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JANUARY STATISTICS OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF FLATS REGISTERED IN THE LAND OFFICE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1993 DECREASED BY 46.7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND BY 58.4 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JANUARY LAST YEAR.

IN ALL, 4,250 SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE REGISTERED DURING THE MONTH. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED WAS ABOUT \$11.94 BILLION.

THESE FIGURES WERE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS REGISTERED IN THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

THERE WERE 17 BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 10,001 OTHER MORTGAGES REGISTERED IN THE MONTH, COMPARED TO 34 AND 19,022 RESPECTIVELY IN JANUARY 1992.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW BUILDING MORTGAGES IN THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$0.61 BILLION COMPARED WITH ABOUT \$0.58 BILLION IN JANUARY 1992.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW MORTGAGES IN THE MONTH OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES DROPPED BY 35.6 PER CENT FROM ABOUT \$13.63 BILLION IN JANUARY 1992 TO ABOUT \$8.78 BILLION IN JANUARY 1993.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT ACTUALLY DRAWN DOWN ON BUILDING AND OTHER MORTGAGES AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEE'S RECEIPTS, DECREASED BY 6.9 PER CENT FROM ABOUT \$3.95 BILLION IN JANUARY 1992 TO ABOUT \$3.68 BILLION IN JANUARY 1993.

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REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
 Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received for
 registration in the Urban and New Territories District Land Registries

Month : January 1993

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for Registration			Consideration (\$)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Assignments of undivided shares	6,684 (6,976)	2,586 (2,658)	9,270 (9,634)	16,859,708,601.07	3,572,402,083.70	20,432,110,684.77
2.	Assignments of whole lot, section or sub-section	32	554	586	4,119,830,499.00	1,097,573,073.40	5,217,403,572.40
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	6,716	3,140	9,856	20,979,539,100.07	4,669,975,157.10	25,649,514,257.17
3.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	3	14	17	607,000,000.00	6,321,000.00	613,321,000.00
4.	Mortgages/Legal Charges (other than item 3)	6,927	3,074	10,001	7,329,684,345.99	1,449,364,457.34	8,779,048,803.33
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	6,930	3,088	10,018	7,936,684,345.99	1,455,685,457.34	9,392,369,803.33
5.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Undivided Shares	2,708 (2,940)	1,542 (1,595)	4,250 (4,535)	9,501,582,803.66	2,440,228,338.50	11,941,811,142.16
6.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Whole Lot, Section or Sub-section	24	206	230	2,273,050,918.48	886,602,331.15	3,159,653,249.63
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	2,732	1,748	4,480	11,774,633,722.14	3,326,830,669.65	15,101,464,391.79
7.	Receipts/Discharge/Releases	4,195	2,267	6,462	3,015,164,926.05	666,338,494.41	3,681,503,420.46
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	407	168	575			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	3,764	2,113	5,877			
	Total	24,744	12,524	37,268	43,706,022,094.25	10,118,829,778.50	53,824,851,872.75

Note : Figures within brackets denote number of units involved

TEACHER EDUCATION STANDARD WILL BE RAISED

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES REGARDING RECENT COMMENTS ON THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE STANDARD OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OPERATED BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION WILL BE RAISED SINCE MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 5 TO UPGRADING THE COLLEGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SHORTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND BY THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PROVISIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION.

"THE REVISIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE AIMED AT GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND WIDENING THE NET OF ELIGIBILITY TO ATTRACT MORE POTENTIAL TEACHERS.

"THE SUITABILITY OF THE APPLICANTS WILL NOT ONLY BE DETERMINED BY THE MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATION, THEY MUST ALSO OBTAIN GOOD RESULTS IN THE SELECTION INTERVIEW AND PRACTICAL TESTS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR CHOICE OF ELECTIVE SUBJECTS, NORMALLY REQUIRED AT GRADE C OR ABOVE AT HKCEE.

"LAST YEAR, COMPETITION WAS VERY KEEN, WITH ONLY ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS BEING SELECTED FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSES.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT COLLEGE LECTURERS HAVE THE ABILITY AND PROFESSIONALISM TO TRAIN ALL SELECTED TEACHER TRAINEES TO BE COMPETENT TEACHERS AFTER THEIR TRAINING IN THE COLLEGES. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE STANDARD OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION WOULD BE LOWERED."

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT
STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1992 WAS 2.1%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.0%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1992 - JANUARY 1993 WAS 2.0%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.9%.

THE LATEST FIGURES SUGGEST THAT BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED GENERALLY STABLE IN RECENT MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1992, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 58,700, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 56,700.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1992 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,900 HOUSEHOLDS OR 40,900 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

RELEVANT DATA WAS OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1992 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE BY THE END OF MARCH AT \$15.50 A COPY.

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INSPECTOR APPOINTED ON SHARES OWNERSHIP

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM BY SECTION 33 OF THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 396), HAS APPOINTED MR GERARD J MCMAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AS INSPECTOR TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE OWNERSHIP OF SHARES IN HONGKEW HOLDINGS LIMITED.

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CHLORINATION HOUSE STEPS UP WATER TREATMENT WORKS SAFETY

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HONG KONG ENJOYS ONE OF THE SAFEST WATER SUPPLIES IN THE WORLD, THE QUALITY OF WHICH CONFORMS STRICTLY TO THE GUIDELINES FOR DRINKING WATER QUALITY RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR HU MAN-SHIU, TODAY (TUESDAY) DURING A PRESS VISIT TO THE NEWLY COMMISSIONED CHLORINATION HOUSE OF THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS.

MR HU SAID THE \$32 MILLION INSTALLATION WAS AIMED AT MINIMISING RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF CHLORINE IN THE TREATMENT WORKS.

"CHLORINE, AN EFFECTIVE RELIABLE DISINFECTANT, IS USED WIDELY FOR DRINKING WATER DISINFECTION. IN LINE WITH THE PRACTICE ADOPTED IN MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CHLORINE IS ALSO USED IN HONG KONG FOR DRINKING WATER TREATMENT.

"IN VIEW OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH STORAGE AND HANDLING OF CHLORINE, VERY STRINGENT MEASURES AGAINST POSSIBLE LEAKAGE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE OPERATIONAL SAFETY AT ALL TIMES," HE SAID.

THE NEW CHLORINATION HOUSE WAS DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A HAZARD ASSESSMENT STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLIER ON TREATMENT WORKS.

ITS MAIN FEATURE INCLUDES A CONTAIN-AND-ABSORB SYSTEM WHICH WILL NEUTRALISE THROUGH ITS CHLORINE SCRUBBING PLANT THE LEAKED CHLORINE WITH SODIUM HYDROXIDE WITHIN THE CHLORINATION HOUSE UNTIL THE CHLORINE CONTENT DROPS TO A SAFE LEVEL.

THE PLANT IS ALSO INSTALLED WITH CHLORINE LEAK DETECTORS AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS, WITH ALL ACCESS DOORS SELF-CLOSING AND GAS-SEALED.

THE PREVIOUS BULK TANKS FOR CHLORINE STORAGE, REPLACED BY ONE-TONNE STEEL DRUMS, HAVE BEEN ABANDONED SINCE THE COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW INSTALLATION.

THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS, WITH A TREATMENT CAPACITY OF 1,227,000 CUBIC METRES A DAY, IS THE LARGEST ONE IN HONG KONG. AS IT CONTRIBUTES TO ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY IN THE TERRITORY, THERE IS A NEED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT STOCK OF CHLORINE AT ALL TIMES FOR TREATMENT PURPOSE.

"THE CURRENT PRACTICE IN HONG KONG REGARDING THE LIMIT OF CHLORINE STORAGE IS FAR MORE STRINGENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

"ANY INSTALLATION HAVING A CHLORINE STOCK OF 10 TONNES OR MORE IS CLASSIFIED AS A POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS INSTALLATION AND WILL UNDERGO A THOROUGH HAZARD STUDY.

"RECOMMENDED SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE ADOPTED TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RISK GUIDELINES SET BY THE GOVERNMENT," MR HU SAID.

ON OTHER SAFETY MEASURES, MR HU SAID STAFF MEMBERS OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WERE ALL WELL TRAINED AND EQUIPPED IN THE DAILY HANDLING OF CHLORINE AND EMERGENCY SITUATION.

FURTHERMORE, A DIRECT ALARM LINK HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL CENTRE FOR THEIR PROMPT ACTION, HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WERE BRIEFED ABOUT THE NEW INSTALLATION EARLIER TODAY, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE OPERATION OF THE TREATMENT WORKS.

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NEW ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER APPOINTED
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A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG KWOK-BUN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED MR KIM SALKELD AS DISTRICT OFFICER OF ISLANDS FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR WONG HAS BEEN WITH THE TRANSPORT BRANCH SINCE MAY 1988.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

AFTER A FIVE-MONTH ATTACHMENT TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A SEVEN-MONTH SECONDMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, MR WONG WENT ON OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR A YEAR.

ON HIS RETURN, MR WONG SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE THEN LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN APRIL 1988.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES PUBLISHED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS IN JANUARY OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

AS THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE TIME CONSUMING, THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING JANUARY:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1. CHARTER- HOUSE HOTEL LTD	WANCHAI RD, WAN CHAI	9.3.92- 8.5.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
2. GRAND GAIN DEVELOPMENT LTD	HENNESSY RD, WAN CHAI	27.3.92- 4.6.92	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	"

3. KITIME DEVELOPMENT LTD	BURROWS ST, WAN CHAI	20.5.92- 30.6.92	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
4. THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG	SASSOON RD, POK FU LAM	2.6.92- 12.8.92	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
5. TAK SON ENGINEERING CO LTD	QUEEN'S RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	2.6.92- 2.7.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF CHIMNEY	2,000	1ST	FANLING
6. COLLIERS JARDINE PROPERTIES LTD	FA PENG RD, CHEUNG CHAU	29.6.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	3RD	WESTERN
7. PLATFORM COMPANY LTD	PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG	3.7.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONE	20,000	2ND	KWUN TONG
8. OWNSETS INVESTMENTS LTD	BELCHER'S ST, KENNEDY TOWN	14.7.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	2ND	WESTERN
9. CHAN KUI- PUI	PAK SHA TSUEN, YUEN LONG	28.7.92	WPCO : BEING THE OCCUPIER OF THE PREMISES FROM WHICH POLLUTING MATTER WAS DISCHARGED IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
10. CHINA OVERSEAS LAND & INVESTMENT LTD	LUEN SHING ST, FANLING	3.8.92	NCO : CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT	5,000	1ST	FANLING

11.LAU YEE-CHEUNG	LUEN SHING ST, FANLING	3.8.92	NCO : PERMIT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT	3,000	1ST	"
12.HONG KONG PAPER MILLS LTD	YING PUN, SHEUNG SHUI	10.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	"
13.CHOI HON-CHUEN	TAI PING SHAN ST, SHEUNG WAN	18.8.92	WDO : KEEPING MORE THAN 10 PIGEONS IN PROHIBITION AREA (1), I.E. H.K. ISLAND	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
14.REALTY WEAVING & DYEING WORKS LTD	KAM SHEUNG RD, KAM TIN	18.8.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	3RD	FANLING
15.MODERN CHINA MANAGEMENT LTD	JAVA RD, NORTH POINT	20.8.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
16.SHING LOONG RATTAN CO LTD	HO SHEUNG HEUNG, SHEUNG SHUI	1.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
17.CHINESE KING'S DEVELOPMENT LTD	TO KWA WAN RD, TO KWA WAN	3.9.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	3RD	SAN PO KONG
18.KWONG SIU-YUK AS HUNG TAO SOYA BEAN PRODUCTS FACTORY	HO SHEUNG HEUNG, SHEUNG SHUI	15.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING

19.MAY MOON (NGAU TAU KOK) ASSOCIATION LTD	NGAU TAU KOK RD, NGAU TAU KOK	16.9.92	APCO : FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	5,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
20.CONVEN- IENCE FOODS INTERNA- TIONAL LTD	DAI FU ST, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	24.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	2ND	SHA TIN
21.CHINA RESOURCES PURCHASING CO LTD	HENNESSY RD, WAN CHAI	25.9.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
22.SAINT GALERIE TILES LTD	DAI WONG ST, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	28.9.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE	25,000	4TH	SHA TIN
23.LAW KAM- YIU AS TAI YICK FOOD CO	HUNG SHUI KIU, YUEN LONG	8.10.92	WPCO : DISCHARGED POLLUTING MATTER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	15,000	2ND	FANLING
24.CHENG KAI-MAN	YAN OI ST, SAN PO KONG	14.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	1,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
25.TSANG WA	CLEAR WATER BAY RD, SAI KUNG	14.10.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
26.MAN LEE DYEING & WEAVING FTY	KWUN TONG RD, KWUN TONG	22.10.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	"

27.SUNAM LTD	QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	27.10.92	NCO :	10,000	2ND	WESTERN
			FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE			
28.THE	SAI YING	30.10.92	NCO :	7,500	1ST	"
INCORPORATED	PUN					
OWNERS OF WAH						
FAI COURT						
29.HO WAH	JOHNSTON	4.11.92	NCO :	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
GOURMETS LTD	RD, WAN CHAI					

NOTE :

- APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
- NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE
- WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
- WDO : WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THREE PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACE AT NIGHT. EACH OF THEM WAS FINED \$600 IN COURT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

APCO :	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL	594 6200
NCO :	MR STEVEN HO	TEL	594 6500
WPCO :	CASE 7	MR R C ROTHAM	TEL 755 2200
	CASE 20,22	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL 685 1133
	CASE 9,12,14,16, 18,23	DR ELLEN CHAN	TEL 417 6133
	CASE 6	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL 835 1184
WDO :	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL	685 1133

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION.

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NATHAN ROAD BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS OF THE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING AT 190 NATHAN ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI TO BE DANGEROUS.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) THIS MORNING POINTED OUT THAT STAFF OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE FOUND ONE OF THE EXIT ROUTES OF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN REMOVED, SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISING THE SAFETY OF THE OCCUPANTS ON THE FIRST TO THIRD FLOORS OF THE BUILDING IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

THE PGBS SAID THEREFORE THE FIRST TO THIRD FLOORS OF THE BUILDING SHOULD BE CLOSED UNTIL THE ORIGINAL MEANS OF ESCAPE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN REINSTATED.

THE OWNERS WILL BE ORDERED TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY REINSTATEMENT WORKS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 31 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

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1993 MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL GALA

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MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S ANNUAL GALA TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE CONCERT HALL ON MARCH 14 (SUNDAY).

THE CONCERT WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

THE ANNUAL GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER TO REVIEW THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS TRAINEES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME LAST YEAR.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE TRAINEES WITH A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS, FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC.

"PARENTS WILL SURELY BE VERY PROUD OF THEIR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS WHILE WATCHING THEM PERFORM ON THE STAGE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID.

SOME OF THE PERFORMERS WERE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL OR HAD REPRESENTED HONG KONG TO PAY GOODWILL VISITS TO SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IN PAST YEARS.

PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT WILL BE THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR, HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE PLUCKED STRING ORCHESTRA AND HONG KONG YOUTH STRINGS.

/THEY WILL

THEY WILL PLAY SOME GREAT PIECES SUCH AS TCHAIKOVSKY'S "SERENADE FOR STRING ORCHESTRA IN C MAJOR OP. 48" AND THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL "NIGHT SONG" AND "BEAUTIFUL SCENE OF THE EASTERN YANGTZE RIVER".

THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, DR HELMUT SOHMEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING WHICH OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA, AT \$30 AND \$50 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 582 5314.

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EASTERN ARTS FESTIVAL
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A 17-DAY FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BEGIN THIS FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 19).

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

IT INCLUDES A NUMBER OF CONCERTS AND CONTESTS.

OF THEM, ORCHESTRAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS' CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20. CAROLS AND BALLADS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE 70-STRONG EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR ON FEBRUARY 27.

THERE WILL ALSO BE OUTDOOR DRAWING CONTESTS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER THIS SATURDAY, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS CONTESTS FOR HOUSEWIVES AND WORKING WOMEN THE FOLLOWING DAY AND A PHOTO CONTEST ON THE THEMES OF THE PAST AND PRESENT ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT.

A CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR THOSE AGED UNDER 40 WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY AT HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE IN SHAU KEI WAN.

ALL WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A CARNIVAL IN CITYPLAZA ON MARCH 7.

THE EVENTS WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A CONCERT - ARTS AND CULTURE APPRECIATION NIGHT - AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY AT THE SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC, CANTONESE OPERA, TRADITIONAL DANCING AND SINGING.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MS TING YUK-CHEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 886 6531 AND 886 6515.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CONCERT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL AND ITS VARIOUS EVENTS WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY AT THE SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE THEATRE.

COPIES OF POSTERS AND LEAFLETS ABOUT THE FESTIVAL WILL BE BOXED LATER TODAY.

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NEW POST OFFICE IN TSUEN WAN

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE NEW TEXACO ROAD POST OFFICE LOCATED AT SHOPS 25-30, GROUND FLOOR, WEALTHY GARDEN, 28-32 TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL NOW OPEN AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

THIS OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE NEARBY TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE AT 18-32 TSUEN WING STREET WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE 200 ADDITIONAL P O BOXES, MAKING UP A TOTAL OF 1,000 P O BOXES AT THE NEW OFFICE.

LOCAL PHILATELISTS WILL WISH TO NOTE THAT SPECIAL HANDBACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, AT THE TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE FOR UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "LAST DAY COVERS"; AND ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AT THE NEW TEXACO ROAD POST OFFICE FOR UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "FIRST DAY COVERS".

THESE PRIVATELY PREPARED COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON REPRESENTING THEM.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

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OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON TUESDAY
(FEBRUARY 16) UP TO 4.30 PM

1. LIAISING WITH QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL ON THE QUESTION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.
2. VISIT TO FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE.
3. CORRESPONDENCE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	16 FEB 93	16 FEB 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q307	H358
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$2,700 MN	HK\$1,320 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN	HK\$400 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.07 PCT	3.20 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.08 PCT	3.20 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 69 PCT	ABOUT 88 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.09 PCT	3.26 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 22 FEBRUARY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	23 FEB 93	23 FEB 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q308	Y386
ISSUE DATE	24 FEB 93	24 FEB 93
MATURITY DATE	26 MAY 93	23 FEB 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,000 + 200 MN	HK\$200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	650
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,500
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,150

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.8 *-0.2* 16.2.1993

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.04 PCT	15 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.13	3.77
1 MONTH	3.04 PCT	18 MONTHS	2408	5.50	100.60	4.00
3 MONTHS	3.06 PCT	21 MONTHS	2411	4.375	100.62	4.29
6 MONTHS	3.18 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.625	100.62	4.47
12 MONTHS	3.58 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,471MN

CLOSED 16 FEBRUARY 1993

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