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HK DELEGATION TO GUANGZHOU FOR WATER TALKS

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THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, WILL LEAD A DELEGATION TO GUANGZHOU LATER THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLYING ADDITIONAL WATER TO HONG KONG.

THIS VISIT IS BEING MADE AT THE INVITATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL BUREAU OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDRO-POWER, MR GUAN ZONGZHI.

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL COMPRISE THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR WORKS (WORKS POLICY), MR PETER BERRY, AND THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI.

THEY WILL LEAVE FOR GUANGZHOU ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8) AND RETURN ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE RESERVOIR STORAGE AS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 204.88 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 35 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY.

THIS COMPARED WITH 312.09 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 53.2 PER CENT AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

IN VIEW OF THE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED WATER STORAGE SITUATION, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FULL SUPPLY WOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF AUGUST WHEN A FURTHER REVIEW WOULD BE MADE.

"IN THE EVENT THAT WATER RESTRICTION IS TO BE IMPOSED, THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO PREPARE," DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR HU MAN-SHIU, SAID.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION AND KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED."

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REVIEW OF BUILDING DENSITY AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS  
IN KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON

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THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO CARRY OUT A PLANNING STUDY TO REVIEW THE BUILDING DENSITY AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID AS A RESULT OF THE REVISED AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS MADE UNDER THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 1989 AND THE DECISION TO RELOCATE THE KAI TAK AIRPORT TO CHEK LAP KOK, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTENSITIES COULD BE ACHIEVED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IN KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON.

"THE CONSULTANCY STUDY IS THEREFORE INTENDED TO REVIEW COMPREHENSIVELY THE PLANNING, TRAFFIC, INFRASTRUCTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF RELAXING THE AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OVER KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON," HE SAID.

"RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE ON SUITABLE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL GUIDELINES AND MEASURES TO PREVENT OVERSTRAINING THE EXISTING AND FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES THAT MAY POSSIBLY ARISE FROM SUCH ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S LONG-TERM PLANNING OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THOSE OF THE METROPLAN IN IMPROVING THE URBAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT WILL NOT BE PREJUDICED," HE ADDED.

AN AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT THE STUDY WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR PETER PUN AND THE DIRECTOR OF SHANKLAND COX LIMITED, MR JULIO FIGUEIRAS AT A CEREMONY TODAY.

THE STUDY WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND COST ABOUT \$16 MILLION.

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MAJORITY OF JSEA PARTICIPANTS ALLOCATED PLACES

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AMONG THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) PARTICIPANTS THIS YEAR, 92.5 PER CENT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED SECONDARY 4 PLACES AND POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE JSEA RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY.

A TOTAL OF 76,123 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR.

APART FROM 1,055 STUDENTS WHO HAVE OPTED OUT DURING THE YEAR, 63,923 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED SECONDARY 4 PLACES, INCLUDING 55,046 STUDENTS HAVING OBTAINED PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, 5,494 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACES THROUGH INTERVIEWS OR CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

A REGISTRATION FORM CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION IS ISSUED TO EACH STUDENT ALLOCATED A SECONDARY 4 PLACE IN ANOTHER SCHOOL OR FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACE THROUGH CENTRAL ALLOCATION.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS SHOULD REPORT TO THOSE SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8).

WHEN REPORTING FOR REGISTRATION, STUDENTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THE FOLLOWING:

/\* THE REGISTRATION .....

- \* THE REGISTRATION FORM;
- \* THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS; AND
- \* TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS AND SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY UP TO ABOUT ONE MONTH'S SCHOOL FEE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES.

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS ALLOCATED TO FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8).

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS AND THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY REPORT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES FOR REGISTRATION.

IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO COLLECT HIS/HER REGISTRATION FORM ON WEDNESDAY, OR UNABLE TO TURN UP FOR REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY, THEIR PARENTS SHOULD AUTHORISE, IN WRITING, A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE REGISTRATION FORM OR REPORT TO THE ALLOCATED SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION ON THEIR BEHALF.

THE LETTER OF AUTHORISATION MUST BE ENDORSED BY THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL. IT SHOULD BE PRODUCED BY THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TIME OF COLLECTING THE REGISTRATION FORM OR REGISTERING WITH THE ALLOCATED SCHOOL.

THE STUDENT WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE SUBSIDISED SECONDARY 4 PLACE IF THIS PROCEDURE WERE NOT ADOPTED.

IN REGISTERING WITH A SCHOOL, A STUDENT MUST SURRENDER THE REGISTRATION FORM TO THE ALLOCATION SCHOOL.

"A SCHOOL MAY NOT ADMIT A STUDENT WHO FAILS TO PRODUCE THE REGISTRATION FORM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED SECONDARY 4 PLACES NOR POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSE PLACES WILL EACH BE PROVIDED WITH AN INFORMATION SHEET OUTLINING THE ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM.

THE SHEET CONTAINS THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS FROM WHICH STUDENTS MAY OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION. PAMPHLETS ON POST-SECONDARY 3 CRAFT COURSES WILL ALSO BE ISSUED TO THESE STUDENTS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY 4 OF THE GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL COMMENCE FROM WEDNESDAY UNTIL FRIDAY (AUGUST 9).

APPLICANTS MUST CALL IN PERSON AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE (TEL. 839 2309), BRINGING ALONG THE "STUDENT'S PARTICULARS" SLIP ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION RECORDS AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE SLIP FOR RETENTION BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE COURSES OPERATED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES, STUDENTS COULD CONTACT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DIRECT.

IN THE EVENT OF A TROPICAL CYCLONE AFFECTING HONG KONG OR PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE EDUCATION RECORDS AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 891 9099.

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THE BREAKTHROUGH OF HK'S LONGEST SEWER TUNNEL

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THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, TODAY (MONDAY) PERFORMED THE BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY FOR A NINE-KILOMETRE SEWER TUNNEL AT SAN WAI, YUEN LONG, SIGNIFYING WORKS ON THE \$1 BILLION NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES SEWERAGE SCHEME HAD ENTERED AN ADVANCED STAGE.

THE LONGEST SEWER TUNNEL EVER BUILT IN HONG KONG, THE TUNNEL IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE SEWERAGE SCHEME BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AS ONE OF THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDING THE YUEN LONG AND TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWNS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, SEWAGE GENERATED IN THE REGION WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH A NETWORK OF SEWERS AND CHANNELLED TO A NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SAN WAI.

THE TREATED EFFLUENT WILL THEN BE CONVEYED THROUGH THE SEWER TUNNEL UNDERNEATH THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE FOR DISPOSAL VIA A 3.2-KILOMETRE SUBMARINE OUTFALL OFF THE COAST OF LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN, TUEN MUN TO THE DEEP SEA AT URMSTON ROAD.

THE THREE-METRE DIAMETER TUNNEL EXTENDS FROM SAN WAI, YUEN LONG TO LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN, TUEN MUN.

IT WAS DRIVEN FROM FOUR POINTS NAMELY THE INLET PORTAL AT SAN WAI, THE OUTLET PORTAL AT LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN AND THE TWO INTERMEDIATE ADITS AT PO TONG HA AND LEUNG TIN.

SPEAKING AT THE BREAKTHROUGH CEREMONY, MR KWOK SAID THE WORKS FOR THE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM WHICH STARTED IN OCTOBER 1989 HAD BEEN PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND THAT THE WHOLE SYSTEM WAS SCHEDULED FOR COMMISSIONING BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"A SEWERAGE NETWORK IS ALSO BEING LAID IN THE TIN SHUI WAN NEW TOWN, FOR THE FIRST POPULATION INTAKE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORK, THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY SEWER CONNECTIONS TO THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO SEWER EXTENSIONS TO VILLAGES AT THE PERIPHERY OF THE NEW TOWN TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT," HE NOTED.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES, MR K.T. KUO AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE CONTRACTING COMPANIES.

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FIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TODAY FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS  
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FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER WERE RECEIVED TODAY (MONDAY), BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS SO FAR TO 71.

TWO NOMINATIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. THREE NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

SO FAR, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES WERE REGISTERED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, TEACHING AND TOURISM WITH EACH RECEIVING THREE NOMINATIONS.

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE DIRECT ELECTIONS WAS SEVEN FOR NEW TERRITORIES EAST.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD WILL END ON AUGUST 12.

THERE ARE 21 SEATS IN THE 20 FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, WITH TWO SEATS FOR THE LABOUR CONSTITUENCY. AS FOR THE DIRECT ELECTIONS, ALL NINE GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES ARE DOUBLE-SEATED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY.

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY/ ELECTORAL DIVISION	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL. NO.
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REGIONAL COUNCIL	LAM WAI-KEUNG	M	42	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	852 4304
RURAL	LAU WONG-FAT	M	54	MERCHANT	336 9621

/GEOGRAPHICAL  
CONSTITUENCY .....

GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TEL. NO.
HONG KONG ISLAND WEST	CHANG YAU- HUNG, ALEXANDER	M	39	SOLICITOR	522 8300
KOWLOON EAST	POON CHI-FAI	M	39	A.O. (PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT)	745 0977 (O) 742 8489 (R)
NEW TERRITORIES NORTH	CHOW MEI-TAK, RONALD	M	40	SUPERVISOR	880 8993 646 8773 94883100

FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY	ELECTORAL DIVISION	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
1. COMMERCIAL	FIRST COMMERCIAL	1
2. COMMERCIAL	SECOND COMMERCIAL	1
3. INDUSTRIAL	FIRST INDUSTRIAL	1
4. INDUSTRIAL	SECOND INDUSTRIAL	0
5. FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES	FINANCE	1
6. FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES	FINANCIAL SERVICES	3
7. LABOUR		2
8. SOCIAL SERVICES		0
9. MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE	MEDICAL	1
10. MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE	HEALTH CARE	0
11. TEACHING		3
12. LEGAL		1
13. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	ENGINEERING	2
14. ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2
15. ACCOUNTANCY		1

16. REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION	1
17. TOURISM	3
18. URBAN COUNCIL	1
19. REGIONAL COUNCIL	1
20. RURAL	1
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	SUB-TOTAL : 26
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GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
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1. HONG KONG ISLAND EAST	5
2. HONG KONG ISLAND WEST	5
3. KOWLOON EAST	5
4. KOWLOON CENTRAL	6
5. KOWLOON WEST	5
6. NEW TERRITORIES EAST	7
7. NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH	4
8. NEW TERRITORIES WEST	3
9. NEW TERRITORIES NORTH	5
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	SUB-TOTAL: 45
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NEW SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE

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STUDENTS WITH 14 OR MORE POINTS FROM SIX SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS CAN APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN THEIR OWN/CONSORTIUM/FEEDER-LINK SCHOOLS FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 7).

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, IN REMINDING STUDENTS OF THE NEW SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN OTHER SCHOOLS CAN DO SO FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8).

UNDER THE NEW SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE, STUDENTS WITH BASIC A-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS CAN APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN THEIR OWN/CONSORTIUM/FEEDER-LINK SCHOOLS FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM ON AUGUST 12 (MONDAY) AND IN OTHER SCHOOLS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON AUGUST 13 (TUESDAY).

CURRENT YEAR HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS CANDIDATES WISHING TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES THROUGH CENTRAL ALLOCATION CAN SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS AT EIGHT CENTRES BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM ON AUGUST 15 (THURSDAY).

THE EIGHT CENTRES ARE:

HONG KONG REGION:

SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
42 CHAI WAN ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN

TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
5 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI

LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE  
269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI

KOWLOON REGION:

KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
90 KUNG LOK ROAD, KWUN TONG

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL  
SAI YEE STREET, MONG KOK

NEW TERRITORIES:

TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
70 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN

NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK  
YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
123 KAU YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG

SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
11-17 MAN LAI ROAD, SHA TIN

STUDENTS CAN SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM THEIR SCHOOLS ON THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND FOR NAMES OF CONSORTIUM AND FEEDER-LINK SCHOOLS

"PRIVATE CANDIDATES OF THE CURRENT YEAR HKCEE WISHING TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES MAY ALSO DO SO ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 8) IF THEY HAVE 14 POINTS OR MORE OR ON AUGUST 13 (TUESDAY)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED STUDENTS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DETACH THE TEARAWAY PORTION OF THE HKCEE RESULT SLIP WHICH WOULD BE DETACHED AND RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL AFTER THE CANDIDATE HAS ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF A SECONDARY 6 PLACE AND REGISTERED WITH THE SCHOOL.

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IN RESPONSE TO RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME SCHOOLS WOULD IGNORE THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SYSTEM WAS THE RESULT OF MONTHS OF DISCUSSIONS AND REPEATED CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR SCHOOL COUNCILS AND SPONSORING BODIES.

"THEY ALL AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO BETTER ALTERNATIVE AND FAIRNESS TO ALL INTENDING SECONDARY 6 APPLICANTS," HE SAID.

THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE WAS DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMISING THE USE OF SECONDARY 6 PLACES TO COPE WITH THE PLANNED TERTIARY EXPENSION AND TO REMOVE THE HECTIC PROBLEMS STUDENTS HAD PREVIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED IN SECURING A PLACE.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SYSTEM DEPENDED ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SCHOOLS AND ON SCHOOLS FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES ALREADY AGREED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SUPERVISORS OF SCHOOLS WOULD NEED VERY SOUND REASONS FOR DEPARTING FROM THE PROCEDURES AGREED BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS, THROUGH THEIR COUNCILS, AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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#### FIRST HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL HELD IN NEW YORK

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PADDLING UNDER CLOUDY SKIES AND CHOPPY WATER CONDITIONS ON THE HUDSON RIVER IN NEW YORK, THE DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAM FROM PHILADELPHIA PULLED AHEAD OF TWO OTHER STRONG CONTENDERS FROM SAN DIEGO AND VIRGINIA TO BECOME CHAMPION PADDLERS IN A THRILLING FINAL TO NEW YORK'S FIRST HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

IT WAS A CLOSELY FOUGHT RACE WITH ALL THREE DRAGON BOATS ALMOST DRAGON HEAD TO DRAGON HEAD FOR HALF THE COURSE UNTIL THEY BEGAN TO PULL AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, THE SAN DIEGO TEAM CAME SECOND WITH VIRGINIA CLOSELY BEHIND.

THE THREE TEAMS WERE WINNERS OF EARLIER HEATS. OTHERS COMPETING IN THE RACES INCLUDED AN ALL-WOMEN'S TEAM FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, AND A TEAM OF GRADUATES FROM WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT.

NEW YORK CITY HAD SIX TEAMS IN THE RACES - FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, THE WALL STREET LIONS CLUB, THE CHINATOWN PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE HONGKONGBANK WHICH ENTERED TWO TEAMS.

THE WINNING PHILADELPHIA TEAM WILL BE FLOWN TO HONG KONG NEXT YEAR BY DELTA AIR LINES, THE OFFICIAL CARRIER OF THE FESTIVAL, TO COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL RACES IN JUNE.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT A HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AND RACING REGATTA HAD BEEN HELD IN NEW YORK.

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IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION.

ASIDE FROM DELTA, THE SPONSORS OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDED THE NEW YORK OFFICES OF THREE MAJOR BANKS IN HONG KONG, THE HONGKONGBANK, THE BANK OF EAST ASIA AND THE HANG SENG BANK, AS WELL AS AMERICAN COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL, A "HONG KONG VILLAGE" OF MINI-STALLS DEMONSTRATING VARIOUS HANDICRAFTS WAS SET UP AT BATTERY PARK CITY PLAZA. THERE WERE ALSO DEMONSTRATIONS OF NOODLE-MAKING, VARIOUS FORMS OF MARTIAL ARTS AND CLASSIC CHINESE DANCES AND MUSIC.

THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES BEGAN WITH A PARADE OF ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS LED BY A DANCING DRAGON OVER THE QUARTER-OF-A-MILE PROMENADE ALONG THE COURSE OF THE RACE ON THE RIVER.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID HONG KONG AND NEW YORK, BOTH MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CENTRES OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE, SHARED MANY COMMON FEATURES AND OFFERED MANY DIVERSE CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS.

HE SAID BY BRINGING THE REVERED TRADITION OF THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL TO NEW YORK, HONG KONG HOPED TO ADD GREATLY TO NEW YORK'S CULTURAL LIFE AND AT THE SAME TIME STRENGTHEN CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.

ALSO ATTENDING WAS NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR ROBERT ABRAHMS, WHO PREDICTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK WOULD ENSURE IT BECOMING AN ANNUAL EVENT IN THE CITY.

THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY WAS A CHARITY RACE BETWEEN THE WALL STREET LIONS CLUB, THE BANK OF EAST ASIA AND ONE OF THE HONGKONGBANK TEAMS, FOR THE RIGHT TO ALLOCATE A DONATION TO A CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE FROM MONIES THEY HAD COLLECTED FROM AMONG THEMSELVES. THE WALL STREET LIONS WON.

AND, AS IF AS A SIGN FOR FUTURE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT RACES IN NEW YORK, THE SUN BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUD COVER JUST AS THE LAST RACE ENDED.

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SPECIAL STAMPS FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF POST OFFICE

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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MISS ELLE SHUM ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 25 TO MARK THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POST OFFICE.

THIS SET OF STAMPS DEPICTS FIVE DIFFERENT POSTING BOXES DATING BACK TO THE VICTORIAN DAYS. SOME OF THESE ARE STILL IN USE IN SOME PARTS OF THE TERRITORY.

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THERE WILL BE SIX DENOMINATIONS: 80 CENTS, \$1.70, \$1.80, \$2.30, \$5 AND \$10.

THE \$10 STAMPS IS IN THE FORM OF A SHEETLET WHICH IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF "HONG KONG CLASSICS" STAMP SHEETLETS TO BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

MISS SHUM SAID "THIS STAMP SHEETLET IS EXPECTED TO BE POPULAR AMONG LOCAL COLLECTORS. IT FEATURES TWO REPLICAS OF OLD STAMPS - ONE ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONG KONG IN 1891 AND ONE ISSUED ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONG KONG IN 1941."

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR HEMMAN CHOI.

THE STAMPS WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE FROM WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 7) ONWARDS.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS ARE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES AS FROM WEDNESDAY AT \$0.70 EACH.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM AUGUST 7-15.

THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COVERS PER ORDER IS FIVE. CUSTOMERS WISHING TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF STAMPS AND THE \$10 STAMP SHEETLETS, CANCELLED WITH THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL DATESTAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HK\$26 PER SET AT 29 SELECTED POST OFFICES.

HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL COVERS BEARING THE "FIRST DAY" INDICATION ON AUGUST 25.

A SPECIAL DATESTAMP WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THIS SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT AUGUST 25 IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, ALL POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE THREE MOBILE POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

ONLY STAMP SALE AND REGISTRATION SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THAT DAY.

ALL OFFICES WILL OPEN FROM 9.15 AM TO 12.15 PM EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING 18 OFFICES WHICH WILL OPEN FROM 9.15 AM TO 4.15 PM:

HONG KONG ISLAND  
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ABERDEEN POST OFFICE  
CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE  
GENERAL POST OFFICE  
KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE

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CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE  
GILLIES AVENUE POST OFFICE  
KWUN TONG POST OFFICE  
MONG KOK POST OFFICE  
SAN PO KONG POST OFFICE  
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

NEW TERRITORIES  
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KWAI FONG POST OFFICE  
SAI KUNG POST OFFICE  
SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE  
SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE  
TAI PO POST OFFICE  
TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE  
TUEN MUN CENTRAL POST OFFICE  
YUEN LONG POST OFFICE

THE THREE MOBILE POST OFFICES WILL CALL AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ON AUGUST 25:

MOBILE POST OFFICE 1  
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TIME -----	CALLING POINT -----
9.15 AM - 9.45 AM	PING SHAN
9.50 AM - 10.20 AM	HUNG SHUI KIU
10.30 AM - 11.00 AM	SIU HONG COURT
11.15 AM - 11.35 AM	LAM TEI
11.45 AM - 12.15 PM	SHAN KING ESTATE

MOBILE POST OFFICE 2  
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9.15 AM - 9.45 AM	7 MILESTONE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD
10.15 AM - 10.45 AM	SILVERSTRAND
10.55 AM - 11.25 AM	10.5 MILESTONE CLEARWATER BAY ROAD
11.45 AM - 12.15 PM	SHEUNG YEUNG

MOBILE POST OFFICE 3  
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9.15 AM - 9.45 AM	SUN TIN WAI ESTATE
10.05 AM - 10.35 AM	CHINESE UNIVERSITY
11.00 AM - 11.25 AM	LAM TSUEN
11.45 AM - 12.15 PM	HONG LOK YUEN

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	3.8.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	5.8.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.1 \*-0.2\* 5.8.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	5.8.91	2.8.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	5.51 PCT	5.63 PCT
1 MONTH	5.55 PCT	5.64 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.66 PCT	5.81 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.92 PCT	6.15 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.35 PCT	6.46 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	4,580 MN	8,960 MN*

\* RECORD HIGH