAYABLE TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

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REO APPEALS TO ELECTORS TO UPDATE PARTICULARS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE (REO) TODAY (FRIDAY) APPEALED TO ALL ELECTORS TO INFORM THE OFFICE IF THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS OR OTHER PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

"THE ACCURACY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS, TO A LARGE EXTENT, DEPENDS ON THE CO-OPERATION OF ELECTORS TO REPORT CHANGES OF PARTICULARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE REO ALSO UNDERTOOK MATCHING OF RECORDS WITH THOSE MAINTAINED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE TO UPDATE ELECTORS' PARTICULARS.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EVERY YEAR, FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, THE REO CARRIED OUT AN ANNUAL VETTING EXERCISE TO SEND OUT FORMAL INQUIRIES TO ELECTORS WHOSE PARTICULARS WERE KNOWN TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER TO BE OUTDATED.

THE NAMES OF THE ELECTORS WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE THE REGISTRATION OFFICER WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

"IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE AWARE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINAL REGISTER BEING INACCURATE, THEY ARE INVITED TO INFORM THE REO," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE REO WOULD SEEK ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR TO COMPLETE ITS EXERCISE OF MATCHING OF RECORD WITH THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

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#### 569 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE HAS RECEIVED 38 MORE NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE STARTING OF THE NOMINATION ON AUGUST 1 (MONDAY) WAS 569.

THE BREAKDOWN OF NOMINATIONS BY DISTRICT IS AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT	NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	26 (2)
WAN CHAI	18 (3)
EASTERN	53 (4)
SOUTHERN	26 (1)
YAU TSIM MONG	41 (6)
SHAM SHUI PO	27 (0)
KOWLOON CITY	37 (3)
WONG TAI SIN	32 (3)
KWUN TONG	58 (2)
TSUEN WAN	17 (2)
TUEN MUN	41 (0)
YUEN LONG	29 (4)
NORTH	16 (1)
TAI PO	32 (3)
SAI KUNG	22 (1)
SHA TIN	48 (0)
KWAI TSING	39 (1)
ISLANDS	7 (2)
TOTAL	569 (38)

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RIVER FLOODING PREVENTION WORKS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT WORKS ON TWO SECTIONS OF SHENZHEN (SHAM CHUN) RIVER TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FLOODING.

IT WILL INVOLVE REALIGNING, DEEPENING AND WIDENING THE RIVER CHANNEL WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 14 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT LOK MA CHAU AND LIU POK.

THE WORK WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL 1995 AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT OCTOBER 1997.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (NORTH), SIXTH FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES; YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG, NINTH FLOOR - 11TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

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 LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 5.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CENTRAL RECLAMATION WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS UNDER PHASE II OF THE CENTRAL RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS INCLUDE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 5.3 HECTARES OF SEABED; CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL, ACCESS ROADS, AND A FOOTBRIDGE; REPROVISIONING OF COOLING WATER SYSTEMS AND CROSS-HARBOUR WATER MAINS; AND RELOCATION OF THE FENWICK PIER STREET HELIPAD AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INVOLVES REPROVISIONING WORKS WITHIN PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS; CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADING OF FOUL AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS; AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND FOR COMPLETION IN 24 MONTHS.

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

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, 14TH FLOOR, 1 KOWLOON PARK DRIVE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE TENDER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 16.

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RECLAMATION FOR NAVAL BASE TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PRE-QUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2,100 METRES OF SEAWALLS AND BREAKWATERS, DREDGING, RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 12 HECTARES OF LAND AND THE BUILDING OF STORM WATER DRAINS FOR THE NAVAL BASE ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN NOVEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1997.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER FROM A SELECTED LIST OF CONTRACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THIS PRE-QUALIFICATION EXERCISE.

CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I GROUP C FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED), OR ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST II FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED) CAN APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/PORT WORKS, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON AUGUST 26.

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NT SITE OFFERED TO LETTERS A/B HOLDERS

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING REGISTERED OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B) FOR THE GRANT IN LIEU OF CASH COMPENSATION OF A SITE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 14,300 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 37A, TSEUNG KWAN O, SAI KUNG FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, EXCLUDING GODOWNS.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDINGS COVENANT, A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 72,670 SQUARE METRES HAS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 60 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF AGREEMENT.

APPLICANTS CAN SUBMIT EITHER A "VINTAGE" TENDER OR A "MONETISED LETTER B" TENDER CALCULATED BY REFERENCE TO A LIST OF CURRENCY VALUES PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS.

A "VINTAGE" TENDER WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 2.

FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF ISLANDS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

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SPEL AUTHORISES SEWAGE TUNNEL WORKS

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, HAS AUTHORISED THE GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE RIGHTS ON THE LAND SITUATED ON THE ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED SEWAGE TUNNEL FROM KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR CARRYING OUT SEWAGE TUNNEL WORKS.

THE SEWAGE TUNNEL FORMS PART OF STAGE I OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME TO COLLECT AND TREAT SEWAGE FROM KOWLOON BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSEUNG KWAN O AND FROM THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN 30 MONTHS.

THE LAND WHICH IS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS SUFFERED LOSS OR DAMAGE TO LAND OR PROPERTY SITUATED ON LAND RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OR EXERCISE OF RIGHTS BY THE AUTHORISATION MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE.

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SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN TSUEN WAN

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO START WORKS ON IMPROVING THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN TSUEN WAN IN OCTOBER.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE WORKS WOULD INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM, UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING TSUEN WAN SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AND SEWER RECONNECTION FOR FACTORIES TO THE FOUL SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

"THE SIZE OF SEWERS RANGE FROM 750 MM DIAMETER TO 2,100 MM DIAMETER RUNNING MAINLY IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, CHAI WAN KOK STREET, TAI PA STREET, YEUNG UK ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD.

"WHEN THE WORKS ARE COMPLETED IN 24 MONTHS, THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN BOTH THE HYDRAULIC CAPACITY OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN TSUEN WAN AND THE WATER QUALITY OF THE RAMBLER CHANNEL," HE SAID.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM HO TIN AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED, ROOM 1704, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON AUGUST 26.

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## BRIDGE PROJECTS FOR TAI O AND SHA TIN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG ISLAND AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS TAI O CREEK IN TAI O, LANTAU.

THE BRIDGE WOULD PROVIDE A SAFE AND THROUGH PASSAGE ACROSS THE CREEK FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IT WILL ALSO ALLOW THE PASSAGE OF LARGER VESSELS FOR GOING TO THE SHELTER AT THE UPSTREAM END OF THE CREEK THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF A FOLDABLE DECK AT MIDSPAN OF THE BRIDGE," HE ADDED.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSAL WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE PUBLIC AND SCHEME SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- \* THE PLAN ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND
- \* THE MUI WO SUB-OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, MUI WO, LANTAU.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 4, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS ALSO PLANNING A FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM AT THE JUNCTION OF CHE KUNG MIU ROAD AND HUNG MUI KOK ROAD IN SHA TIN.

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WITH FOUR ESCALATORS, STAIRS AND RAMPS.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING SIGNALISED CROSS ROAD JUNCTION WITH PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS TO A ROUNDABOUT; CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON CHE KUNG MIU ROAD, HUNG MUI KOK ROAD AND MEI TIN ROAD; CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN 27 MONTHS.

A NOTICE OF INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, 4 FUNG WO LANE, WO CHE, SHA TIN.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 2.

## HENNESSY ROAD TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD SECTION BETWEEN ARSENAL STREET AND CANAL ROAD EAST.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTWAYS; TRAFFIC AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT WORKS; AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AND COMPLETE IN LATE 1996.

A NOTICE ON THE TENDER INVITATION HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM HO TIN DELCAN JOINT VENTURE, ROOM 1704, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG. THE CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 895 2238.

TENDERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD (AT ITS JUNCTION WITH GARDEN ROAD), HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON AUGUST 26 (FRIDAY).

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY HO TIN DELCAN JOINT VENTURE FOR HONG KONG REGION OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

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## PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED CLOSING PART OF MAU YIP ROAD IN TSEUNG KWAN O TO FACILITATE THE SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THERE BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 27, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER MAINS LAYING IN SHEUNG SHUI  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 7,925 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS IN SHEUNG SHUI, PING CHE AND HO SHEUNG HEUNG TO COPE WITH THE GROWING DEMANDS FOR WATER IN SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1996.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 44TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 2.

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SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION BEGINS ON TUESDAY  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS READY TO SWING INTO ACTION IN ASSISTING SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS APPLY SECONDARY 6 PLACES WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) ARE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 9).

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 23,500 SECONDARY 6 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 1994/95 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY): "FROM AUGUST 9 TO AUGUST 23, A CENTRAL HOTLINE MANNED BY EDUCATION OFFICERS WILL BE SET UP FOR STUDENTS SEEKING ADVICE AND CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE ADMISSION PROCEDURES.

"THE CENTRAL HOTLINE NUMBERS ARE 782 7624-6 (3 LINES) AND 782 7621 WHICH WILL BE MANNED FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NEWLY DESIGNED ADMISSION PROCEDURES SUMMARY TABLE TOGETHER WITH THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE LEAFLET CONTAINING ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONES OF 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

HE SAID ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE LEAFLET AND SUMMARY TABLE WERE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE HAS RECENTLY MOVED TO SECOND FLOOR, CENTRE POINT, 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 834 8423.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CHANNELS FOR STUDENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADMISSION PROCEDURES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD STARTED A 24-HOUR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE.

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STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURES BY DIALING 891 0088, CHOOSING 1 OR 2 FOR THE DESIRED LANGUAGE, PRESSING 2 AT THE NEXT PROMPT (STUDENTS RELATED INFORMATION) AND PRESSING 5 WHEN PROMPT TO CHOOSE THE SUBJECT ON THE S6 ALLOCATION SYSTEM.

HE SAID PROCEDURES FOR THIS YEAR WERE BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE STAGES:

STAGE I  
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DAY 1 (AUGUST 9):

STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE (BEST SIX SUBJECTS IN ONE SITTING) TO APPLY TO OWN OR LINKED SCHOOL BEFORE 3.30 PM.

STAGE II  
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DAY 2 (AUGUST 10):

(A) STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE (BEST SIX SUBJECTS IN ONE SITTING) TO APPLY TO OTHER SCHOOLS.

(B) PREVOCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO SATISFY MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (A GRADE E OR ABOVE IN SIX SUBJECTS, OR GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FIVE SUBJECTS OF NO LESS THAN EIGHT POINTS, IN ONE SITTING AND GRADE E OR ABOVE IN BOTH CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS A OR B) IN HKCEE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN ONE SITTING) TO APPLY TO OWN OR OTHER PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

(C) PREVOCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE TO APPLY TO OTHER SCHOOLS.

(D) EVENING SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE TO APPLY TO PLK VICWOOD K T CHONG SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL.

DAY 3 (AUGUST 11):

APPLICATION RESULTS OF DAY 2 TO BE DISPLAYED AT SCHOOLS AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO REGISTER WITH SCHOOLS.

STAGE III  
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DAY 4 (AUGUST 12):

(A) STUDENTS WHO SATISFY MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO OWN OR LINKED SCHOOLS AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO REGISTER WITH SCHOOLS.

(B) EVENING SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES SATISFYING MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO PLK VICWOOD K T CHONG SIXTH FORM COLLEGE.

STAGE IV  
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DAY 5 (AUGUST 15)

STUDENTS WHO SATISFY MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO OTHER SCHOOLS.

DAY 6 (AUGUST 16)

APPLICATION RESULTS OF DAY 5 TO BE DISPLAYED AT SCHOOLS AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO REGISTER WITH SCHOOLS.

STAGE V  
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DAY 7 (AUGUST 17):

CURRENT YEAR HKCEE PARTICIPANTS WHO SATISFY MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

DAY 11 (AUGUST 23):

RESULTS OF CENTRAL ALLOCATION TO BE DISPLAYED AT SPECIFIED CENTRES AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO REGISTER WITH SCHOOLS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO INTERVIEW AN EDUCATION OFFICER ON S6 ADMISSION PROCEDURES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION AT ROOM 1645, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 16TH FLOOR, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, AT 3 PM TODAY.

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KOWLOON CITY WINS THE BEST PESC AWARD

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS WON THE BEST PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER AWARD ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION THIS YEAR.

PRESENTING THE AWARD AT A CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID THE SCHEME WAS TO ENCOURAGE PESC STAFF TO UPKEEP AND SUSTAIN THE OVERALL STANDARD OF PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE.

"IT IS ALSO A RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORT IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

AS TO THE PROMULGATION OF CNTA PERFORMANCE PLEDGE LAST YEAR, MR SUEN SAID IT HAD CONFIRMED THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE.

THIS, HE SAID, COULD BE ACHIEVED NOT ONLY BY SETTING AND ACHIEVING THE TARGETS STIPULATED IN THE PLEDGE, BUT ALSO BY DEVELOPING A CLIENT-BASED CULTURE.

TO MONITOR AGAINST THE TARGETS, A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED EVERY SIX MONTHS TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK ON THE SERVICES AND THE RESULTS WERE PUBLISHED, HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY COVERED THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED, WAITING TIME, AN ASSESSMENT OF ATTITUDE AND THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

"CONTESTANTS FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD ARE JUDGED ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF TWO SIX-MONTHLY PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF A DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP," MR SUEN ADDED.

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STAMP TO COMMEMORATE COMMONWEALTH POSTAL CONFERENCE

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A \$10 DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLET WILL BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 16 TO COMMEMORATE THE CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS (CCPA) TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG FROM AUGUST 16 TO 20, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR PAGLIARI SAID SUCH CONFERENCES HAD BEEN HELD SINCE 1971 IN VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES TO ENABLE OFFICIALS FROM COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS GOVERNING THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF MAIL.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE HOSTING THE CONFERENCE THIS YEAR AND, FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, SUCH A UNIQUE CHANCE WOULD NOT RECUR.

THE SHEETLET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE. IT IS DESIGNED BY MR COLLIN TILLYER AND PRINTED BY JOH ENSCHEDE SECURITY PRINTING OF THE NETHERLANDS.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE, A SALES RESTRICTION OF 10 SHEETLETS PER CUSTOMER WILL BE IMPOSED.

MR PAGLIARI ALSO SAID TO COMMEMORATE HONG KONG POST OFFICE'S PARTICIPATION IN "PHILAKOREA 1994" WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA FROM AUGUST 16 TO 25, A SOUVENIR COVER WILL BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 18.

SOUVENIR COVERS FOR BOTH THE CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHILAKOREA 1994, WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES, EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE, AS FROM NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 9) AT \$1 EACH. NO ADVANCE ORDER SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

ON AUGUST 16 IN THE CASE OF THE CCPA \$10 STAMP SHEETLET AND ON AUGUST 18 FOR THE PHILAKOREA 1994 SOUVENIR COVER, A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT ALL POST OFFICES EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE FOR OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY MADE COVERS BEARING AN INDICATION OF THE EVENT.

SPECIAL POSTMARKS FOR THE HAND-BACK SERVICE FOR THESE TWO PRODUCTS WILL BE INTRODUCED.

A CACHET FOR GENERAL CANCELLATION PURPOSES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FOR PHILAKOREA 1994.

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## EXHIBITION ON ACP PROJECTS OPENS IN LOK FU

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THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) PROJECTS OPENED AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE IN KOWLOON TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EXHIBITIONS - 10 IN ALL - ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC ABREAST OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN ACP WORKS.

EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY. MOST OF THEM WILL RUN FOR THREE DAYS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR BILLY LAM, SAID 59 MAJOR CONTRACTS WORTH ABOUT \$50.6 BILLION HAD BEEN AWARDED SO FAR UNDER THE ACP.

THE CONTRACTS - LET BY THE GOVERNMENT, PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY - HAD PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

"TAKING THE LEAD ARE COMPANIES FROM JAPAN (27 PER CENT BY VALUE), FOLLOWED BY HONG KONG (20 PER CENT), THE UK (14 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (11 PER CENT), CHINA (8 PER CENT), FRANCE (7 PER CENT), AND OTHERS LIKE BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA, THE USA, NEW ZEALAND, ITALY, GERMANY AND SOUTH AFRICA," HE SAID.

THE KEEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HAD HELPED TO DRIVE DOWN THE COST OF THE ACP AND TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WAS GETTING THE BEST "VALUE FOR MONEY" IN ITS TENDERS.

"BECAUSE OF OUR FAIR AND OPEN TENDER SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH THE VERY RIGOROUS COST CONTROL MECHANISM WE HAVE ADOPTED, WE WERE ABLE TO REDUCE THE COST ESTIMATES FOR THE ACP, IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, FROM \$163.7 BILLION TO \$158.2 BILLION," HE ADDED.

NOTING THAT KAI TAK RANKED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BUSIEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, MR LAM SAID HAVING A NEW AND MODERN AIRPORT WOULD HELP TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S POSITION AS THE REGIONAL AVIATION HUB AND A WORLD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE.

HE REFERRED TO THE NINE OTHER PROJECTS IN THE ACP, INVOLVING A SERIES OF ROADS, A RAILWAY, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, A NEW TOWN AND RECLAMATION OF LAND FOR MUCH NEEDED COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS.

"THESE PROJECTS WILL NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE NEW AIRPORT BUT WILL ALSO FORM AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL UNDERPIN HONG KONG'S CONTINUING ECONOMIC GROWTH INTO THE NEXT CENTURY," HE SAID.

MR LAM SAID THE PROJECTS WERE PROCEEDING WELL IN TERMS OF PROGRAMMES AND BUDGET OBJECTIVES ALTHOUGH FINANCING AGREEMENT ON THE AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY HAD YET TO BE REACHED.

"BASED ON THE PROGRESS SO FAR, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE 10 ACP PROJECTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY MID-1997 IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER."

THE EXHIBITION AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, FROM TODAY TO SUNDAY.

"WE CHOSE THIS LOCATION FOR OUR FIRST EXHIBITION BECAUSE 300,000 PEOPLE FROM THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD ARE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY AIRPORT NOISE.

"WHEN THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK IS OPERATIONAL, RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO SUFFER FROM NOISE NUISANCE ARISING FROM AIRPORT OPERATIONS," MR LAM SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS, MR WONG PO-YAN, CHAIRMAN OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN KAM-MAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG.

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PUBLIC WORKS ON DISPLAY AT FANLING CENTRE

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THE LAST OF A SERIES OF SEVEN ROVING EXHIBITIONS ON HONG KONG'S PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME WILL MOVE TO FANLING CENTRE SHOPPING ARCADE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKS BRANCH AND THE WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS TO MARK THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN HELD IN WONG TAI SIN, QUARRY BAY, CENTRAL, TSIM SHA TSUI, HUNG HOM AND TUEN MUN SINCE MAY 1994.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FANLING CENTRE SHOPPING ARCADE FROM 11 AM TO 8 PM TOMORROW, AND FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM THE NEXT DAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HOW HONG KONG HAS TRANSFORMED FROM A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE 150 YEARS AGO INTO AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

PANELS WITH CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PUT UP, SHOWING THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WORKS BRANCH, THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, AND SEVEN WORKS DEPARTMENTS - ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CIVIL ENGINEERING, DRAINAGE SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, HIGHWAYS, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES.

SHORT FILMS WILL BE SHOWN ON A FULL-SIZE VIDEO WALL TO ILLUSTRATE HOW PUBLIC MONEY IS SPENT ON BUILDING NEW TOWNS, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, PARKS, ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IS A SET OF FIVE PANORAMIC-VIEW PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE CHANGES TO THE SKYLINE OF KOWLOON PENINSULA AND HONG KONG ISLAND OVER THE PAST 150 YEARS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE CONCLUDING PUBLIC WORKS EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE MAIN LOBBY, GROUND FLOOR, FANLING CENTRE SHOPPING ARCADE AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR HU MAN-SHIU; THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; AND THE ACTING NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW LAI.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,551	0930	-9
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,382	1000	-9
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-9
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-9	1200	-9
LAF TODAY	-160	1500	-9
		1600	-9
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 123.1	**+0.2*	5.8.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.75	16 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.30	5.60
1 MONTH	3.90	22 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.65	6.04
3 MONTHS	4.21	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.94	6.50
6 MONTHS	4.57	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	99.04	6.64
12 MONTHS	5.25	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.68	6.81

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,620 MN

CLOSED 5 AUGUST 1994

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