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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER HK/SINGAPORE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

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THERE ARE CLEARLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON "HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE: GLOBALISATION THROUGH TWINNING", MR CHAU SAID SUCH LINKS WERE ALREADY WELL DEVELOPED AND GROWING FAST IN THE AREA OF TRADE.

"IN 1990, HONG KONG WAS SINGAPORE'S FIFTH LARGEST MARKET, WHILE SINGAPORE WAS HONG KONG'S SIXTH LARGEST MARKET.

"TOTAL TWO WAY TRADE IN 1990 WAS ALMOST TRIPLE THE 1986 LEVEL," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS TWO WAY INVESTMENT, IN THE PERIOD 1987-1990, 72 HONG KONG COMPANIES REGISTERED IN SINGAPORE.

"THE PROPERTY SECTOR IS A MAJOR INVESTMENT FOCUS: PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN HONG KONG INVESTMENT IN SINGAPORE IS THE BILLION-DOLLAR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE.

"CONVERSELY, BY THE END OF 1989, SINGAPORE HAD INVESTED IN 19 PROJECTS IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WORTH IN EXCESS OF US\$60 MILLION, AND HAD ALSO BUILT A PRESENCE IN HONG KONG'S PROPERTY, FINANCE, HOTEL AND RETAILING SECTORS," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THERE WAS ALSO TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT POTENTIAL OVER THE BORDER, IN CHINA - AND SCOPE FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE IN TAPPING THAT POTENTIAL.

THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE LOOKED PROMISING GIVEN CHINA'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC REFORM.

IN HIS VIEW SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG COULD BECOME STRONG PARTNERS IN THIS GROWTH AREA.

HE SAW MANY POSSIBILITIES FOR FRUITFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE AS WE MOVED TOWARDS WHAT SOME HAD DUBBED THE "ASIA PACIFIC CENTURY".

"I AM SURE THAT IN THE ASIA PACIFIC CENTURY THE TWIN CITIES OF HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHINING EXAMPLES OF THE TRIUMPH OF FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE," MR CHAU SAID.

EARLIER, HE SAID HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE HAD MANY SIMILARITIES, BUT THEY ALSO HAD FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES.

THESE HAD ENABLED EACH TO CARVE OUT ITS OWN ECONOMIC NICHE.

"AND, WITH THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM FOR US BOTH," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE HAD EACH PLAYED A VITAL PART IN A WIDER SUCCESS STORY: THAT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

THE ECONOMIES OF ASIA PACIFIC (EXCLUDING AMERICA AND CANADA FOR THESE PURPOSES) ACCOUNTED FOR JUST EIGHT PER CENT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IN 1960. BY 1987, THEIR SHARE WAS 18 PER CENT.

OVER A SIMILAR PERIOD, ASIA PACIFIC'S SHARE OF WORLD EXPORTS JUMPED FROM 13 PER CENT TO 24 PER CENT, HE SAID.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, MR CHAU SAID, SOME PREDICTED THAT ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIES WOULD OUTPERFORM MOST OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT BOTH HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE CAN, AND WILL, CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THAT PREDICTION ECONOMIC REALITY," HE SAID.

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APPLICATION INVITED FOR HALON QUOTA ALLOCATION

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HALON, AN OZONE LAYER DEPLETING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE, WHICH HAS BEEN USED WIDELY IN FIRE FIGHTING, WILL BE CONTROLLED UNDER AN IMPORT QUOTA ALLOCATION SYSTEM FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR QUOTA ON RETAINED IMPORTS OF HALONS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 NEXT YEAR.

THE SUBSTANCES UNDER CONTROL INCLUDE HALONS 1211, 1301 AND 2402.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE QUOTA SYSTEM IS TO FREEZE THE RETAINED IMPORTS OF HALONS AT THE 1986 LEVEL.

IN 1986, ABOUT 700 TONNES OF HALON SUBSTANCES WERE IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG. LAST YEAR, THE FIGURE HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 37 PER CENT.

THE RETAINED IMPORTS OF HALON WILL BE FURTHER REDUCED BY 50 PER CENT BY THE YEAR 1995 AND THEN FINALLY BE BANNED ALTOGETHER BY THE YEAR 2000.

THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING THIS ACTION TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATION IN COMPLYING WITH THE CONTROL SCHEDULE OF OZONE LAYER DEPLETING SUBSTANCES STIPULATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT - THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER SIGNED IN 1987.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HALON QUOTA ALLOCATION SYSTEM IS PART AND PARCEL OF A SERIES OF PROGRESSIVE MEASURES CONTROLLING THE RETAINED IMPORTS AND OZONE LAYER DEPLETING SUBSTANCES.

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CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS IMPLEMENTING A QUOTA SYSTEM ON RETAINED IMPORTS OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFCS) UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE ENACTED SINCE JULY 1, 1989.

ALSO, CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONTROLLING OTHER OZONE LAYER DEPLETING SUBSTANCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE HALON QUOTA ALLOCATION SYSTEM, QUOTA WILL BE ALLOCATED TO PERSONS WITH PROVEN PAST PERFORMANCE IN THE IMPORT OF THE SUBSTANCES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EPD'S AIR CONTROL GROUP ON 26TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

APPLICATIONS NOT USING THE OFFICIAL FORM SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE 5 PM ON OCTOBER 18 TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE EPD'S AIR CONTROL GROUP ON TEL. 835 1071 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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RADIO FREQUENCY CHARTS FOR LISTENERS

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RADIO BROADCASTERS ARE MAKING A JOINT EFFORT TO PUBLICISE THE RADIO CHANNELS IN HONG KONG AND TO INFORM LISTENERS OF THE FREQUENCIES TO TUNE IN FOR THE BEST RECEPTION OF THEIR FAVOURITE PROGRAMMES.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MRS RACHEL CARTLAND, SAID COLOURED FREQUENCY CHARTS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE EASY REFERENCE OF RADIO LISTENERS.

MRS CARTLAND SAID WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE RADIO ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, COPIES OF THE FREQUENCY CHARTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT RADIO SHOPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

SHE SAID SOUND BROADCASTERS HAD RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE OF MEETING THE INCREASING DEMAND OF THE PUBLIC FOR INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION.

"TODAY WE HAVE WELL OVER THREE MILLION RADIO SETS, WITH PEOPLE LISTENING TO 14 RADIO CHANNELS IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

"LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, WE EXPECT DEVELOPMENTS IN RADIO TECHNOLOGY TO BRING US NEW SERVICES AND FACILITIES SOME OF WHICH ARE ON DISPLAY TODAY.

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"ONE EXAMPLE IS THE RADIO DATA SYSTEM - RDS. THIS PROVIDES FEATURES SUCH AS AUTOMATIC TUNING, AUTOMATIC SELECTION OF CHOSEN PROGRAMME TYPES AND ACCESS TO TRAFFIC INFORMATION FLASHES.

"A DISPLAY ON THE RECEIVER CAN PROVIDE PROGRAMME CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION, DATE, TIME AND EVEN DETAILS OF MATERIAL BEING BROADCAST.

"IN THE FUTURE, MORE ADVANCED FEATURES MAY BE ADDED TO PROVIDE SIMPLE GRAPHICS SUCH AS WEATHER MAPS. THERE MAY ALSO BE THE FACILITY TO CONNECT TO A PRINTER OR HOST COMPUTER," SHE ADDED.

MRS CARTLAND SAID THE PUBLIC AT PRESENT HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING HIGH QUALITY STEREO PROGRAMMES ON FM CHANNELS, AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO STEREO RADIO PROGRAMMES ON AM CHANNELS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL (TELECOMMUNICATIONS), MR AU MAN-HO, SAID THE RADIO STATIONS IN HONG KONG WERE BROADCASTING IN THE VERY-HIGH-FREQUENCY VHF/FM BAND AND THE MEDIUM-WAVE AM BAND.

"THERE ARE SEVEN TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMMES IN THE VHF/FM BAND AND SIX PROGRAMMES IN THE MEDIUM-WAVE AM BAND," HE SAID.

"THERE ARE SEVEN SITES USED FOR VHF/FM BROADCASTING. AS SUCH SIGNALS CAN BE OBSTRUCTED BY HILLS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COVER THE ENTIRE TERRITORY FROM ONE SITE.

"THE MAP ON THE FREQUENCY CHARTS SHOWS THE AREA COVERED BY EACH OF THE SEVEN SITES. THE SEVEN SITES HAVE TO TRANSMIT ON DIFFERENT SETS OF FREQUENCIES IN ORDER TO AVOID MUTUAL INTERFERENCE.

"THEREFORE SEVEN FREQUENCIES HAVE TO BE USED FOR EACH OF THE SEVEN PROGRAMMES WITH A TOTAL OF 49 FREQUENCIES," MR AU EXPLAINED.

"WITHIN THE AREA SERVED BY EACH SITE, TO GET THE BEST QUALITY OF RECEPTION, ONE HAS TO TUNE THE RADIO TO THE FREQUENCIES OF THAT SITE," HE POINTED OUT.

TURNING TO MEDIUM-WAVE AM BAND BROADCASTING, MR AU SAID THE MAIN TRANSMITTER STATIONS WERE LOCATED AT GOLDEN HILL AND PENG CHAU.

"BECAUSE RADIO WAVES IN THE MEDIUM-WAVE BAND CAN TRAVEL AROUND OBSTRUCTIONS, ONE STATION CAN COVER MOST OF THE TERRITORY.

"HOWEVER, TO IMPROVE THE RECEPTION QUALITY OF THE SIGNALS TRANSMITTED FROM GOLDEN HILL, THERE IS ONE LOW-POWER STATION AT CHUNG HOM KOK TO COVER THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND," HE SAID.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF METRO BROADCAST CORPORATION LTD, MR CRAIG QUICK; AND THE PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT MANAGER OF HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO. LTD, MR ERIC YEUNG.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUND BROADCASTERS INTRODUCED THE PROGRAMMING PLANS AND SERVICES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS.

THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED A DEMONSTRATION OF RDS AND AM STEREO EQUIPMENTS BY MR PHILIP MANNS OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

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NOISE CONTROL RELAXED FOR LANTAU FIXED CROSSING CONSTRUCTION WORKS
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GRANTED AN EXEMPTION FROM THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR 24-HOUR, SEVEN-DAY WORKING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A TIGHT WORKS PROGRAMME AND FORM OF CONSTRUCTION DICTATED BY CABLE SUPPORTED BRIDGES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WHICH COMPRISES TSING MA BRIDGE, KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE AND THE MA WAN VIADUCT, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID 1997 ACCORDING TO ITS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT 24-HOUR WORKING IS PERMITTED EVERYDAY OF THE WEEK INCLUDING GENERAL HOLIDAYS, HE ADDED.

UNDER THIS ORDER, MITIGATION MEASURES, FORMULATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO MINIMISE THE IMPACT OF NOISE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION TO ENSURE THAT THE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE CARRIED OUT TO CONTAIN THE WORKS WITHIN THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE LEVELS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER SUPPLY PROJECT TO NORTH LANTAU
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE MAINLAYING WORKS ALONG TUNG CHUNG ROAD AND FOOTPATH BETWEEN SHEK MUN KAP AND TAI PO ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THIS CONTRACT IS PART OF THE NORTH LANTAU TEMPORARY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT AIMED AT PROVIDING CHLORINATED RAW WATER TO NORTH LANTAU IN LATE NEXT YEAR TO MEET THE DEMAND FROM THE NEW AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF ABOUT 3,000 METRES OF WATERMANS, THE DIAMETERS OF WHICH RANGE FROM 200 TO 400 MILLIMETRES.

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WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL LAST FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

ALSO, TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE FROM THE SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE LAYING OF A 600-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER DUCTILE IRON PIPE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MANHOLES AND ONE FLOWMETER CHAMBER INSIDE THE TREATMENT WORKS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL LAST FOR FOUR MONTHS.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS WERE PUBLISHED IN SEPARATE NOTICES IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

MEANWHILE, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A NEW INTAKE TOWER AT TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

IT WILL BE BUILT IN UP TO 30 METRES OF WATER IN THE RESERVOIR WITH ITS FOUNDATION SOCKETED INTO GRANITE.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER ASSOCIATED OUTLET WORKS AT TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR.

A PRE-QUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE PROJECT IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED. PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BINNIE CONSULTANTS LIMITED AT 11TH FLOOR, NEW TOWN TOWER, PAK HOK TING STREET, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

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NEW KCRC BOARD DIRECTOR APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MRS ELEANOR LING TO THE BOARD OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (KCRC) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR TO REPLACE MR LAU WONG-FAT WHO WILL RETIRE FROM THE BOARD ON THE SAME DATE.

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MRS LING IS A DIRECTOR OF THE JARDINE PACIFIC LTD. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE URBAN COUNCIL AND A NUMBER OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD, OCEAN PARK CORPORATION BOARD, AND DEPORTATION TRIBUNAL.

THE KCRC BOARD IS CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, MR KEVIN O HYDE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE MR LI KWOK-PO, MR WONG PUI-TONG, MR HO SING-TIN, MR DENYS E CONNOLLY, MR WONG MAN-KONG, MR EOGHAN M MCMILLAN AND PROFESSOR YEUNG YUE-MAN.

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APPOINTMENT TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MRS ALICE CHONG YUK TAK-FUN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE UP TO MARCH 31, 1993.

MRS CHONG IS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF A WELFARE AGENCY. SHE HAS SERVED ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES AND TRIBUNALS SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR DEMOLITION OF DESALTER CHIMNEYS
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF TWO CHIMNEYS AND A SINGLE STOREY WORKSHOP WITHIN THE SITE OF THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER PLANT WHICH HAS NOW BEEN DECOMMISSIONED.

THE CHIMNEYS ARE OF REINFORCED CONCRETE, ABOUT 126 METRES HIGH AND LOCATED SOME 97 METRES APART.

THE WORKSHOP IS A STEELWORK STRUCTURE OF ABOUT 13 METRES HIGH AND HAS A PLAN AREA OF ABOUT 1,044 SQUARE METRES.

DEMOLITION IS SCHEDULED TO START BY MID NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE YEAR END WITH THE CLEARED SITE TO BE USED AS A STAGING AREA FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED CONTRACTS.

THE DEMOLITION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

CONTRACTORS ON THE LIST OF APPROVED SUPPLIERS OF MATERIALS AND SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR DEMOLITION OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES, AND LARGE LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES WITH PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR DEMOLITION PROJECTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM:

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CHIEF ENGINEER/DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT,
CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
SEVENTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD,
TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT
LATER THAN NOON ON NOVEMBER 1.

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOL ABOLISHED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED THE EDUCATION
COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO ABOLISH CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS,
A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED IN ITS REPORT NO. 4 THAT CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED ON THE BASIS THAT IT COULD HAVE A
HARMFUL EFFECT ON CHILDREN.

"DURING ITS DELIBERATIONS ON THE ISSUE, THE COMMISSION TOOK
INTO ACCOUNT THE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AS
WELL AS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL VIEWS ON THE ISSUE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AS THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT COULD HAVE A HARMFUL EFFECT ON CHILDREN AND SINCE
IT HAS BEEN ABOLISHED AS A SENTENCING OPTION IN THE COURTS, THE
COMMISSION PROPOSED THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF PUPILS SHOULD BE
ABOLISHED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE RECENT ENACTMENT OF THE BILL OF
RIGHTS MAY HAVE THE EFFECT OF REPEALING THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE
EXISTING EDUCATION REGULATIONS WHICH PERMIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT AND ON EDUCATION GROUNDS, THE
RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE EDUCATION REGULATIONS RELATING TO CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT OF PUPILS HAVE BEEN REPEALED.

THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991 WHICH GIVE EFFECT
TO THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ABOLITION OF CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS WERE GAZETTED TODAY.

THIS PROPOSAL IS THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 SUBMITTED TO THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A TWO-MONTH PUBLIC
CONSULTATION EXERCISE.

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CSD TAKES OVER MANAGEMENT OF VIETNAMESE CENTRE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) TAKES OVER FROM THE POLICE THE MANAGEMENT OF HIGH ISLAND VIETNAMESE DETENTION CENTRE AS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE DETENTION CENTRE, WHICH NOW ACCOMMODATES SOME 6,600 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, WILL BE MANAGED BY 228 CSD STAFF.

THE CSD'S SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (VIETNAMESE UNIT), MR JOHN WONG, OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON TO MARK THE TAKEOVER OF THE CAMP.

APART FROM HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE, THE CSD CURRENTLY RUNS FIVE OTHER CAMPS FOR THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, INCLUDING WHITEHEAD, HEI LING CHAU, NEI KWU CHAU, CHI MA WAN AND THE GREEN ISLAND RECEPTION CENTRE.

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DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN KOWLOON CITY TO BE IMPROVED

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE NETWORK IN KOWLOON CITY OUTSIDE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY RE-ROUTING A SECTION OF AN EXISTING 1,650-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER SEWER IN OLYMPIC AVENUE.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DIVERSION SEWER AND FOUR SPECIAL MANHOLES.

THE DIVERSION SEWER COMPRISES A 40-METRE LONG 1,650-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER SEWER TO BE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, A 20-METRE LONG TWIN 1,200-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER SEWER TO BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE AND A 35-METRE LONG 1,650-MILLIMETRE DIAMETER SEWER ALSO TO BE LAID IN OLYMPIC AVENUE.

TENDERS FOR THIS WORK ARE NOW INVITED BY THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE CONTRACT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW WORKS DIVISION, DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON OCTOBER 18.

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APRIL-JUNE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT
ON LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR APRIL-JUNE 1991, CONTAINING STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER, IS NOW AVAILABLE.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT, AT \$13.50 PER COPY, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR DISABLED NEEDED

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HONG KONG SHOULD BE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, INTER-DISCIPLINARY CO-OPERATION AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE REHABILITATION PROCESS.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID:

"AN INCREASE IN VOLUNTEERISM IS ALSO AMONG ALL THESE CONCEPTS AIMED AT BRINGING THE DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE."

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, HE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND TO AVOID LONG-TERM INSTITUTIONALISATION.

"PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN ANY REHABILITATION SERVICE IS ESSENTIAL," MR CARTLAND SAID, ADDING THAT PARENTS WERE LIFE-LONG TRAINERS IN SUPPORTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN.

VOLUNTEERS COULD ALSO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION, HE SAID.

"EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN GROUPS THEY CAN PIONEER NEW SERVICES, PERFORM TASKS NOT REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL INPUT, SUCH AS ESCORT SERVICES OR SIMPLE COMPANIONSHIP, AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC BY SHOWING THEIR POSITIVE ACCEPTANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN HONG KONG.

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IMPORT OF DANGEROUS DOGS DISALLOWED

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) HAS, SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER, DISALLOWED THE IMPORT OF TWO BREEDS OF DANGEROUS DOGS SPECIALLY BRED FOR FIGHTING - THE PIT BULL TERRIER AND THE JAPANESE TOSA - IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR BARRY BOUSEFIELD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT AFD HAD ISSUED A LETTER TO VARIOUS KENNEL ASSOCIATIONS IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 12 INFORMING THEM OF THE IMPORT BAN.

AN APPLICATION TO IMPORT A JAPANESE TOSA AND HIS PUPPIES INTO THE TERRITORY FROM THE UK WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE DEPARTMENT EARLY THIS MONTH.

"WE SEE A NEED TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROL ON THE IMPORT AND KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS IN HONG KONG BECAUSE A NUMBER OF RELIABLE REPORTS FROM OVERSEAS HAVE INDICATED THAT THESE DOGS ARE DANGEROUS AND THAT THEY HAVE ATTACKED HUMANS, CAUSING SEVERE OR EVEN FATAL INJURIES," DR BOUSEFIELD EXPLAINED.

THE UK AND SINGAPORE HAVE RECENTLY BANNED THE IMPORT OF PIT BULL TERRIERS AND JAPANESE TOSAS FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT IN YORKSHIRE IN WHICH A SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS ATTACKED AND SEVERELY INJURED BY A PIT BULL TERRIER LET OFF ITS LEASH BY ITS OWNER.

"HONG KONG'S IMPORT CURB IS IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS REGULATIONS 12 AND 20 OF THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE. THESE REGULATIONS PROVIDE AFD WITH THE DISCRETION NOT TO GRANT IMPORT PERMITS COVERING ANY DOGS WHICH MAY POSE A SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY," HE WENT ON.

ACCORDING TO DR BOUSEFIELD, 10 PIT BULL TERRIERS WERE IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THERE IS NO JAPANESE TOSA IN THE TERRITORY.

"WE HAVE ALSO ASKED THE KENNEL ASSOCIATIONS TO EMPHASISE TO THEIR MEMBERS WHO OWN DANGEROUS DOGS THE NEED TO KEEP THEIR DOGS ON A LEAD, MUZZLED AND UNDER PROPER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES WHENEVER IN A PUBLIC PLACE," DR BOUSEFIELD SAID.

HE SAID ANYONE WHO FAILS TO KEEP THEIR DOGS UNDER PROPER CONTROL IN A PUBLIC PLACE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

"MEANWHILE, WE ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING IMPROVED CONTROLS ON THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE," HE ADDED.

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND MARKET CONVERSION
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR NIM WAN VILLAGE IN TUEN MUN, AND THE CONVERSION WORKS OF THE CENTRE STREET MARKET IN SAI YING POON.

SEPARATE TENDER NOTICES FOR THE TWO CONTRACTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR NIM WAN VILLAGE IN KA WO LEI, TUEN MUN, WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A STANDARD DESIGN TWO-STOREY VILLAGE HALL, A STANDARD DESIGN 'PAI LAU', LANDSCAPING AND EXTERNAL PAVING BETWEEN VILLAGE HOUSES.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MID MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CENTRE STREET MARKET IN SAI YING POON WILL INCLUDE ALTERNATION AND BUILDING WORKS IN CONVERTING THE EXISTING MARKET TO SUIT NEW LAYOUT AND NEW BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER NEXT YEAR.

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY OF GAS MONITORING SYSTEM
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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A CONTINUOUS GAS AND PARTICULATE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATION PLANT.

THE SYSTEM SHALL COMPRISE MEASURING EQUIPMENT FOR MONITORING PARAMETERS OF PARTICULATE EMISSION, CARBON DIOXIDE, CARBON MONOXIDE, MOISTURE CONTENT, INDUCED DRAFT FAN AND TEMPERATURE AS WELL AS DATA RECORDING, TRANSMISSION, RETRIEVAL AND ANALYSING EQUIPMENT.

THE GENERAL ELECTRONICS DIVISION OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION WORKS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONTRACTS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 811, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 25.

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REVOCATION OF BANKING LICENCE

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THE BANKING LICENCE OF PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK WAS GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE IN 1989. AS PART OF THE RATIONALISATION OF ITS GLOBAL OPERATIONS, THE BANK HAS CEASED OPERATING IN HONG KONG SINCE JULY THIS YEAR.

AFTER THE REVOCATION, THERE ARE 165 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 135 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

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NEW SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER APPOINTED

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MRS ROSANNA URE LUI HANG-SAI HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER TO TAKE OVER FROM MRS MAUREEN CHAN WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

MRS URE, 38, JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN AUGUST 1983. SHE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF POSTS WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

SHE WAS LAST POSTED TO OMELCO AS CHIEF ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MEMBERS) IN MARCH LAST YEAR AND WAS LATER PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

MRS URE WAS ALSO A FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWUN TONG.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR POLICE QUARTERS AND CAS TRAINING POOL

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLICE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS IN FANLING, AND A SWIMMING TRAINING POOL FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TRAINING CAMP IN SAI KUNG NORTH.

NOTICES OF TENDERS FOR THE TWO CONTRACTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CONTRACT FOR THE POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS IN AREA 28, FANLING WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE 18-STOREY BLOCKS CONTAINING 408 UNITS, AND ANCILLARY AMENITY FACILITIES.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 1994.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SWIMMING TRAINING POOL IN THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TAI TAN TRAINING CAMP IN SAI KUNG NORTH WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 25M X 12.5M SWIMMING POOL, THE NECESSARY PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORKS, EXTERNAL PAVING WORKS TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FILTRATION PLANT ROOM AND PIPE TRENCH AROUND THE POOL.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN BY THE END OF NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION ARE NOON ON OCTOBER 18 FOR THE POLICE QUARTERS PROJECT AND OCTOBER 11 FOR THE SWIMMING POOL PROJECT.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL IN YAU TSIM

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A COLOURFUL LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 8 PM.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW, A LANTERN DISPLAY, LANTERN RIDDLES, CHINESE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND GAMES STALLS.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY AND AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR IP KWOK-CHUNG.

MEANWHILE, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO ORGANISE A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY EVENING, STARTING AT 8 PM.

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CARNIVAL FOR TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTS

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A LARGE SCALE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTS IN PO LAM ESTATE TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE GAME STALLS, AEROBIC DANCE DEMONSTRATION, SINGING AND AN EXHIBITION ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG.

CHILDREN CAN TAKE PART IN A "MINI-OLYMPICS" AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS.

THE PO LAM INDOOR RECREATIONAL CENTRE WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO RESIDENTS FOR PLAYING BADMINTON AND SQUASH FREE OF CHARGE.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING WILL BE THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PARRISH NG; SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; AND A REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR GILBERT LEUNG.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSEUNG KWAN O CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN THE SUNKEN PLAZA OF PO LAM ESTATE.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN A WAN CHAI BUILDING SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 12 CANAL ROAD WEST.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 7 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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NEW KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION OFFICIALLY OPENED
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RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) ASSURED OF EVEN BETTER PROTECTION AND SERVICES DURING FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FIRE STATION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN BE REFLECTED FROM ITS HIGH TURNOUT RATE TO FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE STATION AT 77 HING SHING ROAD TODAY, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR HO KWOK-CHUEN, SAID THE STATION TURNED OUT TO 1,531 FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICE CALLS IN 1990.

"COMPARING WITH ITS RELATIVELY SMALL STATION AREA, THIS TURNOUT RATE SEEMS OUT OF PROPORTION," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THIS WOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE IF YOU CONSIDER THE AREA, THE POPULATION AND THE GEOGRAPHICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THIS FIRST GENERATION NEW TOWN, HE ADDED.

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"KWAI CHUNG OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 4.6 SQUARE KILOMETRES AND HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 294,000 WITH A MIXTURE OF RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIRE RISKS.

"THERE ARE OVER 200 HIGH-RISE DOMESTIC BLOCKS, 120 MULTI-STORY FACTORY BUILDINGS, FIVE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND THREE CONTAINER TERMINALS," MR HO SAID.

THE CONTAINER TERMINALS ARE THE BUSIEST IN THE WORLD, HANDLING THOUSANDS OF CONTAINERS EVERYDAY.

THE \$11 MILLION NEW KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION WAS PLANNED IN 1982 TO REPLACE THE OLD STATION IN TAI LIN PAI ROAD AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE NEW STANDARD SUB-DIVISIONAL STATION DESIGN IS THE 18TH OF THIS TYPE IN THE FIRE SERVICE. IT HAS A FLEET OF THREE MODERN AND WELL-EQUIPPED FIRE APPLIANCES AND A STAFF OF 66 OFFICERS.

THE STATION, WITH A FIREMEN'S MESS, RECREATION ROOM, BARRACKS AND AN EXERCISE ROOM, PROVIDES A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FIREMEN.

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I.D. CARD REMINDER FOR JUVENILES BORN IN 1975 OR 1976
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PARENTS ARE TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN IN 1975 OR 1976 AND ARE HOLDING OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS BEFORE OCTOBER 19.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID: "TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH, PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OF THIS AGE GROUP WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD SHOULD BRING THEM FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY.

"IT IS QUITE EASY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN AN OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD AND A NEW ONE AS THE NUMBER ON THE OLD CARD IS PRINTED ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER, WHILE ON THE NEW CARD, THE NUMBER IS PRINTED ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PARENTS CAN GO TO ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN'S IDENTITY CARDS REPLACED," HE ADDED.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

"PARENTS MAY BOOK AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

"THEY MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BRING ALONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
 MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE -----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	19.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	20.9.91	+22
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-22
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.3 *+0.2* 20.9.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	19.9.91	20.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.06 PCT	4.09 PCT
1 MONTH	4.24 PCT	4.29 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.58 PCT	4.60 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.15 PCT	5.13 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.85 PCT	5.84 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	10,390 MN	9,490 MN