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CS URGES ENTREPRENEURS TO SHOW CONFIDENCE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ENTREPRENEURS CAN MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY BY HAVING CONFIDENCE IN THEIR BUSINESS AND BY DEMONSTRATING THEIR COMMITMENT THROUGH INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE YOUNG INDUSTRIALIST AWARDS 1990, SIR DAVID SAID THEY COULD DO MORE TO HELP BY EXPRESSING THEIR CONFIDENCE PUBLICLY.

"WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE A TENDENCY TO LOOK ON THE DARK SIDE, TO BE NEGATIVE RATHER THAN POSITIVE, AND AS A RESULT TO WORRY OURSELVES INTO A GLOOMY FRAME OF MIND," HE SAID.

"SO VOICES WHICH LIFT THE SPIRIT AND MOOD OF OUR PEOPLE ARE NEEDED NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WHO PRESIDED AT THE ADJUDICATION OF THIS YEAR'S YOUNG INDUSTRIALIST AWARDS, SAID HE AND MEMBERS OF THE PANEL WERE MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE BREADTH OF THE TALENTS OF ALL THE CANDIDATES.

"INDEED, THE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF EACH OF THEM EPITOMISE THE QUALITIES OF EXCELLENCE AND ENTERPRISE WHICH HAVE MADE HONG KONG INTO AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF COMMENCE AND INDUSTRY.

"HONG KONG WOULD NOT HAVE BECOME A LEADING GLOBAL EXPORTER OF WATCHES, TOYS, ELECTRONICS AND FASHION, WITHOUT THE INNOVATION AND DRIVE OF OUR ENTREPRENEURS WHO CONTINUALLY UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF OUR PRODUCTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THOUGH MUCH OF OUR PRODUCTION NOW TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE HONG KONG THROUGH OUTWARD-PROCESSING, THE NERVE CENTRE OF OUR INDUSTRIES REMAIN HERE.

"IT IS HERE THAT THE MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR EXPORT OVERSEAS ARE MAPPED OUT AND THE SERVICING OF CUSTOMERS' REQUIREMENTS IS MET," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT TO SURVIVE AND TO SUCCEED IN THE EVER CHANGING WORLD CALLED FOR BUSINESS ACUMEN AND FLEXIBILITY.

THE SWEEPING CHANGES ACROSS EASTERN EUROPE LAST YEAR AND THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE GULF DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY HOW DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS CREATED NEW CHALLENGES FOR HONG KONG, HE NOTED.

"THERE IS A CHINESE SAYING THAT 'IF WE DO NOT PROGRESS, WE FALL BEHIND'.

"HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS AND OUR ABILITY TO BE ONE STEP AHEAD IS FUNDAMENTAL TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE PERSEVERANCE AND THE TALENTS WHICH HAVE SERVED HONG KONG SO WELL IN THE PAST WILL CONTINUE TO HELP US FACE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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GOVERNMENT OUTLINES PADS TO HONG KONG'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TODAY (FRIDAY) OUTLINED THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (PADS) TO HUNDREDS OF BUSINESS LEADERS AT A SPECIAL SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE OFFICIALS TAKING PART WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD.

OPENING THE SEMINAR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DR HELMUT SOHMEN, SAID HE HOPED THE EVENT WOULD HELP TO DISPEL SOME CONCERNS THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

"THE CHAMBER BELIEVES THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT IS A VITAL NECESSITY FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND IT SHOULD PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

"WE ARE HERE TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS, NOT JUST TO VOICE CRITICISMS," DR SOHMEN ADDED.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT WAS MADE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE "ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR HONG KONG. IT HAD NO POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS".

HE SAID PEOPLE SHOULD ASK THE QUESTION "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DIDN'T BUILD THE AIRPORT AND WHAT EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG?"

"PEOPLE IN HONG KONG SURVIVE AND ARE ABLE TO LIVE A COMFORTABLE LIFE IF THE ECONOMY IS VIBRANT, IF THEY HAVE WORK TO DO, IF THEY CAN EARN GOOD WAGES.

"THAT IS THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION IN WHY WE ARE BUILDING THE AIRPORT AND FOR NO OTHER OVERRIDING POLITICAL CONSIDERATION WHATSOEVER. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THAT CLEARLY IN OUR MINDS."

SIR DAVID EXPLAINED THAT THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PORT AND AIRPORT WAS NOT NEW AS A SERIES OF STUDIES INTO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG WENT BACK AS EARLY AS 1972.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CRITICISED FOR NOT MAKING A DECISION AFTER EMPLOYING A RANGE OF CONSULTANTS TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

"NOW WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION, WE ARE BEING CRITICISED FOR BEING TOO HASTY AND THAT WE NEED EVEN MORE STUDIES.

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"THE DECISION TO PROCEED IS PART OF OUR LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG."

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID IF THE AIRPORT WAS NOT BUILT EVERYONE WOULD SUFFER.

"OUR VITAL SERVICES WILL DETERIORATE AND WE WILL SACRIFICE THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF OUR PEOPLE," HE SAID.

PLANNED PROPERLY, HONG KONG WOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW AIRPORT, STRONG RESERVES, BALANCED BUDGETS, AND AN ABILITY TO BRING DOWN TAXES, HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, DISMISSED CLAIM THAT A NEW AIRPORT FOR HONG KONG WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS IN MACAU AND SHENZHEN.

SHE SAID PEOPLE WHO HAD SUCH THOUGHTS WERE OVERLOOKING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE AIRPORT TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG IN BUSINESS, TOURISM AND FREIGHT.

MRS CHAN SAID UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG WOULD BE MAINTAINED AS AN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AVIATION CENTRE.

"HOW CAN WE DO THAT IF WE HAVE NO AIRPORT UNDER OUR CONTROL?"

SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE PLANS FOR MACAU AND SHENZHEN BEFORE THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO GO AHEAD WITH THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

THE ADVICE GIVEN WAS THAT THE SHENZHEN DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE NO MORE THAN A DOMESTIC AIRPORT CAPABLE OF HANDLING THREE TO FOUR MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR, AND MACAU WOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE.

LAST YEAR, 16 MILLION INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS PASSED THROUGH KAI TAK AND THE GROWTH WAS 12 PER CENT. UP TO AUGUST THIS YEAR THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT.

MRS CHAN SAID AT THE CURRENT RATE OF GROWTH, KAI TAK WOULD REACH SATURATION POINT AS EARLY AS 1993. EVEN WHEN PLANNED EXPANSION AT KAI TAK WAS COMPLETED, IT WOULD ONLY BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING 24 MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR.

SHE SAID SHE COULD SEE NO DIRECT COMPETITION BETWEEN THE AIRPORTS AT MACAU AND SHENZHEN AND WITH THE NEW ONE IN HONG KONG.

## HONG KONG - A POPULAR PLACE FOR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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THE PACE AT WHICH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN SETTING UP THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG HAS CERTAINLY SHOWN NO SIGNS OF SLACKENING, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE TREASURERS IN LONDON ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11), MR NENDICK SAID THAT IN THE 12 MONTHS AFTER JUNE 4 LAST YEAR, MORE MAJOR BANKS ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES IN THE TERRITORY THAN IN ANY COMPARABLE PERIOD SINCE 1980.

HE NOTED THAT RECENT ARRIVALS INCLUDED THE PERSONAL BANKING DIVISIONS OF TWO OF THE BRITISH CLEARING BANKS.

MR NENDICK POINTED OUT THAT OVER RECENT YEARS, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EUROPEAN, AMERICAN AND JAPANESE MONEY-MANAGEMENT COMPANIES HAVE ESTABLISHED REGIONAL BASES IN HONG KONG.

THEY DEPLOY FUNDS NOT ONLY INTO HONG KONG AND CHINA, BUT ALSO INTO OTHER BURGEONING MARKETS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, FROM SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN IN THE NORTH TO MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN THE SOUTH, HE ADDED.

AS AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 177 OVERSEAS SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, UNDERTAKING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING STOCKBROKING, UNDERWRITING, FUND MANAGEMENT AND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ADVICE, MR NENDICK SAID, ADDING THAT THERE WERE 146 OVERSEAS INSURERS AUTHORISED TO CARRY ON INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG OF WHICH SOME WERE USING HONG KONG AS THEIR REGIONAL BASE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

FROM 1985 TO LAST YEAR, FINANCIAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS HAVE ON AVERAGE BEEN ESTABLISHING AROUND 60 NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR, HE NOTED.

TURNING TO STOCK AND GOLD MARKETS, MR NENDICK POINTED OUT THAT THE STOCK MARKET CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT SOURCES OF CAPITAL FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISES, ATTRACTING INTEREST FROM BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

"AT THE END OF AUGUST 1990, 290 PUBLIC COMPANIES, WITH A TOTAL MARKET CAPITALISATION OF SOME 45 BILLION POUNDS, WERE LISTED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

"THIS MAKES IT THE THIRD LARGEST STOCK MARKET IN ASIA AFTER JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA," HE SAID.

HONG KONG'S GOLD MARKET IS BELIEVED TO BE THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD AFTER LONDON AND ZURICH IN TERMS OF TRADING VOLUME, MR NENDICK SAID.

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"HONG KONG IS ALSO A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ENTREPOT FOR CAPITAL FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION THOUGH WE NEITHER WISH, NOR COULD AFFORD, TO BE BANKERS TO THE WORLD IN THE SENSE THAT LONDON, NEW YORK AND TOKYO NOW ARE," HE SAID.

MR NENDICK NOTED THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR INCLUDING REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN RECENT YEARS.

"IN 1988, IT ACCOUNTED FOR 19 PER CENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP), COMPARED WITH A 20 PER CENT SHARE FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

BY COMPARISON, IN THE EARLY 70S ITS CONTRIBUTION TO GDP WAS ONLY HALF OF THAT OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

"WHILE MANUFACTURING STILL PROVIDES THE LARGEST SOURCE OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FINANCIAL SECTOR NOW EMPLOYS WELL OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING AND DEVELOPING HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE, MR NENDICK STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A FREE MARKET PHILOSOPHY.

"WE SEE OUR ROLE AS THAT OF PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH BUSINESS CAN FLOURISH.

"THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS TO STIFLE THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT. AS FAR AS OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM IS CONCERNED, INTERVENTION IS RESTRICTED TO ENSURING THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED AND THAT A PROPER MEASURE OF PROTECTION IS PROVIDED FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS," HE STRESSED.

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HONG KONG: AN IMPORTANT CAPITAL ENTREPOT FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION  
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HONG KONG IS AN IMPORTANT CAPITAL ENTREPOT FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND WILL REMAIN VERY MUCH IN BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR AS FAR AHEAD AS CONCERNS ANY OF US HERE TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR PETER JOHNSON, SAID ON THURSDAY, (OCTOBER 11).

ADDRESSING A GROUP THAT INCLUDED A NATIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, ITS REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND SENIOR STAFF IN SAN FRANCISCO, MR JOHNSON SAID THERE ARE OVER 400 OVERSEAS BANKS FROM SOME 50 COUNTRIES IN THE TERRITORY, MORE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD EXCEPT NEW YORK AND LONDON.

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"A SURVEY IN APRIL 1989 INDICATED OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET HAS A AVERAGE DAILY TURNOVER OF US\$49 BILLION. OUR GOLD MARKET IS POSSIBLY THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD AFTER LONDON AND ZURICH."

SPEAKING ON THE ALLEGED FLIGHT OF CAPITAL FROM HONG KONG, MR JOHNSON POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS IN HONG KONG'S BANKING SYSTEM NEARLY TRIPLED BETWEEN 1985-1989, WITH AVERAGE GROWTH OF 23 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

"SINCE THE END OF 1984, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN OUR BANKING SYSTEM HAVE BEEN GROWING AT 16 PER CENT PER ANNUM, BROADLY CONSISTENT WITH THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ECONOMY."

COMMENTING ON SKEPTICAL REMARKS ABOUT THE FALLING SHARE OF HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS, MR JOHNSON POINTED OUT THAT IN LONDON, STERLING DEPOSITS REPRESENT ONLY ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, AND IN SINGAPORE, THE CORRESPONDING SHARE FOR THE DOMESTIC CURRENCY IS ABOUT 50 PER CENT.

"THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF SUPPOSED CAPITAL FLIGHT, THERE HAS BEEN NO DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON OUR LINKED EXCHANGE RATE WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR, INDEED ANY PRESSURE HAS BEEN TOWARDS A REVALUATION RATHER THAN A DEVALUATION OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

"OUR GENERAL CONCLUSION IS, THEREFORE, THAT DESPITE THE DIVERSION AND EXPANSION OF HONG KONG BASED COMPANIES OVERSEAS AND DESPITE THE MOVEMENT OF ASSETS OVERSEAS BY EMIGRANTS FROM HONG KONG, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A BALANCING FLOW OF FUNDS INTO HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG DOLLAR," MR JOHNSON SAID.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1990  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN AUGUST 1990, AT \$115,138 MILLION, GREW BY 14 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1989, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN AUGUST 1990 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS SLIGHTLY DECREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT TO \$21,128 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 20 PER CENT TO \$38,304 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$59,432 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT TO \$55,706 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990, AT \$801,686 MILLION, INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$142,075 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT TO \$257,594 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$399,669 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$402,017 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING AUGUST 1990 WITH AUGUST 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE RECORDED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE BY 37 PER CENT. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE NETHERLANDS, TAIWAN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ALSO INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA, JAPAN, THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE, BY 39 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA DECREASED BY 16 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE USA AND FRANCE ALSO DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 10 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$664 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$463 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$322 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$129 MILLION OR 1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1,553 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$769 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING AUGUST 1990 WITH AUGUST 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE, BY 28 PER CENT AND 27 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM CHINA, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TAIWAN AND THE USA INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA, SWITZERLAND AND THE USA INCREASED BY 17 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FROM JAPAN WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$5,991 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$5,535 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,749 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,752 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$1,587 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,450 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN AUGUST 1990 OVER AUGUST 1989. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE USA AND TAIWAN, BY 65 PER CENT, 42 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 26 PER CENT AND 23 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO CHINA, SINGAPORE AND JAPAN INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE USA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 55 PER CENT, 33 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 27 PER CENT, 26 PER CENT, 25 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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THOSE TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY:

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$8,946 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$6,651 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4,718 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,298 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,652 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$1,000 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST 1990 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1990.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE AUGUST 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND OCTOBER 20, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$27.00 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
U.S.A.	6,163	- 11	42,088	- 7
CHINA	4,489	+ 16	30,075	+ 6

F.R. OF GERMANY	1,712	+ 10	10,765	+ 5
U.K.	1,273	- 6	8,046	- 16
JAPAN	1,161	- 15	7,470	- 10
SINGAPORE	754	+ 37	4,650	+ 24
TAIWAN	482	+ 13	3,699	+ 39
CANADA	527	- 16	3,602	- 15
NETHERLANDS	480	+ 13	3,190	+ 1
FRANCE	285	- 4	2,276	- 5

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,194	- 1	44,735	*
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,525	- 7	16,850	- 8
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,853	+ 2	12,853	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,570	- 4	11,031	- 7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,415	- 8	10,927	+ 1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,554	+ 11	10,662	+ 1

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
CHINA	21,976	+ 20	146,481	+ 17
JAPAN	8,754	+ 19	63,558	*
TAIWAN	4,989	+ 12	36,042	+ 5
U.S.A.	4,084	+ 10	34,178	+ 11
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,237	+ 13	18,110	+ 1
SINGAPORE	2,239	+ 27	15,494	+ 6
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,319	+ 14	9,124	- 2
U.K.	1,333	+ 28	8,958	+ 2
SWITZERLAND	869	+ 17	7,151	+ 12
ITALY	995	+ 1	7,087	+ 3

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,517	+ 6	50,076	+ 4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,628	+ 18	40,482	+ 6

ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,192	+ 17	33,312	+ 22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4,397	+ 30	30,506	+ 18
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,798	+ 29	29,126	+ 23
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,046	+ 27	20,994	+ 8

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
CHINA	9,611	+ 10	69,184	- 1
U.S.A.	9,308	+ 26	55,756	+ 26
JAPAN	2,089	+ 3	14,514	+ 2
TAIWAN	1,660	+ 23	13,605	+ 25
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,094	+ 65	12,730	+ 55
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,041	- 4	8,593	- 5
SINGAPORE	1,045	+ 8	8,343	+ 18
U.K.	1,305	+ 36	7,325	+ 28
CANADA	715	+ 28	4,344	+ 27
FRANCE	652	+ 42	3,995	+ 33

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	AUG 90 OVER AUG 89 ( % )	JAN-AUG 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 90 OVER JAN-AUG 89 ( % )
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6,638	+ 36	34,538	+ 35
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,767	+ 26	29,834	+ 29
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4,014	+ 5	29,379	+ 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	3,049	+ 7	23,974	+ 8
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,440	+ 35	21,778	+ 28
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,433	+ 29	9,895	+ 28

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PUBLIC SAFETY ENSURED AGAINST FUEL GAS RISKS

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A PACKAGE OF SIX SETS OF GAS SAFETY REGULATIONS HAS BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER THE GAS SAFETY ORDINANCE ENACTED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE REGULATIONS SEEK TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF GAS CONSUMERS, PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE GAS INDUSTRY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AGAINST RISKS TO THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARISING OUT OF THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, TRANSPORT, SUPPLY AND USE OF FUEL GASES.

FUEL GASES COVERED IN THE LEGISLATION ARE TOWN GAS, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG), NATURAL GAS AND ANY MIXTURE OF SUCH GASES, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF A LIQUID OR VAPOUR.

THE SIX SETS OF REGULATIONS ARE THE GAS SAFETY (GAS QUALITY) REGULATIONS, THE GAS SAFETY (GAS SUPPLY) REGULATIONS, THE GAS SAFETY (INSTALLATION AND USE) REGULATIONS, THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS) REGULATIONS, THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES) REGULATIONS, AND THE GAS SAFETY (MISCELLANEOUS) REGULATIONS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY) TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF THESE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS UNDER THE GAS SAFETY ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR MIAO CHI SAID: "THE REGULATIONS WERE DRAWN UP IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE GAS INDUSTRY AND WITH THE BENEFIT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE GAS STANDARDS OFFICE AND THE GAS INDUSTRY IN IMPROVING GAS SAFETY STANDARDS SINCE 1982.

"AS A RESULT, THE REGULATIONS ARE PROPERLY ADAPTED TO SUIT LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE GAS INDUSTRY WHICH IS NOW GEARED UP TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE COMPREHENSIVE, WIDE-RANGING REGULATIONS."

THE GENERAL APPROACH OF THE REGULATIONS IS TO STATE IN GENERAL TERMS THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET, MR MIAO SAID.

"WHERE APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE LAID DOWN. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH RESPECT TO COMPETENCE OF GAS INSTALLERS, THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED AS A GAS INSTALLER ARE DETAILED," HE ADDED.

AS FOR GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET, THEY WILL BE SET OUT IN CODES OF PRACTICE DRAWN UP EITHER BY RELEVANT PARTS OF THE GAS INDUSTRY FOR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OR BY THE GAS STANDARDS OFFICE ITSELF.

OF THE SIX SETS OF REGULATIONS THE GAS SAFETY (GAS QUALITY) REGULATIONS SPECIFY SAFETY LIMITS ON THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE FUEL GASES BEING MANUFACTURED IN OR IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG, SO THAT AT ALL TIMES, THE GASES MAY BE SUPPLIED TO PREMISES AND USED IN GAS APPLIANCES WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO SAFETY.

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THE GAS SAFETY (GAS SUPPLY) REGULATIONS IMPOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ON GAS FACILITIES, VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT SO AS TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE GAS SUPPLY ACTIVITIES OF THE GAS INDUSTRY AND TO PROTECT GAS CONSUMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM RISKS TO THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARISING FROM THE GAS SUPPLY ACTIVITIES OF THE GAS INDUSTRY.

THESE REGULATIONS COVER THE STANDARDS FOR THE LOCATION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GAS INSTALLATIONS; THE CONVEYANCE OF GAS IN PIPES; STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF BOTH LPG ROAD TANKERS AND LPG CYLINDER WAGONS, AS WELL AS GAS INDUSTRY EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

THE GAS SAFETY (INSTALLATION AND USE) REGULATIONS IMPOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ON THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF GAS FITTINGS, INCLUDING GAS APPLIANCES AND PLACE OBLIGATIONS ON PERSONS INSTALLING GAS FITTINGS AND SERVICING AND REPAIRING GAS FITTINGS; GAS SUPPLIERS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREMISES IN WHICH GAS IS USED.

ANOTHER SET OF REGULATIONS, THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS) REGULATIONS, REQUIRES THAT GAS INSTALLATION WORK SHALL ONLY BE CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A COMPETENT REGISTERED GAS INSTALLER WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A REGISTERED GAS CONTRACTOR, MR MIAO EXPLAINED.

IT PROVIDES FOR THE REGISTRATION AND DE-REGISTRATION OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS, AND LIST OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS THE SCOPE OF WORK PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF GAS INSTALLERS.

"A REGISTRATION SCHEME WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED UNDER THE GAS SAFETY (REGISTRATION OF GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES) REGULATIONS FOR GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES TO ENSURE THAT ONLY COMPETENT ORGANISATIONS IMPORT, MANUFACTURE OR SUPPLY FUEL GASES," HE SAID.

THE REGULATIONS SET OUT THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET TO BE REGISTERED AS A GAS SUPPLY COMPANY, AND THE DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGISTERED GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES.

THE GAS SAFETY (MISCELLANEOUS) REGULATIONS COVER THE APPROVAL BY THE GAS AUTHORITY OF FLEXIBLE GAS TUBING MANUFACTURED IN OR IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG FOR LOCAL USE; THE CONVERSION OF GAS APPLIANCES IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF TOWNGAS SUPPLIED TO CONSUMERS, AND THE RANK BELOW WHICH PUBLIC OFFICERS SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED AS GAS SAFETY INSPECTORS.

ON THE TIMING OF THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE, MR MIAO SAID: "FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WILL COMMENCE REGISTRATION OF EXISTING GAS INSTALLERS, GAS CONTRACTORS AND GAS SUPPLY COMPANIES. THIS WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS.

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"AS FROM APRIL 1, 1992, ONLY GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT MAY CARRY OUT GAS INSTALLATION WORK, AND CONSUMERS WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ONLY EMPLOY REGISTERED GAS INSTALLERS AND GAS CONTRACTORS FOR GAS INSTALLATION WORK."

HE ADDED THAT SOME PUBLICITY MATERIALS WOULD BE PRODUCED TO FAMILIARISE THE GAS INDUSTRY WITH THE REGISTRATION SCHEMES.

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FIRST MEETING OF COLLAPSED BUILDING RELIEF CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE  
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THE BONHAM STRAND WEST BUILDING WHICH COLLAPSED ON MONDAY HAS BEEN DECLARED STRUCTURALLY UNSAFE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF A RELIEF WORK CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, MISS MONICA CHEN, FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MISS CHEN, ASSISTANT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, SAID RESIDENTS OF THE DAMAGED BUILDING WILL NOT, AT PRESENT, BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PREMISES TO CLAIM THEIR BELONGINGS.

"THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT (BLD) HAS NOTIFIED THE OWNERS TO DEMOLISH THE ENTIRE BUILDING BY NOVEMBER 9," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT RESIDENTS COULD RETRIEVE THEIR BELONGINGS BY THEM.

SHE SAID THAT IF THE AFFECTED BUILDING WAS NOT PULLED DOWN BY THEN, THE BLD WOULD HIRE CONTRACTORS TO DO THE JOB.

MEANWHILE, MISS CHEN URGED AFFECTED RESIDENTS TO REGISTERE WHATEVER BELONGINGS THEY HAVE LEFT BEHIND WITH THE WATERFRONT POLICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE DIVISIONAL STATION'S PROPERTY OFFICE ON TEL. 545 2005 EXT. 28 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

"AFFECTED RESIDENTS WHO ARE IN DIFFICULTIES OR HAVE ENQUIRIES CAN CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 852 3462 OR THE CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE ON TEL. 852 3125," SHE ADDED.

THE RELIEF WORK CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FORMED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRAGIC INCIDENT WHICH KILLED ONE WOMAN AND INJURED TWO OTHERS, COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS SOCIAL WELFARE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, HOUSING, FIRE SERVICES AND THE POLICE.

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LETTERS PATENT AND ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS AMENDED FOR 1991 LEGCO

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AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE LETTERS PATENT AND ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991 ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CHIEF SECRETARY INFORMED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 21 OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH IS TO BE FORMED IN 1991 SHOULD COMPRISE 18 DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS, 21 MEMBERS RETURNED BY FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, 17 APPOINTED MEMBERS, THREE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND A DEPUTY PRESIDENT TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

"THESE AMENDMENTS REFLECT THE NEW COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"APART FROM THESE CHANGES, THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALSO AMENDED TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO ENABLE THE NEXT TERM OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE UNTIL 1995," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW ORIGIN/ORIGIN MARKING RULES FOR WATCHES ANNOUNCED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORIGIN AND ORIGIN MARKING RULES FOR WATCHES.

UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) (WATCHES) ORDER 1990 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE, THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF WATCHES IS TO BE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE MOVEMENTS ARE MANUFACTURED. THIS ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID ORIGIN MARKING OF A PRODUCT WAS NOT MANDATORY UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, BUT THE ORDINANCE STIPULATED THAT ANY ORIGIN MARKING OF A PRODUCT MUST REFLECT ITS TRUE ORIGIN.

HE SAID THE EXISTING HONG KONG ORIGIN RULE FOR WATCHES STIPULATED THAT A WATCH WAS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN WHERE CERTAIN WATCH COMPONENTS WERE MADE AND ASSEMBLED INTO FINISHED WATCHES.

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"OVER RECENT YEARS, HONG KONG'S WATCH AND COMPONENTS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES HAVE UNDERGONE STRUCTURAL CHANGES. IN VIEW OF THE CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF PRODUCTION, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO ADOPT NEW ORIGIN RULES AS PROPOSED BY THE LOCAL WATCH INDUSTRY.

"THIS NEW RULE DETERMINES THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF A WATCH BY THE ORIGIN OF ITS MOVEMENT AND BRINGS HONG KONG'S PRACTICE INTO LINE WITH A NUMBER OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE USA, JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE NEW ORIGIN RULE CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN COULD BE ISSUED FOR WATCHES INCORPORATING MOVEMENTS MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG, AND SUCH WATCHES COULD BE MARKED 'HONG KONG'.

"AS FOR WATCHES INCORPORATING IMPORTED MOVEMENTS, THEY CAN BE MARKED ACCORDING TO THE ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENTS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND SUPPORTED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ORIGIN AND ORIGIN MARKING RULES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE NEW RULE VIGOROUSLY AGAINST FRAUDULENT DESCRIPTIONS UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE.

"ANY PERSON FOUND TO HAVE INFRINGED THE LEGISLATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500,000 AND FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

ANY ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 398 5538 OR TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 852 3392.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1941-46

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 AND 1946 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM OCTOBER 22 TO DECEMBER 8.

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

HE REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1947, 1948, 1949 AND 1950 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW I.D. CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE MORE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON OCTOBER 20.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW I.D. CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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RATE-PAYERS GIVEN REMINDER ON THIRD QUARTER PAYMENT

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RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR RATES FOR THE QUARTER OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1990 WHICH ARE DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATING ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE MAY BRING A RATES DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER AND MAKE PAYMENT AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE TREASURY CENTRAL COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- \* THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, ODEON BUILDING FIRST FLOOR, 28 SHU KUK STREET, HONG KONG;
- \* THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

ANY RATEPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE AND CANNOT PRODUCE A RATES DEMAND NOTE FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON OCTOBER 31, 1990 AND UNLESS SO PAID MAY BE SUBJECT TO SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

IN THIS CASE THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON OCTOBER 31, 1990. RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ORDINANCE.

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UNDER SECTIONS 30(1A) AND (2A), HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

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#### TYPHOON SHELTER AND RECLAMATION WORKS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO PROCEED WITH TWO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS UNDER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED (RECLAMATION) ORDINANCE OFF THE COAST OF TO KWA WAN AND AT CHOK KO WAN, LANTAU ISLAND.

AT TO KWA WAN, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT ABOUT 950 METRES OF BREAKWATER AND SIX MOORING DOLPHINS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 35 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED TO FORM A TYPHOON SHELTER WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 18 HECTARES.

THE WORK, WHICH WILL START NEXT APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1992, IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS PART OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

ON EAST LANTAU ISLAND, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RECLAIM ABOUT 19.95 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN AN AREA NEAR CHOK KO WAN.

THE WORK IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEMPORARY STOCKPILING OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL FROM AN ADJACENT BORROW AREA AND FOR THE MOORING OF BARGES FOR THE LOADING AND TRANSPORTATION OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO OTHER GOVERNMENT RECLAMATION PROJECTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE EXTENT OF THE TWO AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES OF THE TWO PROJECTS.

THEY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED IN THE ABOVE WORKS MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BEFORE DECEMBER 11, 1990

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128 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE RETURNED

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A GROUP OF 128 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (FRIDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 39 MEN, 36 WOMEN, 29 BOYS AND 24 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 35TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 4,581 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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SWD TO HOLD THREE REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE THREE REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) TO PROMOTE YOUNGSTERS' AWARENESS OF THEIR ROLES IN MEETING NEW CHALLENGES AND THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS.

THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDED TWO SEMINARS AND ONE DAY CAMP, ARE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES EAST AND WEST DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICES.

THE TWO SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB IN TSUEN WAN AND THE SHA TIN CLUBHOUSE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. MORE THAN 240 YOUNGSTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT 100 VOLUNTEERS WILL ATTEND THE CAMP TO BE HELD AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP.

A CHINESE UNIVERSITY LECTURER, DR LAM MAN-PING, AND MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG FROM THE RTHK, WILL TALK ON "CHALLENGES TO BE FACED BY YOUNGSTERS IN THE 90S AND THEIR ROLES IN ESTABLISHING THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG" AT THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB.

AT THE SHA TIN CLUBHOUSE SEMINAR WILL BE PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, MRS AGNES YEUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS' ASSOCIATION, MR CHU PUI-HING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SEMINARS AND DAY CAMP TO BE HELD IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14), BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

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THE REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE SWD'S NEW TERRITORIES EAST REGIONAL OFFICE, WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN CLUBHOUSE IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANOTHER SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES WEST REGIONAL OFFICE, WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB IN TSUEN WAN.

SHUTTLE BUSES WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE CLUB IN SAI LAU KOK ROAD NEAR TSUEN WAN MTR STATION AT 8.30 AM AND 9.45 AM ON THAT DAY.

THE DAY CAMP IS TO BE HELD AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP.

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OWNERS CORPORATION - KEY TO GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE IMPROVED PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG BY ENCOURAGING FLAT OWNERS TO FORM OWNERS CORPORATIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES LIMITED, MR TSAO SAID THIS WAS TO HAMMER HOME THE MESSAGE THAT A WELL-MANAGED AND WELL-MAINTAINED BUILDING GOES A VERY LONG WAY TOWARDS PROTECTING THEIR INVESTMENT IN THE PROPERTY CONCERNED.

HOWEVER, MR TSAO SAID SATISFACTORY MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS SHOULD NOT LEFT ENTIRELY TO THE FLAT OWNERS ALONE ALTHOUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATELY-OWNED BUILDINGS WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNED.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP THEM MANAGE THEIR PROPERTIES MORE EFFECTIVELY, BY TAKING STEPS TO PROVIDE A BETTER LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH TO OPERATE," HE SAID.

MR TSAO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE MANY INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA WAS THE STUDY AND THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

"ANOTHER MAJOR PLAYER IN GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSION AND THE COMPANIES CONCERNED."

HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES LIMITED HAD DRAWN UP A CODE OF CONDUCT WITH WHICH MEMBER COMPANIES WERE REQUIRED TO ABIDE WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT MONTH FOR KOWLOON CITY

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A "BUILDING MANAGEMENT MONTH" TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS HOME SAFETY WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KOWLOON CITY NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER).

ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT MONTH" WILL COMPRISE A SERIES OF FREE WORKSHOPS, VISITS AND SEMINARS.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED AT HELPING OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO IMPROVE THEIR MANAGEMENT SKILLS.

THREE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 9 AND 16.

THEY WILL COVER AREAS IN THE OPERATION AND FINANCIAL CONTROL OF AN OWNERS' CORPORATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS, FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES.

LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN BY PROFESSIONALS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ICAC, THE LAW SOCIETY AND THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

VISITS TO THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU AND HUNG HOM FIRE STATION HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR NOVEMBER 10 AND 17.

A SEMINAR ON HOME SAFETY COMPRISING TALKS AND AN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24.

THOSE WHO ATTEND MORE THAN THREE OF THE WORKSHOPS AND VISITS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD; ITS HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, PHASE 5, WHAMPOA GARDEN, AND LUNG SHING SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 68-74 JUNCTION ROAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 711 0171.

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EXHIBITION ON PADS AND METROPLAN IN TUEN MUN  
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A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT EXHIBITION ON HONG KONG'S PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND METROPLAN WILL BE MOUNTED IN TUEN MUN FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14).

THE "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME" EXHIBITION WILL BE DISPLAYED AT:

TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA (BY THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN)	OCTOBER 14
BUTTERFLY COMMERCIAL CENTRE	OCTOBER 20 AND 21
TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL	OCTOBER 27 AND 28
SIU HONG COURT (FOUNTAIN SQUARE)	NOVEMBER 3 AND 4
SHAN KING COMMUNITY HALL	NOVEMBER 10 AND 11
ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE	NOVEMBER 17 AND 18
LEUNG KING ESTATE	NOVEMBER 24 AND 25

THE EXHIBITION WILL COMPRISE 14 DISPLAY PANELS, EACH WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION, A SEMINAR ON THE SAME THEME WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) MORNING.

TO FOSTER CIVIC AWARENESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN, ESSAY AND PAINTING COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

THE EVENTS ARE ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE "HONG KONG IS OUR HOME -- EXHIBITION ON METROPLAN AND PADS" IN TUEN MUN WILL BE KICKED OFF BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, AND THE DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICER OF TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG; MR W. P. NG, ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) AT 10 AM BY THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN IN TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA.

THE SEMINAR ON THE METROPLAN AND THE PADS WILL BE HELD IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL OF TUEN MUN TOWN HALL AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY. SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG TOWN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, DR YIP KA-ON, AND THE SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE CENTRAL INFORMATION UNIT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, MS PHYLLIS LI.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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POSTPONEMENT OF TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FIRST READING OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 7 IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK FOR MORE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE BILL TO THE RURAL COMMUNITY.

"IT WOULD ALSO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE MORE DETAILED EXAMINATIONS TO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS PUBLISHED

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THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF SIX MORE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (IDPA) PLANS FOR THE NORTH AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS.

THE PLANS COMPRISE MAN UK PIN, LUK KENG AND WO HANG, PAK KONG, SHA KOK MEI, HEBE HAVEN AND TSENG LAN SHUE. THEY COVER A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 1,980 HECTARES.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, SINCE THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WAS GAZETTED ON JULY 27 THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 30 IDPA PLANS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED INCLUDING THOSE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, DEVELOPMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE PLANS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

IN RESPECT OF THE IDPA PLANS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, THE MAN UK PIN, LUK KENG AND WO HANG AREAS ARE LINKED WITH FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN AND SHA TAU KOK BY SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE UPGRADING OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY OF THE AREAS, PRESSURE FOR DEVELOPMENT WOULD BECOME IMMINENT.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF PUBLISHING THE IDPA PLANS FOR THESE AREAS WAS TO IMPOSE PROPER LAND USE PLANNING CONTROL FOR PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

PAK KONG, SHA KOK MEI, HEBE HAVEN AND TSENG LAN SHUE ARE SITUATED NOT FAR AWAY FROM EAST KOWLOON AND THUS HAVE GOOD ACCESSIBILITY TO THE MAIN URBAN AREAS.

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AS THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, THESE AREAS ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO GREAT DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE.

TO CATER FOR THE DEMAND, A NUMBER OF AREAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR THE USE OF RESIDENTIAL AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PLANS.

ON ENACTMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, THE IDPA'S WOULD BE INCLUDED IN STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS (DPA), AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COULD THEN SERVE NOTICE REQUIRING REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GAZETTING OF THE IDPA PLANS OR RESTORATION OF THE LAND TO HIS SATISFACTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EXISTING USES WOULD BE TOLERATED WITHIN THE IDPA'S. PERMISSION GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR WOULD BE HONOURED WHEN THE IDPA'S WERE INCLUDED INTO STATUTORY DPA'S.

IF PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED, AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

INDIGENOUS NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGERS WISHING TO APPLY FOR SMALL HOUSE SITES IN AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW IDPA'S SHOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THE RELEVANT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER.

THE SIX IDPA PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 12, 1990 AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AT \$10 EACH UNCOLOURED AND \$60 EACH COLOURED.

FURTHER AMENDMENT TO THREE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS REFERRED THREE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS FOR TAI PO, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE PLANS WERE NOT YET READY FOR APPROVAL BECAUSE FURTHER AMENDMENTS WERE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HE ADDED THAT THE BOARD WOULD GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE PLANS AND DECIDE WHAT AMENDMENTS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MEET THE PLANNING NEEDS OF THE THREE AREAS.

"POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS MIGHT INCLUDE THE INCORPORATION OF LATEST LAND USE PROPOSALS FOR THE PAK SHEK KOK AREA IN TAI PO AND KAU WAH KENG AREA IN KWAI CHUNG, AS WELL AS THE REZONING OF AN AREA WITHIN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN CENTRE FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE THREE PLANS WOULD BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LODGE OBJECTIONS TO THE BOARD.

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ROADS TO BE REBUILT TO IMPROVE MONG KOK TRAFFIC

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT SECTIONS OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS ALONG ARRAN STREET, PORTLAND STREET, SHANTUNG STREET, SOY STREET, NATHAN ROAD AND MONG KOK ROAD IN MONG KOK.

THE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE PART OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE 4 PHASE I PROJECT.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INCLUDE:

- \* RECONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS OF EXISTING FOOTWAYS;
- \* CONVERSION OF SECTIONS OF EXISTING FOOTWAYS INTO CARRIAGEWAYS, CENTRAL DIVIDERS, ISLANDS AND VERGES;
- \* CONVERSION OF SECTIONS OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS INTO FOOTWAYS, CENTRAL DIVIDERS, ISLANDS AND VERGES;
- \* CONVERSION OF EXISTING CENTRAL DIVIDERS, ISLANDS AND VERGES INTO FOOTWAYS AND CARRIAGEWAY.

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ON COMPLETION, THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS WILL ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MONG KOK ESPECIALLY DURING THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE IV PHASE I.

THE WORKS ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MAY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:-

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICES, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG;
- \* KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- \* MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND
- \* YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 11, 1990.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT TO HOLD ATHLETIC MEET

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET LATER THIS MONTH ARE URGED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE DEADLINE NEXT WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 17).

A LIMITED NUMBER OF APPLICATION FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING AT 38 PIER ROAD, AND ITS SUB-OFFICE IN KENNEDY TOWN OR THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1001, UC SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX.

ENROLMENT, WHICH IS LIMITED TO 500 PARTICIPANTS, WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE ATHLETIC MEET, ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS FESTIVAL, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28) IN THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND.

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RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 50 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE 66 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED BY AGE AND SEX INTO EIGHT GROUPS.

THE OUTDOOR FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN AREA COMMITTEES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 853 2566.

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YAU TSIM TO LAUNCH ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY

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THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990-91 YAU TSIM DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

TO IMPROVE THE SANITARY CONDITION OF CANOPIES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN THEME HAS BEEN SET AS "CANOPY CLEANLINESS".

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A QUIZ SHOW WILL BE STAGED AFTER THE CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG SIU-LAM AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR WU MAN-KEUNG.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL NEXT FEBRUARY, IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 14) AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

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