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SEPT ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES  
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN SEPTEMBER 1991 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, BUT INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN SEPTEMBER 1991 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, ORDERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, THE ORDERS POSITION IN SEPTEMBER 1991 IMPROVED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, FOLLOWED BY THE WEARING APPAREL, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

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

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN SEPTEMBER 1991 DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, AND BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1991 DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, DUE TO THE DEPARTURE OF SUMMER WORKERS. EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN ALL THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1991 DECREASED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

IN SEPTEMBER 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991. PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, DUE MAINLY TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, SLIGHT INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, WHILE SOME DECREASES WERE REPORTED IN THE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS IN SEPTEMBER 1991.

INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOWED A MODERATE DECREASE MAINLY DUE TO A HIGH BASE OF COMPARISON IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WHEN SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED ISSUED SPECIAL PAYMENTS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1991 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991 BUT DECREASED FAIRLY SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1991 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER SEPTEMBER 1990.

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

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1991 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1991, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1991 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER AUGUST 1991.

THE INCREASE IN PUBLIC UTILITIES WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT MAINLY DUE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS BY SOME UTILITY COMPANIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1991 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN ALL THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERS ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

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

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1991 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.50 PER COPY.

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

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF SEPT 91 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH AUG 91 (%)	SEPT 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.36	*	+3
WEARING APPAREL	4.84	+1	+4
TEXTILES	2.30	-2	+9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.65	-2	+9
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.20	*	+3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.31	*	+1
OTHERS	4.05	*	-1

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1991

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	AUG 91 (%)	SEPT 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-3	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-3
WEARING APPAREL	-3	-6
TEXTILES	-1	-14
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-11	-23
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-2	-7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-17
OTHERS	*	-2

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CONSTRUCTION #	*	-8
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SERVICES	*	-1
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BANKS	*	+1
HOTELS	+2	-5
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-3
OTHERS	*	*

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

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

PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	AVERAGE AS IN	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	SEPT 91	AUG 91	SEPT 90
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	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,928	+1	+12
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FOOD AND DRINKS	7,786	+2	+11
WEARING APPAREL	5,207	-4	+11
TEXTILES	6,293	-1	-4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	8,045	+24	+17
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6,910	+2	+14
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	6,911	-3	+18
OTHERS	8,835	+3	+13
CONSTRUCTION #	9,456	-1	+13
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SERVICES	11,708	+1	+11
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BANKS	10,348	*	+10
HOTELS	7,123	-1	+12
PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,735	+12	+12
OTHERS	12,658	-9	+11

/\* CHANGES WITHIN .....

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 :

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

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#### HK'S TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE

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SOME 63% OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA WAS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME 57% OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING -- 76% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND 51% FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTIONS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 WERE 64% FOR IMPORTS, 58% FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, 80% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 49% FOR RE-EXPORTS.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991, SOME 65% OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA WAS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME 57% OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA WAS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING; THE FIGURE WAS 77% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND 49% FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA.

THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WERE 61% FOR IMPORTS, 57% FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, 79% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND 48% FOR RE-EXPORTS.

TO PROVIDE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA BY HONG KONG FIRMS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SAMPLE SURVEY AS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 TO DISTINGUISH HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO CHINA - BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS -- INTO THOSE WHICH ARE FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED AS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 SO AS TO SEGREGATE HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA INTO THOSE WHICH ARE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

THE RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

IN VALUE TERMS, SOME \$45,060 MILLION OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22% OVER THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING INCREASED BY 31% TO \$29,967 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING GREW BY 10% TO \$10,380 MILLION AND 45% TO \$19,587 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991, SOME \$83,131 MILLION OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 32% OVER 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING INCREASED BY 27% TO \$51,472 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING GREW BY 12% TO \$18,261 MILLION AND 38% TO \$33,211 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

THE ESTIMATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 AND THE CORRESPONDING CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990 ARE SUMMARISED IN THE TABLE BELOW.

TOTAL VALUE OF TRADE WITH CHINA AND ESTIMATED VALUE AND PROPORTION OF TRADE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE, 2ND QUARTER AND THE FIRST HALF OF 1991

	2ND QTR. 1991 (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER 2ND QTR. 1990 (%)	1ST HALF 1991 (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER 1ST HALF 1990 (%)
TOTAL TRADE VALUE * :				
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	71,670	+25.6	128,517	+25.1
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	52,158	+32.8	90,775	+28.5
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	13,653	+16.7	23,584	+14.0
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	38,506	+39.6	67,191	+34.5
ESTIMATED VALUE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE :				
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	45,060	+22.5	83,131	+32.0
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	29,967	+30.7	51,472	+27.1
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	10,380	+10.5	18,261	+11.7
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	19,587	+44.8	33,211	+37.5

/ESTIMATED PROPORTION .....

## ESTIMATED PROPORTION OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE IN TRADE WITH CHINA :

	2ND QTR. 1991 (%)	2ND QTR. 1990 (%)	1ST HALF 1991 (%)	1ST HALF 1990 (%)
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	62.9	64.5	64.7	61.3
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	57.5	58.3	56.7	57.3
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	76.0	80.3	77.4	79.0
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	50.9	49.0	49.4	48.4

\* THE VALUE EXCLUDES COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE EXPORTING OF RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING, WITH THE RESULTING PROCESSED GOODS BEING SUBSEQUENTLY RE-IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE IMPORTING OF PROCESSED GOODS FROM CHINA OF WHICH ALL OR PART OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES ARE UNDER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT EXPORTED FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING.

A SAMPLE OF TRADE DECLARATIONS IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA (IMPORTS FROM CHINA, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA) ARE SELECTED FOR ENUMERATION TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM ESTABLISHMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED SYSTEM OF RECORDING TRADE FLOWS, ALL MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ACROSS THE BORDER, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE, ARE RECORDED AS EXTERNAL TRADE.

THUS THE MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTWARD PROCESSING ARE CORRECTLY INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, HOWEVER, FACILITATE A MORE INFORMED ANALYSIS OF THE NATURE OF HONG KONG-CHINA TRADE. IN THIS RESPECT, THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE A USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ABOVE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN PART I OF THE SEPTEMBER 1991 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE", WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AROUND NOVEMBER 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$33.50 PER COPY.

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GOVERNOR MEETS SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HELD A HALF HOUR MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, MR GOH CHOK TONG, TONIGHT (MONDAY) AT THE START OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

SIR DAVID ARRIVED LATE THIS AFTERNOON, AND CALLED ON MR GOH ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AT THE ISTANA (THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE) BEFORE ATTENDING AN INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

ON HIS ARRIVAL AT CHANGI AIRPORT, THE GOVERNOR TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD ALWAYS FELT THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT IN COMMON BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE.

"WE ARE THE SAME SORT OF ECONOMIES AND THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF ROOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN US. WE ALSO HAVE SIMILAR INTEREST IN WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD GREATLY TO MEETING PRIME MINISTER GOH THIS EVENING AND TALKING TO HIM ABOUT OUR COMMON INTERESTS, AND ALSO TO MEETING SENIOR MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW."

SIR DAVID SAID HE BELIEVED TRADE AND INVESTMENT WERE THE MAJOR AREAS OF FUTURE CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG.

HE SAID THERE WAS AN INCREASED SINGAPOREAN OFFICIAL INTEREST IN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, AND HE HAD RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH MR FOCK SIEW WAH (SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE), WHO IS SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO LOOK AT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TERRITORY.

SIR DAVID SAID ANOTHER ASPECT OF CO-OPERATION WAS THE ROLE HONG KONG PLAYED IN SINGAPOREAN TRADE WITH CHINA. ABOUT 34 PER CENT OF SINGAPORE'S EXPORTS TO CHINA PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG AND A GREAT DEAL OF CHINA'S EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE WERE ALSO HANDLED THROUGH THE TERRITORY.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS ROOM FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ROLE OF HONG KONG "AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND CHINA, PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN CHINA".

THE GOVERNOR HAS AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WHEN HE WILL BE HOLDING FURTHER MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, BRIGADIER GENERAL LEE HSIEN LOONG, THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND THE ARTS, BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE YEO, AND MR LEE KUAN YEW. HE WILL ALSO HAVE LUNCH WITH SINGAPOREAN BUSINESS LEADERS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO DELIVER A MAJOR SPEECH AT A FUNCTION ARRANGED BY THE SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WILL LEAVE SINGAPORE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT FOR NEW ZEALAND.

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GOVERNOR VISITS SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) STARTED A SIX-DAY VISIT TO SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, AND EXCHANGES OF TRADE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AT THE AIRPORT, THE GOVERNOR SAID:

"THE PURPOSE OF BOTH VISITS IS TO TRY TO SPREAD MORE WIDELY THE MESSAGE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN HONG KONG; HOW THE ECONOMY IS DOING DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATION TO SOUTHERN CHINA, AND HOW THAT AFFECTS THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG."

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING PRIME MINISTER GOH CHOK TONG THIS AFTERNOON AND THEN HAVING DINNER WITH HIM.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD BE TALKING ON THE AIRPORT PROJECT AND TRY TO APPROACH FOR INVESTMENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID:

"I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THE AIRPORT PROJECT. I SEE THAT AS A CRUCIAL PART OF US BUILDING UP HONG KONG FOR THE LONG-TERM FUTURE. I'LL CERTAINLY BE TALKING TO ANY BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN IT."

HE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE A PARTICULAR MISSION TO GO AND ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT FROM EITHER SINGAPORE OR NEW ZEALAND IN THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT, BUT HE ADDED THAT HE DID HAVE A MISSION TO ENCOURAGING GENERAL INVESTMENT.

"AS YOU KNOW SINGAPORE IS AT THE MOMENT VERY INTERESTED IN BUILDING UP IT AND THAT SOMETHING I WELCOME," HE CONTINUED.

TALKING ABOUT HIS TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT WAS GOING TO BE GENERAL ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE GOING IN HONG KONG.

"TRADE IS NOT AS SIGNIFICANT AS SOME OF OUR OTHER TRADING PARTNERS, BUT IT PLAYS A ROLE IN OUR TRADE AND THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF EXCHANGES, TOURISM, AND PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG GOING TO LIVE NOW IN NEW ZEALAND. I SEE THAT AS BEING A GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG AND THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION THAT THE NEW IMMIGRATION SCHEME HAD BEEN CRITICISED AS A SEVERE BRAIN DRAIN IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING TO NEW ZEALAND WERE NOT VERY HIGH.

"THE POINT I ALWAYS MAKE IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THEIR IMMIGRATION SCHEME IS, WE HAVE NO WISH TO INTERFERE IN OTHER COUNTRIES SCHEME BUT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY COUNTRY TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO FLEXIBILITY. WE IN HONG KONG WANT PEOPLE TO STAY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

"WE DON'T MIND AT ALL IF THEY HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF KNOWING THAT THEY CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE IF THEY WANT TO, BUT OF COURSE WE WANT TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR TALENTS HERE IN HONG KONG AS WELL." HE SAID.

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NEW AIRPORT A KEY TO FUTURE PROSPERITY

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THE TIMELY PROVISION OF SOPHISTICATED, EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE IS THE KEY TO MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A PRE-EMINENT BUSINESS CENTRE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS, SIR DAVID SAID AS KAI TAK AIRPORT WAS RAPIDLY APPROACHING CAPACITY LIMITS HONG KONG COULD NOT AFFORD NOT TO HAVE A NEW AIRPORT TO ENSURE ITS FUTURE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

HE SAID THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED THE CERTAINTY NEEDED TO GET ON WITH CONSTRUCTING THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND RELATED PROJECTS.

IT ALSO PROVIDED A PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH VARIOUS ISSUES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT COULD BE DISCUSSED BY PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR WONG PO-YAN, HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 49 COMING FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

SIR DAVID SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MARKED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY IN THE AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS.

"GIVEN THE DIVERSIFIED BACKGROUND OF MEMBERS AND THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE IN VARIOUS FIELDS RELATED TO THE PROJECTS, I KNOW THAT WE WILL RECEIVE VALUABLE ADVICE FROM THE COMMITTEE IN DUE COURSE.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR VIEWS WILL BE VERY SERIOUSLY AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE FORUM FOR COLLECTING VIEWS FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROJECTS AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECTS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"BUILDING THE NEW AIRPORT, AND THE ROAD AND RAIL LINKS ASSOCIATED WITH IT, IS THE LARGEST PROJECT EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG AND IT WILL REQUIRE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF EFFORT FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO SEE IT THROUGH.

"WE CERTAINLY NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO GET THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT DONE.

"TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FULLY KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

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AS THE PROJECTS PROCEEDED, RELEVANT ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE CONSULTED ON MATTERS WHICH FELL UNDER THEIR PURVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF CONSULTATION WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, HE ADDED.

ECHOING SIR DAVID'S VIEWS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR WONG PO-YAN, ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD PROVIDE VERY USEFUL ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS.

"I TRUST THAT THIS ADVICE WILL BE GIVEN VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WERE THEN BRIEFED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE 10 AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PROJECTS.

"SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH FULL SPEED AND A GOOD DEAL OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE," HE SAID.

ON THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, MR BLAKE TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT CRUCIAL DECISIONS ON SITE FORMATION, RUNWAY AND TERMINAL DESIGN CONCEPTS HAD BEEN MADE.

"THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN IS WELL ADVANCED AND IT WILL BE FINALISED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

"MEANWHILE, TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE DETAILED DESIGN OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL COMPLEX HAVE JUST BEEN ISSUED TO SHORTLISTED TENDERERS ON NOVEMBER 7. WORK IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN AROUND MARCH 1992," HE SAID.

"ON THE WORKS SIDE, THE PREPARATION OF AN ADVANCE WORKS AREA ON CHEK LAP KOK, TO BE USED AS A BRIDGEHEAD BY THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACTOR, IS IN GOOD PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992.

"THE MAIN SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT ITSELF WAS TENDERED ON NOVEMBER 8 AND IT WILL BE AWARDED IN MAY 1992."

MR BLAKE ALSO SAID THE TSING MA BRIDGE AND THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE, WHICH FORM THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING LINKING LANTAU ISLAND TO TSING YI, ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT MORE OR LESS THE SAME TIME, IN TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW AIRPORT.

"THE TSING MA BRIDGE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED BEFORE MID-1992 WHEREAS THE AWARD FOR THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE CONTRACT WILL BE MADE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992," HE SAID.

TALKING ABOUT RECLAMATION AT WEST KOWLOON, MR BLAKE SAID THREE MAIN RECLAMATION CONTRACTS WERE UNDERWAY AND THE REMAINING PARTS OF THIS PROJECT WERE IN DETAILED DESIGN STAGE.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF VARIOUS SEAFRONT USERS AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION.

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"IN THIS CONNECTION, TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN LATE NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I OF A PERMANENT WHOLESALE MARKET IN WEST KOWLOON WHICH WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION WORKS," HE SAID.

MR BLAKE ALSO EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE CURRENT PROGRESS OF WORKS OF OTHER AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME PROJECTS, INCLUDING TUNG CHUNG DEVELOPMENT - PHASE I, NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, ROUTE 3, WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, WEST HARBOUR CROSSING, AIRPORT RAILWAY AND CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE HELD ON JANUARY 13, NEXT YEAR.

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#### CALL TO UPGRADE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW OF WORKFORCE

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HONG KONG NEEDS SKILLED AND WELL-TRAINED PEOPLE WITH AN INNOVATIVE FRAME OF MIND TO EXCEL IN THEIR WORK IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD OF TOP FASHION, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER PARTY OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY THIS EVENING, MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG SHOULD NOT BE CONTENT WITH CHURNING OUT FIGURES ALONE, BUT WITH PROVIDING THE RIGHT SKILLS AND FRAME OF MIND TO THE PERSONS REPRESENTED BY THOSE FIGURES.

"THAT MUST REMAIN THE PURPOSE OF OUR MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

"THE FACT THAT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING UP WITH THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY AND ITS INCESSANT DEMAND FOR SKILLED AND INNOVATIVE MANPOWER IS TESTIMONY TO THE AUTHORITY'S IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDUSTRY."

MR CHAN NOTED THAT UNDER THE MASSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES INITIATED BY THE AUTHORITY, SOME 80,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAD PASSED THROUGH VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS AND HAD SINCE TAKEN UP POSITIONS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

"THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT BY ANY STANDARDS," HE ADDED.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR CHAN POINTED OUT TWO ISSUES THAT DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

"FIRST, AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT DUE TO THE RELOCATION OF LABOUR INTENSIVE PROCESSES TO SOUTH CHINA, THERE IS A GROWING AWARENESS THAT HONG KONG MUST UPGRADE THE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW OF ITS PRODUCTION WORKFORCE SO AS TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVE EDGE," HE SAID.

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HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY WAS WELL ATTUNED TO THIS PROBLEM AND WAS TAKING STEPS TO UPGRADE AND EXPAND ITS TRAINING COURSES AT HIGHER LEVELS.

"THE GOVERNMENT," HE SAID, "WILL SHORTLY BE LAUNCHING A NEW TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SCHEME TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS TO MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WHICH WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THEIR EMPLOYEES TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES EITHER IN HONG KONG OR OVERSEAS."

THE SECOND ISSUE RELATES TO "RE-TRAINING".

THE PRESENT PROCESS OF ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING HAS INEVITABLY BROUGHT ABOUT JOB DISLOCATION FOR SOME WORKERS WHICH MR CHAN DESCRIBED AS "PAINFUL AND UNWELCOME".

"BUT THE REMEDY MUST LIE IN RETRAINING TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO OTHER SECTORS WITH A STRONGER DEMAND FOR LABOUR.

"THAT MAY NOT BE EASY BUT IT IS AN AREA WHICH WE INTEND TO EXPLORE WITH THOSE CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITIES.

"I SHALL THEREFORE BE COMING UP TO YOU FOR SUGGESTIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT I WILL BE GETTING YOUR CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THESE ENDEAVOURS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LOT OF OUR MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE," MR CHAN SAID.

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#### COMPLAINT PROBE OF WAGE UNDERPAYMENT UNDERWAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING A COMPLAINT OF UNDERPAYMENT OF WAGES OF 18 IMPORTED WORKERS IN A CLOTHING FACTORY.

THE WORKERS WERE DISMISSED WHILE THE CASE WAS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

THEY APPROACHED THE KWAI CHUNG OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS) ON NOVEMBER 9.

LRS OFFICERS HELD MEETINGS WITH THE WORKERS AND CONTACTED THEIR EMPLOYER. PART OF THEIR WAGE CLAIMS WERE CLEARED BY THE EMPLOYER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LRS.

THE LRS MET THE WORKERS AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 16 AND TODAY (MONDAY) AND IS STILL TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR A CONCILIATION MEETING BETWEEN THE IMPORTED WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYER.

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"IF THE DISPUTES ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID BY THE EMPLOYER ARE NOT RESOLVED, THE LRS WILL HELP THE WORKERS TO LODGE THEIR CASES WITH THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL FOR ADJUDICATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IF NECESSARY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST THE WORKERS TO APPLY TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR EXTENSION OF THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND THE HEARING AT THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING OFFERING EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO THESE WORKERS.

"THE CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT IF THERE IS EVIDENCE ABOUT UNDERPAYMENT OF WAGES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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## FIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR LEGCO BY-ELECTION

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A TOTAL OF FIVE NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST CONSTITUENCY WHEN THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES TODAY (MONDAY).

TO BEAT THE DEADLINE, TWO CANDIDATES SUBMITTED THEIR FORMS THIS MORNING.

THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8. THE NOMINATION STARTED ON NOVEMBER 4.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME ----	SEX ---	AGE ---	OCCUPATION -----	CONTACT TEL. NO. -----
WONG WAI-YIN, ZACHARY	M	33	SOCIAL WORKER	474 4562
YIM TIN-SANG	M	38	FULL-TIME DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER	452 3605 459 6108
TANG SIU-TONG	M	48	MEDICAL PRACTITIONER	443 2202
CHOW WAI-HUNG*	M	66	SOLICITOR	521 4488 90306994 571 2331
SIT HO-YIN, KINGSLEY*	M	42	LOSS ADJUSTER/ SURVEYOR	523 2117 457 3939 1128052-1359

\* NOMINATION RECEIVED TODAY

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LEGCO TO DEBATE ON CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF EIGHT QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 20).

THE THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991, DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991 AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991.

IN ADDITION, DR THE HON C.H. LEONG WILL MOVE A MOTION ON THE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE MOTION READS: "IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPID EXPANSION OF OUR AGING POPULATION, THIS COUNCIL URGES GOVERNMENT TO GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO THE FORMULATION OF AN OVERALL AND COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY HAVING SPECIAL REGARD TO THEIR HEALTH AND SOCIAL NEEDS."

MEANWHILE, THE HON EMILY LAU WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE RAISED BY THE HON ALBERT CHAN ON THE MATTER OF "CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 9".

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES. THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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BOE ENDORSES AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATION ORDINANCE

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PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WERE DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

THE REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN AN ONGOING PROCESS FOR SOME TIME AND THE BOARD HAD BEEN CONSULTED PREVIOUSLY ON THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS.

IN THE LATEST REVIEW BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT WERE DEFINITIONS OF THE LEVELS OF EDUCATION, AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT MORE APPROPRIATELY THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS, AMALGAMATION OF THE APPEALS BOARD AND THE BOARD OF REVIEW, AND CERTAIN OUTDATED SECTIONS WHICH WERE NO LONGER APPLICABLE.

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THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE PROPOSALS WAS EXPLAINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS DIRECTORATE.

THE BOARD, CHAIRED BY MR TIMOTHY HA WING-HO, SPENT OVER TWO HOURS DISCUSSING THE VARIOUS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WHICH WERE ENDORSED WITH MINOR CHANGES TO REFLECT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

THE PROPOSALS WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH FOR THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL PARADE  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE 11TH ANNUAL PARADE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

MR LI WILL ALSO PRESENT AWARDS TO CYC MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MOVEMENT.

MORE THAN 3,000 CYC MEMBERS, SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MARCHING BAND, DANCES, A DRAMA, AND MARTIAL ART PERFORMANCES.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CYC ANNUAL PARADE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE STADIUM'S MAIN ENTRANCE AT 2.15 PM.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL '91 WILL START ON NOVEMBER 30 (SATURDAY) AND LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 22.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN MOW-FAT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE \$1.5 MILLION FESTIVAL AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS ENHANCING PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

MR CHAN NOTED THAT 48 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ARRANGED TO CATER FOR THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS.

"THESE INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS, CARNIVALS, PICNICS, A TERRITORY-WIDE SOCIAL DANCE COMPETITION, A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY AND A SPORTS FESTIVAL," HE SAID.

MR CHAN URGED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES MOST OF WHICH ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL, A VARIETY SHOW WITH A CONCERT BY POPULAR SINGERS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 30 AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM. THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS OF THE VARIETY SHOW AND FESTIVAL PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 37-39 TONKIN STREET. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 720 4251.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL '91 IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN CONCIL.

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BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION FOR SAI KUNG STUDENTS

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN SAI KUNG ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN WORKING GROUP.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT DISSEMINATING THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN RELATED ACTIVITIES.

THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION IS "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STARTS WITH ME", AND THE SIZE OF THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE 7.5 BY 21 CENTIMETRES.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL DIVISIONS. WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES, AND THE CHAMPION DESIGN WILL BE USED FOR PRINTING BOOKMARKS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

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THE ENTRIES CAN BE SUBMITTED INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH SCHOOLS TO THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING; OR TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICE, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS NOVEMBER 30. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 792 4455 EXT. 55.

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OCTOBER ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE 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 THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
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1. REED CO LTD	WHAMPOA GARDEN, HUNG HOM	7.8.90- 17.8.90	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	13,700	1ST	SAN PO KONG
2. REED CO LTD	WHAMPOA GARDEN, HUNG HOM	19.9.90- 1.10.90	APCO : "	24,000	2ND	SAN PO KONG
3. OLD TIMER PROCESS LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	24.9.90- 27.3.90	APCO : "	800	1ST	KWUN TONG
4. REGENT STATE INT'L LTD	OBSER- VATORY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI	1.10.90- 1.1.91	APCO : "	5,500	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON

5.CHUNG NAM TRAVELLING SERVICE LTD	MAN WUI ST, FERRY POINT	18.10.90- 22.11.90	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
6.WELL SURPLUS INVESTMENTS LTD	MODY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST	29.10.90- 15.12.90	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
7.JOIN SWEET LTD	RIVIERA GARDEN, TSUEN WAN	2.12.90- 3.12.90	APCO : "	400	1ST	TSUEN WAN
8.KAM FUNG BLEACHING AND DYEING FTY LTD	KIN KWAN ST, TUEN MUN	22.1.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	TUEN MUN
9.THE DIRECTORS OF CHINESE YMCA	WU KAI SHA, SHA TIN	31.1.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	0	1ST	SHA TIN
10.WHOLEWELL DEVELOPMENT LTD	MODY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST	11.2.91- 13.3.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,530	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
11.BLOOMING RICH DEVELOPMENT LTD	SHIP ST, WAN CHAI	8.3.91	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	EASTERN
12.KAM FUNG BLEACHING DYEING FTY LTD	KIN KWAN ST, TUEN MUN	20.3.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	2ND	TUEN MUN
13.KONG FUNG IRON & STEEL FTY LTD	NATHAN RD, KOWLOON	20.3.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	3,000	1ST	FANLING
14.HORSE SHOE INN	TSOI TAK ST, HAPPY VALLEY	11.4.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	EASTERN
15.KAU KEE (BEVERLEY) RESTAURANT LTD	CHATHAM RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	11.4.91	NCO : "	10,000	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON

16. CARADO GARDEN MANAGEMENT LTD	CARADO GARDEN, TAI WAI	22.4.91	NCO : "	4,500	1ST	SHA TIN
17. CARADO GARDEN MANAGEMENT LTD	CARADO GARDEN, TAI WAI	22.4.91	NCO : "	8,500	2ND	SHA TIN
18. MAK'S RICE LTD	LOCKHART RD, WAN CHAI	25.4.91	NCO : "	7,500	1ST	EASTERN
19. SHAMROCK RESTAURANT LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	25.4.91	NCO : "	5,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
20. AMIGO MIO LTD	TAI HO RD, TSUEN WAN	30.4.91	NCO : "	7,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
21. HO HO-MAN	WOOSUNG ST, YAU MA TEI	9.5.91	NCO : "	8,500	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON
22. BIG-ACHOICE WASHING & DYING LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	21.5.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
23. GOOD YEAR RESTAURANT LTD	NGA TSIN WAI RD, KOWLOON	23.5.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	70,000	3RD	SAN PO KONG
24. POFUNG FINISHING WORKS LTD	HUNG TO RD, KWUN TONG	28.5.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	3,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
25. WING HING LILYWHITE FOAM FTY	HUNG TO RD, KWUN TONG	30.5.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	8,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
26. HIGH PROSPEROUS DEVELOPMENT LTD	TAI LOONG ST, KWAI CHUNG	14.6.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	7,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

27. SEAVIEW NEEDLE WEAVING FTY	MA TAU WEI RD, HUNG HOM	27.6.91	APCO : BREACH OF COURT PROHIBIT- ION ORDER ON USE OF FURNACES	3,900	1ST	SAN PO KONG
28. KUMAGAI- GUMI (H.K.) LTD (MAIN CONTRACTOR)	GRANVILLE RD, KOWLOON	1.7.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU WITHOUT A LICENCE	1,000	1ST	EASTERN
WAI KEE (ZENS) CONST. & TRANSP. CO LTD (SUB- CONTRACTOR)	CHATHAM RD, KOWLOON	1.7.91	DASO : PERMIT LOADING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL ONTO A BARGE FOR DUMPING AT SEA SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU WITHOUT A LICENCE	1,000	1ST	EASTERN
29. TRI-STAR FABRIC PRINTING WORKS LTD	SHA TSUI RD, TSUEN WAN	2.7.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
30. CHUN NAM LAU RESTAURANT LTD	OLD MAIN ST, ABERDEEN	5.7.91	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	WESTERN
31. AOKI CORPORATION	KING'S RD, QUARRY BAY	10.7.91	APCO : CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE.	5,000	2ND	EASTERN
32. TOBISHIMA CORPORATION (LICENSEE)	NATHAN RD, KOWLOON	11.7.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA BETWEEN NINEPIN GROUP AND WAGLAN ISLAND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITIONS	2,500	1ST	EASTERN

33.CHUN FAT CORDUROY FINISHING FTY	YUENG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	11.7.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	6,500	6TH	TSUEN WAN
34.KIM FUNG SHING TEXTILES MFG LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	17.7.91	APCO : "	12,000	6TH	TSUEN WAN
35.CHEUNG FAT CORDUROY FINISHING FTY	"	17.7.91	APCO : "	4,000	2ND	"
36.K. WAH QUARRY CO LTD	CANTON RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	23.7.91	APCO : USING AN UNSUITABLE FUEL IN A RELEVANT PLANT	8,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
37.CHEUNG LAI-CHING	CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CHOI HUNG	25.7.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
38.CANADA SPRINGFIELD (HK) LTD	CHIK CHUEN ST, TAI WAI	6.8.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	8,500	3RD	SHA TIN
39.VICFAST CO LTD	TAI WAI, SHATIN	6.8.91	APCO : "	8,500	2ND	SHA TIN
40.SAMPAN THAI SEAFOOD MARKET CO	PAK SHA WAN CENTRE, SAI KUNG	6.8.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
41.KONG SUN DYEING WORKS LTD	KO FAI RD, YAU TONG BAY	6.8.91	APCO : "	2,500	2ND	KWUN TONG
42.KING CONNIE TEXTILE CO	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	6.8.91	APCO : "	3,500	3RD	KWUN TONG
43.MA KING KEE DIAZO PRINTING & CO LTD	LANDALE ST, WAN CHAI	7.8.91	APCO : FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	5,000	2ND	EASTERN

44.VENTURE	KWOK	16.8.91	APCO :	12,000	2ND	TSUEN
BRILLIANT	SHUI RD,		FAILURE TO			WAN
DYEING &	KWAI CHUNG		TAKE MEASURES			
PRINTING LTD			TO ELIMINATE			
			UNNECESSARY			
			AIR POLLUTANT			

NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE  
 NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE  
 DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID IN CASE 1, REED CO. LTD WAS CONVICTED TO A FINE OF \$3,000 PLUS \$10,700 FOR 214 DAYS OF CONTINUING OFFENCE, TOTALLING TO \$13,700, FOR BREACHING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

IN CASE 2, REED CO LTD WAS CONVICTED TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 PLUS \$19,000 FOR 380 DAYS OF CONTINUING OFFENCE, TOTALLING TO \$24,000.

IN CASE 9, THE DIRECTORS OF CHINESE YMCA WAS CONVICTED WITH NO FINE. THE DEFENDANT, SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIVING THE SUMMONS, WROTE TO THE EPD SETTING OUT A LIST OF MITIGATIONS INCLUDING A DEFINITE PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS.

THE MITIGATION MEASURES WERE ACCEPTED BY THE COURT TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND REASONABLE.

IN CASE 23, GOOD YEAR RESTAURANT LTD WAS FIND \$70,000 FOR ITS THIRD OFFENCE IN FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE. THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR BREACHING THIS SECTION OF NCO FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE IS \$100,000.

ON THE PROVISION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT, ONE PERSON AND FOUR COMPANIES WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED A TOTAL SUM OF \$5,000.

ANOTHER PERSON WAS PROSECUTED FOR CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT AND FINED \$2,000.

COMMENTING ON THE RELATIVELY LOW FINES FOR THESE BREACHES OF THE NCO, THE SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES REMAINED A PROBLEM.

THE EPD HOPED SOON TO INTRODUCE NEW REGULATIONS TO CONTROL NOISE EMISSIONS FROM PORTABLE COMPRESSORS AND HAND-HELD BREAKERS (JACK-HAMMERS).

IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE NEW CONTROLS WOULD HELP REDUCE DAY TIME CONSTRUCTION NOISE WHICH, APART FROM PERCUSSIVE PILING, IS AT PRESENT NOT UNDER CONTROL.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS :

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

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

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## 15 FIREMEN COMMENDED FOR BRAVE OPERATION

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THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR JAMES HO KWOK-CHUEN, TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED COMMENDATIONS TO 15 FIRE SERVICE OFFICERS FOR THEIR COURAGE, INITIATIVENESS AND PROFESSIONALISM IN A FIRE-FIGHTING OPERATION ON BOARD AN OIL TANKER LAST MONTH.

THEY WERE A SENIOR STATION OFFICER, A STATION OFFICER, A PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER, TWO SENIOR FIREMEN AND 10 FIREMEN.

SIX OF THEM WERE AWARDED THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER'S (CFO) COMMENDATIONS WHILE THE OTHER NINE WERE GIVEN FAVOURABLE ENTRIES IN THEIR PERSONAL RECORDS.

AMONG THE SIX OFFICERS WHO WERE AWARDED CFO'S COMMENDATIONS, SENIOR STATION OFFICER TSAI PUI-WING WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, RESOURCEFULNESS AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

THE OTHER FIRE OFFICERS - SENIOR FIREMAN WONG SIU-FAI AND FOUR FIREMEN TSANG CHI-MAN, LI KWONG-LUNG, CHUI CHI-SHUN AND SHAO CHI-CHONG - WERE COMMENDED CFO'S COMMENDATION FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

STATION OFFICER YUNG CHUN-HING, PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER LAI KWOK-HUNG, SENIOR FIREMAN CHAN TAT-SING AND OTHER SIX FIREMEN WERE ALSO COMMENDED AND EACH GOT A FAVOURABLE ENTRY IN THEIR PERSONAL RECORDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GOOD WORK IN THE INCIDENT.

THE FIRE BROKE OUT ON BOARD OIL TANKER "EURO LEADER" MOORED AT THE NORTH BERTH OF YIU LIAN DOCKYARDS FOR REPAIRING AT 2 PM ON OCTOBER 10 PM.

ON RECEIPT OF THE REPORT, THE OFFICERS RACED TO THE SCENE AND LOCATED THE FIRE AT A BALLAST TANK ABOUT 22 METRES BELOW THE MAIN DECK AND THE AREA OF THE TANK WAS ABOUT 20-METRE BY 30-METRE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT SIX WORKERS WERE TRAPPED INSIDE.

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IN ORDER TO REACH THE LOCATION WHERE THE WORKERS WERE REPORTED MISSING SIX OFFICERS WITH BREATHING APPARATUS HAD TO TRAVEL ABOUT 30-METRE THROUGH FLIGHTS OF SLIPPERY, UPRIGHT AND NARROW LADDERS.

MR HO SAID DESPITE THE CONDITIONS INSIDE THE TANK WAS DARK, HOT, UNFAMILIAR TO THE OFFICERS AND THEIR BREATHING APPARATUS SETS COULD ONLY LAST FOR ABOUT 35 MINUTES, THE OFFICERS WERE STILL ABLE TO EFFECT THE FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE OPERATIONS BEFORE THEIR AIR SUPPLY WAS EXHAUSTED.

ALL THE SIX WORKERS TRAPPED WERE RESCUED AND THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT AROUND 5.43 PM.

AT TODAY'S PRESENTATION, MR HO PRAISED ALL THE COMMENDED OFFICERS FOR THEIR EFFICIENT OPERATION WITHIN A CONSTRAINED TIME BECAUSE IT TOOK AN INVESTIGATION OFFICER (WITHOUT CARRYING BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT) 30 MINUTES TO TRAVEL FROM THE HATCH OPENING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE BALLAST.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YIU LIAN DOCKYARD ALSO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AND PRESENTED A SOUVENIOR TO OFFICERS OF THE TSING YI FIRE STATION IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUCCESSFUL FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE INCIDENT.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 46.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 271.635 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 286.458 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 48.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, AUSTIN ROAD, WOOSUNG STREET AND JORDAN ROAD AND INCLUDING PREMISES AT PILKEM STREET, PARKES STREET AND BOWRING STREET.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	18 NOV 1991
PAPER ON OFFER	GOVT BONDS
ISSUE NUMBER	2311
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$ 2,717 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$ 500 MN
AVERAGE PRICE(YIELD) ACCEPTED	101.22 PCT (5.68) PCT
LOWEST PRICE(YIELD) ACCEPTED	101.18 PCT (5.70) PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 31 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER PRICE(YIELD)	100.96 PCT (5.82) PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	16.11.91	500 MN
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	18.11.91	+20 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-20 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	110.8 *-0.1*	18.11.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	18.11.91	15.11.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	3.47 PCT	3.51 PCT
1 MONTH	3.54 PCT	3.60 PCT
3 MONTHS	3.80 PCT	3.89 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.08 PCT	4.15 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.82 PCT	4.85 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	3,930 MN	7,012 MN

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