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GOVT SATISFIES WITH VOTER TURNOUT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON ON THE DB ELECTION RESULTS, MR TSAO REITERATED THAT THE 32.5 PER CENT VOTER TURNOUT, OR OVER 424,000 PEOPLE, WAS A RESPECTABLE FIGURE FOR DISTRICT LEVEL ELECTIONS AND THAT IT WOULD "PROVIDE US WITH A GOOD BASIS TO TAKE OTHER ELECTIONS FORWARD, IN PARTICULAR THE LEGCO ELECTIONS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15."

AS TO THE CHOICE OF A SUNDAY FOR POLLING, MR TSAO SAID IT HAD SHOWN TO BE CONVENIENT TO VOTERS AS IT ALLOWED THEM TO PICK THEIR OWN TIME TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS.

AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF SUNDAY POLLING ALSO SHOWED THAT THE VOTING PATTERN THROUGHOUT THE DAY WAS EVENLY SPREAD WITH INCREASES OF TWO TO THREE PERCENTAGE POINTS EVERY HOUR.

"IT ALSO HAS THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING THE EXCELLENT MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE ELECTIONS TO REACH A MUCH WIDER AUDIENCE. PUBLICITY DURING ELECTION DAY PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE TURNOUT.

"WE INTEND TO CONTINUE SUNDAY POLLING FOR THE NEXT TWO ROUNDS OF ELECTIONS," MR TSAO SAID.

AS TO THE OUTCOME OF YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS, MR TSAO SAID THAT OF THE 272 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, INCLUDING 81 WHO WERE ELECTED UNOPPOSED, 180 WERE INCUMBENT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE MAJORITY, 248 OR 91 PER CENT, WERE MEN.

THE AGE DISTRIBUTION SHOWED THAT THE LARGEST GROUP, 124 OR 45 PER CENT, WERE AGED BETWEEN 31 AND 40.

MR TSAO ADDED THAT THE BUSINESS SECTOR HAD DONE WELL WITH 105, OR 38 PER CENT, OF THE SEATS.

COMING IN SECOND WERE EDUCATIONALISTS WITH 51 SEATS OR 18.8 PER CENT.

ALTHOUGH SOCIAL WORKERS WERE THE THIRD LARGEST GROUP, IN PERCENTAGE TERMS THEY HAVE DROPPED FROM 14.8 PER CENT TO 7.4 PER CENT IN THE POLLS.

FINALLY, MR TSAO CONGRATULATED ALL THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ON THEIR ELECTION TO THEIR DISTRICT BOARDS.

HE ALSO THANKED THE MEDIA FOR GIVING SUCH GOOD PUBLICITY TO THE ELECTIONS.

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HK SIGNS NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA

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AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT (ASA) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA WAS SIGNED IN KUALA LUMPUR TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG UNDER THE AUTHORISATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL (OPERATIONS) OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, DATO' SYED SIDI IDID BIN SYED ABDULLAH IDID, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA.

THE HONG KONG/MALAYSIA ASA, WHICH ENTERS INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE, IS THE SEVENTH SUCH AGREEMENT DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION IN MIND.

OTHERS HAVE BEEN SIGNED WITH THE NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, CANADA, BRUNEI, FRANCE AND NEW ZEALAND.

CURRENTLY, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS OPERATE SEVEN SERVICES A WEEK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PENINSULA MALAYSIA WHEREAS MALAYSIAN AIRLINES OPERATE EIGHT SERVICES A WEEK ON THE SAME ROUTE.

IN ADDITION, THE TWO DESIGNATED AIRLINES OPERATE THREE TIMES WEEKLY BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOTA KINABALU UNDER A JOINT SERVICE AGREEMENT.

THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE HONG KONG/MALAYSIA ASA PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TWO CARRIERS TO FURTHER EXPAND THEIR SERVICES.

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SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS VISITED UC FACILITIES

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MR JI PENGFEI AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF CHINA'S STATE COUNCIL, MR LU PING, BEGAN THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT IN HONG KONG THIS (MONDAY) MORNING BY VISITING SOME OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MAJOR CULTURAL FACILITIES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, MR JI AND MR LU FIRST VISITED THE \$340-MILLION SCIENCE MUSEUM IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THEY SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR VIEWING A VARIETY OF INTERESTING EXHIBITS ON LIFE SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY, COMPUTER AND ROBOTICS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, AS WELL AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ENERGY MACHINE OF ITS KIND.

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THEY WERE TOLD THAT THROUGH THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, THE URBAN COUNCIL HOPES TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN SOCIETY, AND ENCOURAGE THE FURTHER PURSUIT OF THE KNOWLEDGE.

AFTER VISITING THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, THE PARTY TOURED THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

VIEWING A MODEL OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE AT THE FOYER OF THE AUDITORIUM BUILDING, MR JI AND MR LU LEARNED THAT THE OPENING OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE HAS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE CONCERT HALL TO LISTEN TO A DEMONSTRATION OF A 8,000-PIPE ORGAN, AND TO THE GRAND THEATRE TO WATCH A DEMONSTRATION OF SPECIAL STAGE EFFECTS.

THE VISITORS' NEXT STOP WAS THE ARTS LIBRARY LOCATED AT THE CENTRE, WHERE THEY WATCHED DEMONSTRATIONS OF DATA BASE ON COMPACT DISC-READ ONLY MEMORY AND THE USE OF MICROFORM MATERIALS.

MR JI AND MR LU THEN MET WITH OVER 30 URBAN COUNCILLORS AT A LUNCH RECEPTION AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THEM ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

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1991-92 BUDGET TO LEGCO ON WEDNESDAY

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HONG KONG'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1991-92 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6).

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL START AT 2.30 PM, WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR PIERS JACOBS, MOVES THE FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1991, AND OUTLINES THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1991-92.

THE HEADS OF EXPENDITURE WERE SET OUT IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1991 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY (MARCH 1).

DEBATE ON THE BILL WILL BE ADJOURNED UNTIL MARCH 27 AND 28, WHEN MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

OFFICIALS WILL REPLY ON APRIL 17 TO POINTS RAISED BY MEMBERS.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE BILL IS DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH).

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

GIS WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6) TO ENABLE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO START WORK ON THEIR BUDGET STORIES EARLY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE GIVEN ADVANCE COPIES OF THE BUDGET SPEECH AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AT 12 NOON, BUT THEY MUST STAY AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM (FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL) TO WORK ON THEIR COPIES AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNTIL THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH.

CONTACTS OF ANY KIND WITH THE OUTSIDE, SUCH AS TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER LINKS, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING THE "LOCK-IN". ALSO, MOBILE TELEPHONES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH AND THE FINANCE BRANCH WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM FROM 12 NOON. THEY ARE NOT THERE TO GIVE INTERVIEWS, AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE QUOTED.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED AND GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER HELP.

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REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL
LAB TECHNOLOGISTS REMINDED

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PEOPLE PRACTISING AS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BUT HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION WITHOUT DELAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SOME OF THE APPLICANTS FOR FULL REGISTRATION MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO SIT FOR A BOARD EXAMINATION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY THIS YEAR.

"EARLY SUBMISSION WILL NOT ONLY ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE RELEVANT STATUTORY BOARDS TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY WELL IN ADVANCE THOSE APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION IN MAY.

"IT WILL ALSO ALLOW THE BOARDS TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES BEFORE AUGUST 1," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE REGISTERED BY AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

AS REGARDS PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION WHICH IS A ONE-OFF EXERCISE, APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

"LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION ARE DEEMED TO BE REGISTERED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE KNOWN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A BOOKLET ON "GUIDE TO APPLICANTS" WHICH CONTAINS DETAILS ON THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD AT SUNNING PLAZA, SIXTH FLOOR, 10 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 890 0843 OR 890 0514.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TEMPORARY MARKET CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY MARKET AT TUNG CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT SINGLE-STOREY STEEL FRAME SHEDS TO HOUSE THE MARKET STALLS, AND REINFORCED CONCRETE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS FOR USE AS SWITCH ROOMS, OFFICE AND REFUGE ROOMS.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE WORKS IS NOON ON MARCH 22.

FORMS OF TENDER AND PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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