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EXPERT TO LOOK AT KWUN LUNG LAU LANDSLIDE

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THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE (GEO) WILL INVITE AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED EXPERT TO COME TO HONG KONG TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE LANDSLIDE AT KWUN LUNG LAU ON JULY 23, THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR BLAKE SAID THE EXPERT WILL REPORT INDEPENDENTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND FINDINGS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

HE SAID: "ALL PARTIES INVOLVED ARE COLLABORATING TO ENSURE THAT THE GEO IS ABLE TO DELIVER ITS INTERIM FINDINGS IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME WITH THE FINAL DETAILED INVESTIGATION TO FOLLOW AFTER THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF ALL RELEVANT DATA."

HE NOTED THE HOUSING SOCIETY OPERATED A PREVENTIVE SLOPE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE ESTATE.

"IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE OF THE LANDSLIDE AND AN INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL EXPERT WILL HELP THE GEO COMPLETE THEIR INVESTIGATION THOROUGHLY," MR BLAKE SAID.

MR BLAKE NOTED THE CURRENT TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMME OF LANDSLIDE PREVENTIVE MEASURES HAD BEEN REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE KWUN LUNG LAU INCIDENT AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES BEEN DEPLOYED TO SPEED UP SLOPE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1977 TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL ON FILL SLOPES INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS HAVE SERVED HONG KONG WELL.

"WITHOUT THE EXTENSIVE WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE THEN, THE UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF RAINFALL RECORDED THIS MONTH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN FAR GREATER LOSS TO HONG KONG.

"WE ARE NOT HOWEVER COMPLACENT AND ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING LOSS OF LIFE DEMANDS THE FULLEST INVESTIGATION. THIS IS WHY WE WILL BRING IN AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERT TO REVIEW THE GEO'S INVESTIGATION INDEPENDENTLY."

REFERRING TO THE REMEDIAL WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ON SITE AT KWUN LUNG LAU, MR BLAKE NOTED THAT GEO ENGINEERS WERE WORKING CLOSELY WITH BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT, TO SUPERVISE THE TEMPORARY SLOPE STABILISATION WORK.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED: "BLOCK C WILL BE RE-OPEN THIS AFTERNOON AND BLOCK D UPON COMPLETION OF MORE SUBSTANTIAL STABILISATION WORK."

ON GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE INCIDENT, MR BLAKE STRESSED THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY DELAY IN DEALING WITH THE EMERGENCY.

HE NOTED THAT THE POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES ARRIVED AT THE SCENE WITHIN THREE MINUTES AND A COMMAND POST WAS SET UP WITHIN 20 MINUTES AT THE NEARBY USD SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

THE RESCUE AND REMEDIAL WORK WAS WELL CO-ORDINATED AND DURING THE COURSE OF THE EMERGENCY, OVER 300 STAFF FROM THE POLICE, FIRE SERVICES, CNTA, SWD, GEO AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT WERE DEPLOYED.

CHINESE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR SZETO WAH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE MR LI SHIU-TSANG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LI PO CHUN ESTATES LIMITED; MISS SO YAN-LAP, PRINCIPAL OF POOI TO MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND MR CLIFF SUN KAI-LIT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KIN HIP METAL AND PLASTIC FACTORY LIMITED.

SEVEN INCUMBENT MEMBERS WERE ALSO REAPPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE MR CHAN TING-LAP, MR CHOI CHEE-CHEONG, DR KENNETH HO PUI-HUNG, DR VICTOR MOK HOI, DR TANG PAK-LAI, DR BENJAMIN TSOU KA-YIN AND MR WONG WAI-WAH.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS) AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM AUGUST 1, 1994 TO JULY 31, 1996.

THE COMMITTEE IS FORMED TO REVIEW THE DEMAND FOR CHINESE TEXTBOOKS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS FOR THE TEACHING OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO USE CHINESE AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENSURES THE AVAILABILITY OF A VARIETY OF GOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS WRITTEN IN CHINESE IN DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS ON THE MARKET TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, IT OFFERS ADVICE ON MEASURES FOR ENHANCING PROFICIENCY IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF TEXTBOOKS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE RANGE OF PUBLICATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE PRODUCED, AND ON RELEVANT RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE CONDUCTED.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM ISSUES TENTH REPORT

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM HAS SUBMITTED ITS TENTH REPORT, COVERING THE YEAR 1993, TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) A LARGE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS CONCERNING THE COMPANIES, SECURITIES, AND PROTECTION OF INVESTORS ORDINANCES HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PAST YEAR.

AMONG THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS THE PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE THE INVESTIGATORY POWER OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION FOR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AS A PRECURSOR TO A POSSIBLE FULL-SCALE INSPECTION.

THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994, WHICH CONTAINED THIS PROPOSAL, WAS PASSED INTO LAW ON JULY 6, 1994.

ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION IS THE PROPOSAL TO DO AWAY WITH CERTAIN UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIQUIDATOR IN ADMINISTERING A LIQUIDATION.

THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO FORCE BY THE COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1994 AND THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994.

DRAFT BILLS FOR TWO OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF AUDITORS TO REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD AND THE INCORPORATION OF CHARTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS RESPECTIVELY ARE BEING FINALISED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS ON THREE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE WERE ALSO BEING PREPARED.

"THESE INCLUDE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 48B(1) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR 'MERGER RELIEF' IN CASES OF ACQUISITIONS, MERGERS AND RECONSTRUCTIONS, ALONG THE LINES OF SECTIONS 130-134 OF THE 1985 UK COMPANIES ACT.

"THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION IS TO PERMIT A COMPANY TO PURCHASE INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR EITHER ITS AUDTOR OR ANY OF ITS DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS.

"THE THIRD ONE IS TO REMOVE AN OPPORTUNITY BY A FLOATING CHARGE TO AVOID PRIORITY FOR PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS," HE SAID.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1984, THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS PRODUCED 10 ANNUAL REPORTS.

OF THE TOTAL 52 RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE, 38 HAVE SO FAR BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND A FURTHER SIX ARE INCLUDED IN PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS BEING PREPARED.

COPIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM ON TEL 867 2819 OR ON FAX 869 6817 OR 596 0585, OR IN PERSON FROM THE COMPANIES REGISTRY, 15/F, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1994

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PROGRESSIVE FALL IN THE INTEREST RATES OF SOME MAJOR FOREIGN CURRENCIES CASUED A FURTHER SHIFT OF NON-U.S. DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS TO HONG KONG DOLLAR AND U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN JUNE 1994, STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY SHOWS.

HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS HAD MODERATE GROWTH OF 1.4% IN JUNE, WITH SAVINGS DEPOSITS AND DEMAND DEPOSITS RECORDING SMALL CHANGES OF -0.3% AND +1.1% RESPECTIVELY.

/THE GROWTH

THE GROWTH OF TIME DEPOSITS MODERATED TO 2.4% AFTER A RAPID GROWTH OF 5.5% IN MAY.

THE GROWTH OF FOREIGN CURRENCY SWAP DEPOSITS SLOWED DOWN TO 3.2% DURING THE MONTH COMPARED WITH 7.5% IN MAY AS THE INTEREST RATE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS AND SWAP DEPOSITS NARROWED AFTER THE RISE IN DEPOSIT RATES GOVERNED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IN LATE MAY.

AGAINST THE PROGRESSIVE FALL IN THE INTEREST RATES OF SOME MAJOR NON-U.S. DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND THE RISING HONG KONG DOLLAR AND U.S. DOLLAR INTEREST RATES, SHIFTING OF NON-U.S. DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS TO HONG KONG DOLLAR AND U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS CONTINUED.

NON-U.S. DOLLAR FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS FELL BY 0.4% IN JUNE. YEAR-ON-YEAR, SUCH DEPOSITS DECREASED DRASTICALLY BY 10.7%. THE DECLINE WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUS IF THE EXCHANGE RATE APPRECIATION EFFECT OF SOME MAJOR FOREIGN CURRENCIES, SUCH AS JAPANESE YEN AND DEUTSCHEMARK, WERE DISCOUNTED.

GROWTH OF U.S. DOLLAR DEPOSITS PICKED UP 1.6% IN JUNE AND BY 11.0% OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

HK\$M1 WAS UP 0.9% IN JUNE. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SMALL INCREASE, THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH OF HK\$M1 PROGRESSIVELY SLOWED DOWN FROM A HIGH OF 33.4% IN FEBRUARY TO 6.2% IN JUNE AFTER SUCCESSIVE DECLINE IN DEMAND DEPOSITS AND CASH IN CIRCULATION IN THE PREVIOUS MONTHS.

HK\$M3 GREW BY 1.8% IN JUNE AND ITS YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH ACCELERATED SLIGHTLY TO 25.8%. HK\$M2 REGISTERED SIMILAR MOVEMENTS.

THE MOVEMENT OF TOTAL M1 FOLLOWED CLOSELY THAT OF HK\$M1 AND INCREASED YEAR-ON-YEAR BY 6.1%.

OWING TO THE DECLINE IN NON-U.S. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS, THE GROWTH OF TOTAL M2 AND TOTAL M3 WERE MUCH SLOWER THAN THEIR HONG KONG DOLLAR COUNTERPARTS. THEIR ANNUAL GROWTH WERE 12.7% AND 13.3% RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS IN HONG KONG PICKED UP STRONGLY BY 4.0% IN JUNE COMPARED WITH A 0.3% DECLINE IN MAY. THE LARGE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A 5.6% GROWTH IN FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS.

HONG KONG DOLLAR LOANS INCREASED BY 1.0% IN JUNE, SLOWER THAN THE 1.4% GROWTH IN HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS. AS RESULT, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR LOAN-TO-DEPOSIT RATIO DECLINED SLIGHTLY TO 113.5%.

THE GRADUAL DECLINE OF THIS RATIO SINCE MARCH 1994 INDICATES THAT THE BANKING SECTOR HAS BEEN MORE PRUDENT IN THEIR LENDINGS RECENTLY.

FURTHER TREND DEVELOPMENT ALONG THIS DIRECTION CAN BE A CONSTRAINT FACTOR ON FUTURE HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY SUPPLY GROWTH.

LOANS TO FINANCE VISIBLE TRADE OF HONG KONG CONTINUED WITH A SOLID GROWTH OF 3.9% IN JUNE, FOLLOWING A 4.1% INCREASE IN MAY. LOANS FOR USE OUTSIDE HONG KONG ALSO RECORDED STRONG GROWTH OF 5.9% IN JUNE, REFLECTING MAINLY THE GROWTH IN FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS.

DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1994, TOTAL LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG (EXCLUDING THOSE FOR TRADE FINANCING) INCREASED BY 4.7%.

OF THESE, LOANS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (OTHER THAN FLATS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME) GREW BY 5.0%.

THE STRONG INCREASE WAS IN PART REFLECTING THE BUOYANT PROPERTY MARKET IN EARLY 1994 SINCE LOANS APPROVED BUT NOT YET DRAWN IN THE FIRST QUARTER WERE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE SECOND QUARTER.

AS THE PROPERTY MARKET COOLED DOWN IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THESE LOANS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE LITTLE GROWTH IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

OUTSTANDING LOANS FOR ALL MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS RECORDED STEADY GROWTH IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THE LARGEST INCREASE WAS FOUND IN MANUFACTURING (+8.7%), FOLLOWED BY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT (+5.3%), TRANSPORT (5.2%), WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (+4.9%) AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS (+2.6%).

THE NUMBER OF REPORTING LICENSED BANKS INCREASED BY ONE TO 173. THE NUMBER OF RESTRICTED LICENCE BANKS ROSE BY THREE TO 59 WHILE THAT OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES FELL BY ONE TO 138.

ENQUIRIES ON THE MONETARY STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1994 MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS SECTION, HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, ON TEL 878 1687.

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TABLE 1 : MONETARY STATISTICS - JUNE 1994

	(HK\$mn)			
	Jun 1994	Earlier months (% change to Jun 1994)		Jun 1993
		May 1994	Mar 1994	
<u>Money Supply</u>				
M1 - HK\$	165,678	164,236 (0.9)	171,558 (-3.4)	156,012 (6.2)
Foreign currency	19,540	18,671 (4.7)	19,051 (2.6)	18,629 (4.9)
Total	185,218	182,907 (1.3)	190,609 (-2.8)	174,641 (6.1)
M2 - HK\$*	1,011,555	992,935 (1.9)	950,529 (6.4)	800,744 (26.3)
Foreign currency*	834,084	829,540 (0.5)	835,787 (-0.2)	836,454 (-0.3)
Total	1,845,640	1,822,475 (1.3)	1,786,315 (3.3)	1,637,199 (12.7)
M3 - HK\$*	1,028,462	1,009,864 (1.8)	967,405 (6.3)	817,479 (25.8)
Foreign currency*	882,243	874,645 (0.9)	878,513 (0.4)	869,001 (1.5)
Total	1,910,705	1,884,509 (1.4)	1,845,918 (3.5)	1,686,481 (13.3)
Notes and coins in circulation	72,613	72,444 (0.2)	77,767 (-6.6)	65,453 (10.9)
of which held by public	64,605	64,260 (0.5)	67,804 (-4.7)	58,026 (11.3)
<u>Total Deposits</u>				
Total Demand deposits	120,613	118,647 (1.7)	122,805 (-1.8)	116,615 (3.4)
Total Savings deposits	408,340	405,100 (0.8)	401,573 (1.7)	385,631 (5.9)
Total Time deposits with licensed banks	1,214,229	1,202,783 (1.0)	1,164,915 (4.2)	1,058,291 (14.7)
Total Time deposits with restricted licence banks	31,911	28,818 (10.7)	26,607 (19.9)	28,276 (12.9)
Total Time deposits with deposit-taking companies	16,726	17,742 (-5.7)	17,720 (-5.6)	17,863 (-6.4)
HK\$ deposits*	935,897	922,695 (1.4)	879,416 (6.4)	745,951 (25.5)
US\$ deposits*	446,514	439,458 (1.6)	418,942 (6.6)	402,439 (11.0)
Other foreign currency deposits*	409,408	410,937 (-0.4)	435,262 (-5.9)	458,286 (-10.7)
All deposits	1,791,819	1,773,090 (1.1)	1,733,620 (3.4)	1,606,675 (11.5)
Foreign currency swap deposits	90,740	87,893 (3.2)	80,209 (13.1)	60,975 (48.8)
<u>Total Loans and advances</u>				
To finance H.K.'s visible trade	119,487	114,973 (3.9)	106,309 (12.4)	102,422 (16.7)
To finance merchandising trade not touching H.K.	11,881	11,559 (2.8)	10,624 (11.8)	12,612 (-5.8)
Other loans for use in H.K.	1,193,135	1,178,128 (1.3)	1,139,415 (4.7)	1,000,948 (19.2)
Other loans for use outside H.K.	1,814,030	1,713,264 (5.9)	1,719,082 (5.5)	1,619,041 (12.0)
Other loans where the place of use is not known	46,814	45,142 (3.7)	43,946 (6.5)	42,678 (9.7)
Loans in HK\$	1,061,987	1,051,640 (1.0)	1,011,843 (5.0)	894,935 (18.7)
Loans in foreign currencies	2,123,361	2,011,427 (5.6)	2,007,533 (5.8)	1,882,765 (12.8)
Total loans and advances	3,185,348	3,063,067 (4.0)	3,019,376 (5.5)	2,777,701 (14.7)

* Adjusted for foreign currency swap deposits. Starting from April 1991, swap deposits can further be broken down into US dollar and non-US dollar foreign currency swap deposits.

Note : 'Restricted licence banks' and 'deposit-taking companies' were known as 'licensed deposit-taking companies' and 'registered deposit-taking companies' respectively before 1 February 1990.

TABLE 2 : QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF LOANS FOR USE IN HONG KONG BY SECTOR - JUNE 1994

<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Jun 1994</u>	<u>Earlier quarters</u> (% change to Jun 1994)		
		<u>Mar 1994</u>	<u>Dec 1993</u>	<u>Jun 1993</u>
Manufacturing	86,693	79,787 (8.7)	73,719 (17.6)	74,589 (16.2)
Transport and transport equipment	67,568	64,211 (5.2)	62,262 (8.5)	62,586 (8.0)
Building, construction, property development and investment	202,579	192,356 (5.3)	181,836 (11.4)	159,024 (27.4)
Wholesale and retail trade	113,155	107,901 (4.9)	99,288 (14.0)	98,569 (14.8)
Financial concerns *	159,951	155,865 (2.6)	156,096 (2.5)	136,344 (17.3)
<u>Individuals:</u>				
to purchase flats in the Home Ownership Scheme and Private Sector Participation Scheme	38,085	35,853 (6.2)	34,740 (9.6)	26,357 (44.5)
to purchase other residential property	255,370	243,269 (5.0)	233,205 (9.5)	217,112 (17.6)
other purposes	113,026	114,305 (-1.1)	102,979 (9.8)	95,276 (18.6)
Others	156,708	145,868 (7.4)	131,059 (19.6)	131,091 (19.5)
Total	1,193,135	1,139,415 (4.7)	1,075,184 (11.0)	1,000,948 (19.2)

* This excludes funds advanced to authorized institutions.

SHIPPING AND CARGO STATISTICS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994, 8,262 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 36.7 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT) ARRIVED AT HONG KONG.

THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT, JANUARY - MARCH 1994" PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURES REFLECT AN INCREASE OF 8% IN NUMBER OF VESSELS AND 7% IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THERE WERE 8,368 OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 36.5 MILLION NRT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 7% IN NUMBER AND 6% IN CAPACITY OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 16.1 MILLION TONNE, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 9% OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1993.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) AND SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 6.9 MILLION TONNE, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22%.

OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, 83% IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WERE SEABORNE IMPORTS AND 17% WERE SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT, AND 51% IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WERE CONTAINERISED CARGO.

OF THOSE LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS, 62% IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WERE SEABORNE EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS PLUS RE-EXPORTS) AND 38% WERE SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT, AND 86% IN TERMS OF TONNAGE WERE CONTAINERIZED CARGO.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 1.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994, THE TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS (INCLUDING SEABORNE IMPORTS AND SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT) WERE SINGAPORE (WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 17% IN TONNAGE TERMS); JAPAN (14%), CHINA (12%), TAIWAN (11%) AND THE U.S.A. (8%).

THE TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS (INCLUDING SEABORNE EXPORTS AND SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT) WERE CHINA (21%), THE U.S.A. (18%), TAIWAN (9%), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (5%) AND SINGAPORE (5%).

THE TOP FIVE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN TONNAGE TERMS INCLUDE PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (19%); COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (10%); IRON AND STEEL (9%); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (8%); AND PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS (6%).

THE TOP FIVE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN TONNAGE TERMS INCLUDE OTHER MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (11%); MACHINERY (11%); OTHER MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (7%); PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (6%); AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (5%).

CHANGES IN THE TONNAGE OF CARGO DISCHARGED AND LOADED ANALYSED BY THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF LOADING AND DISCHARGE BETWEEN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 ARE SHOWN RESPECTIVELY IN TABLE 2 AND TABLE 3.

SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR CARGO DISCHARGED AND LOADED ANALYSED BY THE TOP 10 PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES ARE SHOWN RESPECTIVELY IN TABLE 4 AND TABLE 5.

SHIPPING STATISTICS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIP MASTERS OR AUTHORISED SHIPPING AGENTS AND COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.

CARGO STATISTICS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ARE COMPILED FROM A SAMPLE OF CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE OCEAN CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE SAMPLING METHOD IS DESCRIBED IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE REPORT.

MORE DETAILS OF SHIPPING AND CARGO STATISTICS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1994 ARE CONTAINED IN THE "HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS REPORT, JANUARY - MARCH 1994".

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AT \$52 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SHIPPING AND CARGO STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 582 4887.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF SHIPPING AND CARGO STATISTICS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS

	1ST QUARTER 1994	% CHANGE OVER 1ST QUARTER 1993
INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSEL		
NUMBER	8,262	+8
CAPACITY (MN. NRT)	36.7	+7
CARGO DISCHARGED (MN. TONNE)	16.1 (51)	+9
SEABORNE IMPORTS (MN. TONNE)	13.3 (43)	+5
SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT (MN. TONNE)	2.8 (92)	+32
OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSEL		
NUMBER	8,368	+7
CAPACITY (MN. NRT)	36.5	+6
CARGO LOADED (MN. TONNE)	6.9 (86)	+22
SEABORNE EXPORTS (MN. TONNE) (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS)	4.3 (78)	+17
SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT (MN. TONNE)	2.6 (98)	+31

NOTE: FIGURES IN BRACKETS DENOTE THE EXTENT OF CONTAINERISATION IN PERCENTAGE.

TABLE 2: CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS BY THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF LOADING

COUNTRY OF LOADING	1ST QUARTER 1994	% CHANGE OVER 1ST QUARTER 1993
	('000 TONNE)	
SINGAPORE	2,735	+52
JAPAN	2,192	+8
CHINA	1,929	-3
TAIWAN	1,735	+3
U.S.A.	1,272	+47
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,151	*
AUSTRALIA	1,061	-22
INDONESIA	413	-14
MALAYSIA	371	+116
UNITED KINGDOM	305	+74

NOTES: (I) CARGO DISCHARGED INCLUDES SEABORNE IMPORTS AND SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT.

(II) * LESS THAN 0.5%.

TABLE 3: CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS BY THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE

COUNTRY OF DISCHARGE	1ST QUARTER 1994	% CHANGE OVER 1ST QUARTER 1993
	('000 TONNE)	
CHINA	1,442	+42
U.S.A.	1,274	+18
TAIWAN	609	+33
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	367	+19
SINGAPORE	320	+25
JAPAN	305	-2
NETHERLANDS	295	+30
PHILIPPINES	188	-3
THAILAND	174	+18
UNITED KINGDOM	172	+28

NOTE: CARGO LOADED INCLUDES SEABORNE EXPORTS AND SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT.

TABLE 4: CARGO DISCHARGED FROM INCOMING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS BY THE TOP 10 PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

COMMODITY GROUP	1ST QUARTER 1994	% CHANGE OVER 1ST QUARTER 1993
	('000 TONNE)	
PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	3,029	+24
COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES	1,624	-29
IRON AND STEEL	1,387	-3
ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS	1,342	+26
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS	959	+62
MACHINERY	881	+15
CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER	862	+66
OTHER MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	827	+33
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	536	+9
OTHER CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	360	+23

NOTE: CARGO DISCHARGED INCLUDES SEABORNE IMPORTS AND SEABORNE INWARD TRANSHIPMENT.

TABLE 5: CARGO LOADED ONTO OUTGOING OCEAN-GOING VESSELS BY THE TOP 10 PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

COMMODITY GROUP	1ST QUARTER 1994	% CHANGE OVER 1ST QUARTER 1993
	('000 TONNE)	
OTHER MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	735	+37
MACHINERY	730	+15
OTHER MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	482	-1
PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	405	+162
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	351	+16
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	342	-9
FOOTWEAR	285	+22
TOYS	265	+10
OTHER CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	258	+43
ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS	245	+29

NOTE: CARGO LOADED INCLUDES SEABORNE EXPORTS AND SEABORNE OUTWARD TRANSHIPMENT.

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JOINT OPERATIONS AGAINST SALE OF
PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATION SUCCESSFUL

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JOINT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE POLICE AND THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN TACKLING THE SALE AND DISPLAY OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS, VIDEOTAPES AND LASER DISCS, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NG HON-WAH, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR NG WAS SPEAKING IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE (COIAO).

"THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MOST SIGNIFICANT IN DISTRICTS SUCH AS MONG KOK AND SHAM SHUI PO.

"AS A RESULT OF POLICE/TELA JOINT OPERATIONS EARLY THIS YEAR AND THE SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS BY THE POLICE, MANY OF THE STALLS SELLING PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEOTAPES HAVE DISAPPEARED.

"SHOPS SELLING INDECENT ARTICLES HAVE ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT THE DISPLAY OF INDECENT MATTERS AND TO COVER UP OFFENSIVE PARTS OF PACKAGINGS OF VIDEOTAPES.

"THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALSO NOTICEABLE IN OTHER DISTRICTS. IN GENERAL, WE OBSERVE THAT NEWSPAPER STALLS HAVE REFRAINED FROM DISPLAYING OBJECTIONABLE COVERS OF MAGAZINES," MR NG SAID.

/MR NG

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1994

MR NG SAID IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE POLICE SEIZED A TOTAL OF 5,500 OBSCENE (AS DISTINCT FROM INDECENT) ARTICLES FROM 127 SHOPS AND NEWSPAPER STALLS.

A TOTAL OF 138 PERSONS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED BY EITHER THE POLICE OR TELA FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES UNDER THE COIAO.

THESE FIGURES, HE EMPHASISED, RELATED TO THE JOINT OPERATIONS AND DID NOT INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE POLICE, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND TELA INDEPENDENTLY.

MR NG SHARES THE CONCERN OF SOME COMMUNITY GROUPS ABOUT THE SALE OF INDECENT ARTICLES, IN PARTICULAR INDECENT COMIC BOOKS, TO CHILDREN.

HE SAID: "OF THE 138 PERSONS MENTIONED EARLIER, 14 ARE PROSECUTED FOR SELLING OR HIRING INDECENT ARTICLES TO PERSONS BELOW THE AGE OF 18. HOWEVER, THE FIGURE DOES NOT REFLECT THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEMS."

MR NG EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES IN COLLECTING EVIDENCE OF SUCH AN OFFENCE.

HE SAID: "THE SELLER HAS TO BE CAUGHT RED-HANDED. IT OFTEN TAKES A POLICE OFFICER AND A TELA OFFICER SEVERAL HOURS OF SURVEILLANCE BEFORE THEY WITNESS THE SALE OF AN INDECENT PUBLICATION TO A JUVENILE.

"THE JUVENILE THEN HAS TO BE PERSUADED TO HAND OVER THE PUBLICATION TO THE POLICE OFFICER BECAUSE THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE COIAO TO EMPOWER THE OFFICER TO SEIZE THE PUBLICATION EVEN THOUGH IT IS REQUIRED FOR USE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT.

"ALSO, WE HAD A FEW CASES WHERE THE PARENTS OF THE JUVENILES DID NOT WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN COURT. AS A RESULT, WE HAD TO DROP THE CASE.

"EVEN THOUGH WE MAY REQUEST THE COURT TO SUBPOENA THE JUVENILES, WE DID NOT DO SO BECAUSE WE RESPECTED THE WISH OF THE PARENTS AND WE WISHED TO AVOID CAUSING DISTRESS TO THE JUVENILES."

MR NG SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THE COURTS HAD ALSO TAKEN NOTE OF THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS.

"IN ALL PROSECUTIONS FOR SALE OF INDECENT ARTICLES TO JUVENILES, WE ASK THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THE COURT TO IMPOSE A HEAVY PENALTY TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS.

"LAST YEAR, THE PENALTY METED OUT BY THE COURTS FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE RANGED FROM A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS.

"IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAD TWO CASES WHERE THE CONVICTED SELLERS WERE EACH FINED \$10,000 FOR SELLING ONE INDECENT BOOK TO ONE PERSON BELOW THE AGE OF 18," SAID MR NG.

MR NG SAID TELA WOULD CONTINUE TO LIAISE WITH THE POLICE TO CONDUCT FURTHER JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE. THE TWO DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN HAVING EXCELLENT CO-OPERATION.

UNDER THE EXISTING COIAO, TELA OFFICERS DO NOT ENJOY ENFORCEMENT POWERS AND THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ARE THE PRINCIPAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

MR NG SAID WHILE THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WOULD CONTINUE WITH ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, HE BELIEVED IT WAS EQUALLY, IF NOT MORE, IMPORTANT TO DO PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.

ABOUT ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS, TELA SENDS CIRCULAR LETTERS TO NEWSPAPER STALLS TO REMIND THEM OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE COIAO AND PROVIDE THEM WITH LISTS OF PUBLICATIONS CLASSIFIED BY THE OBSCENE ARTICLES TRIBUNAL AS OBSCENE OR INDECENT.

"WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED FOR APIS (ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) TO BE BROADCAST ON TELEVISION AND RADIO TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO USE OUR 24-HOUR COMPLAINT HOTLINE 594 5836.

"WE HAVE ALSO DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS AND POSTERS TO SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES AND INVITED STUDENT GROUPS FOR BRIEFING ON THE ORDINANCE AND OUR WORK," MR NG SAID.

HE APPEALED TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO MONITOR MORE CLOSELY THE PUBLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY COMIC BOOKS, READ BY THEIR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS.

THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING, HE SAID, THAT ONLY BOOKS AND MAGAZINES WRAPPED UP IN PLASTIC BAGS WERE UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.

"IN FACT, A LOT OF PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING COMIC BOOKS, NOT SO WRAPPED UP ARE ALSO INDECENT AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE READ BY JUVENILES.

"UNDER THE LAW, THERE MUST BE CLEARLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED ON AN INDECENT ARTICLE A WARNING NOTICE THAT THE ARTICLE CONTAINS OFFENSIVE MATERIAL AND MUST NOT BE SOLD OR HIRED TO ANY PERSON BELOW THE AGE OF 18.

"THEREFORE, BEFORE A NEWSVENDOR SELLS A BOOK TO A JUVENILE OR A PARENT BUYS A BOOK FOR HIS CHILDREN, THEY MUST MAKE SURE THAT IT IS NOT ONE WITH SUCH A WARNING NOTICE.

"OR, IN CASE THEY FIND ANY INDECENT BOOKS WITHOUT SUCH A WARNING NOTICE, THEY SHOULD TELL US BY CALLING OUR COMPLAINT HOTLINE," MR NG CONTINUED.

TO FACILITATE MORE EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES, TELA HAS PROPOSED TO THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH THAT THE COIAO BE AMENDED.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INCLUDE GIVING ENFORCEMENT STAFF THE POWER TO SEIZE INDECENT ARTICLES REQUIRED AS EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION, MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR INDECENT ARTICLES TO BE ENCLOSED IN PLASTIC WRAPPERS AND STIPULATING AN OBJECTIVE, MINIMUM SIZE FOR THE WARNING NOTICE TO BE DISPLAYED ON AN INDECENT ARTICLE.

A TIME SLOT FOR INTRODUCING THESE AMENDMENTS INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS BEING AWAITED.

TOUGHER FINES FOR NOISE OFFENCES FROM NEXT MONTH

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THE GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR VARIOUS NOISE OFFENCES WOULD BE DOUBLED FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 1).

THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR RAYMOND LEUNG, SAID THE INCREASE OF FINES WAS MADE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE NOISE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1994 AND THE NOISE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) GENERAL REGULATIONS 1994.

HE SAID: "IT IS NECESSARY TO DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM FINES BECAUSE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FINES HAS PROVED TO BE GENERALLY INADEQUATE TO DETER NOISE OFFENDERS."

UNDER THE AMENDED ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS, THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR COMMITTING NEIGHBOURHOOD TYPE NOISE OFFENCES, SUCH AS THOSE INVOLVING BLASTING LOUD MUSIC IN DOMESTIC PREMISES AND PUBLIC PLACES, WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CARRYING OUT WORK WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT, OR VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF IT, WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 TO \$200,000 FOR REPEATED OFFENCES.

MEANWHILE, THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TYPE NOISES, ARE ALSO INCREASED FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 TO \$200,000 FOR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE INCREASED FINES WILL HAVE A GREATER DETERRENT EFFECT ON NOISE OFFENDERS AND RESULT IN A LESS NOISY ENVIRONMENT FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE," MR LEUNG SAID.

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THREE LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON AUGUST 23 (TUESDAY), IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE THEATRE OF THE CITY HALL.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED IN KWAI FUK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,350 SQUARE METRES FOR GODOWN USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 19,095 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT, HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,435 SQUARE METRES IN HONG YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN USE, EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 11,688 SQUARE METRES ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1997.

/THE REMAINING

THE REMAINING LOT, LOCATED IN AREA 7, TAI PO, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 15,250 SQUARE METRES FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 15,140 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICES.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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PORT FACILITIES FOR TSEUNG KWAN O

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERTAKE A RANGE OF PORT DEVELOPMENT AND MARINE WORKS IN TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE LAND AND PORT FACILITIES FOR DEEP WATERFRONT INDUSTRIES AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE FACILITIES.

THE WORK WILL START IN OCTOBER 1995 AND BE COMPLETED BY ABOUT JUNE 2000.

IT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 2,400 METRES OF SEAWALL, 4,800 METRES OF ROADS AND 3,700 METRES OF BOX CULVERT.

ABOUT 100 HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 140 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT AREA 137 WILL ALSO BE DREDGED AND RECLAIMED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29.

HE SHOULD DESCRIBE HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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GREEN LIGHT FOR SEWAGE TUNNEL WORKS

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS HAS AUTHORISED THE GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE RIGHTS ON THE LAND SITUATED ON THE ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED SEWAGE TUNNEL FROM TSEUNG KWAN O AND CHAI WAN TO KWUN TONG FOR CARRYING OUT SEWAGE WORKS.

THE SEWAGE TUNNEL FORMS PART OF STAGE I OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME TO COLLECT AND TREAT SEWAGE FROM KOWLOON BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSEUNG KWAN O AND FROM THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN 30 MONTHS.

THE LAND WHICH IS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS SUFFERED LOSS OR DAMAGE TO LAND OR PROPERTY SITUATED ON LAND RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OR EXERCISE OF RIGHTS BY THE AUTHORISATION MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION WITHIN THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THREE INDUSTRIAL AREAS AT SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, TIN WAN CLOSE AND ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD HAVE BEEN REZONED FROM "INDUSTRIAL" TO "INDUSTRIAL (GROUP 1)". WITHIN THIS ZONE, "FLAT" USE MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.

THIS AIMS AT ENCOURAGING COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT TO SOLVE THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL/RESIDENTIAL INTERFACE PROBLEM IN THE LONG TERM.

TO ENHANCE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE COASTAL STRIP AT AP LEI CHAU SOUTH, AP LEI PAI AND OCEAN PARK HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "OPEN SPACE" AND "GREEN BELT" TO "COASTAL PROTECTION AREA".

A SITE AT AP LEI CHAU NORTH RECLAMATION HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL" AND "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO FACILITATE SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)".

THE "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)" SITE TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG COUNTRY CLUB AT ISLAND ROAD HAS BEEN REZONED TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" TO PRESERVE THE CHARACTER AND AMENITY OF THE SHOUSON HILL AND DEEP WATER BAY AREA.

WITHIN THIS ZONE, DEVELOPMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF THREE STOREYS WITH A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.75 AND SITE COVERAGE OF 25.

TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT, A "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" SITE TO THE EAST OF SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE AND A "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" SITE AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD HAVE BEEN REZONED TO "GREEN BELT".

THE PORTION OF ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK WITHIN THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED TO "COUNTRY PARK".

A SITE OFF AP LEI CHAU DRIVE HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "GREEN BELT" WHEREAS THE "GREEN BELT" SITE IN AP LEI CHAU WEST HAS BEEN REZONED TO "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY".

MEANWHILE, OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN HAVE BEEN MADE TO REFLECT EXISTING USES.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/H15/6) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL AUGUST 19 IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD,
HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,
77 LEIGHTON ROAD,
CAUSEWAY BAY,
HONG KONG; AND
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE,
PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE,
SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR,
MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE,
ABERDEEN,
HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE AUGUST 19.

COPIES OF THE PLAN CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

DEMANDING AND CHALLENGING JOB OF CSD

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A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR JUSTEIN WONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED THE WORK OF A CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICER AS "A DEMANDING AND CHALLENGING" ONE.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S (CSD) STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY THIS AFTERNOON, MR WONG SAID THE COMMON PERCEPTION OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ONLY RELATED TO THE CUSTODY OF OFFENDERS; HOWEVER, THE SERVICES HAD ALREADY EXTENDED WELL BEYOND PUTTING OFFENDERS BEHIND BARS.

"I AM AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS, OVER THE YEARS, DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES CATERING FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF INMATES, WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF RE-INTERGRATING THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY AS LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS.

"COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAMMES RANGE FROM PRE-SENTENCE ASSESSMENT, IN-CENTRE TREATMENT, TO POST-RELEASE GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SUCCESS OF THESE PROGRAMMES WAS DEMONSTRATED BY STATISTICS WHICH SHOWED THAT A GREAT MAJORITY OF INMATES RELEASED AFTER TREATMENT REMAINED CRIME AND DRUG FREE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF AFTER-CARE SUPERVISION.

HE SAID THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAD LONG ADVOCATED THE SETTING OF A POST RELEASE SUPERVISION SCHEME THROUGH WHICH CARE AND CONTROL COULD BE EXTENDED TO ADULT PRISONERS UPON THEIR RELEASE.

"I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ACTIVE STEPS TO SEEK FUNDS AND INTRODUCE LEGISLATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS SCHEME," HE NOTED.

"THE JOB OF A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IS A DEMANDING AND CHALLENGING ONE," MR WONG SAID.

"DEMANDING BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH INMATES WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMINAL OFFENCES AND NOW FACE LONG PERIODS OF DETENTION AND CHALLENGING BECAUSE REFORMING THESE CRIMINALS TO BECOME LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS UPON THEIR RELEASE IS A DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING TASK," HE SAID.

HE CITED AN EXAMPLE THAT THE AVERAGE PASS RATE FOR INMATES WHO SAT FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION LAST YEAR EXCEED 81 PER CENT.

"SUCH IMPRESSIVE RESULTS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE DEDICATED WORK OF THE STAFF CONCERNED," HE COMMENDED.

MR WONG SAID WHEN THE PUBLIC CAME TO APPRECIATE THE SUCCESS THE INMATES USUALLY ACHIEVED IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, CSD STAFF'S EFFORTS IN MOTIVATING GUIDING AND TEACHING THESE CANDIDATES WERE ALSO GIVEN DUE RECOGNITION.

"WITH THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN RETURNING ALL VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TO THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN, THE CSD WILL FACE INCREASING PRESSURE FROM BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE DETENTION CENTRES.

"ON ONE HAND, CSD'S ROLE IS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND TO PROVIDE A STABLE AND PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT IN THE DETENTION CENTRES AND ON THE OTHER HAND, IT HAS A MAJOR ROLE IN REPATRIATION EXERCISE," HE POINTED OUT.

"IT HAS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND EMPHASISED THAT THERE ARE EXTRA-ORDINARILY DIFFICULT TASKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

"I AM FULLY CONVINCED THAT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE DOES APPRECIATE THIS," MR WONG ADDED.

A TOTAL OF 112 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE 23-WEEKS' BASIC TRAINING TOOK PART IN TODAY'S PARADE.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN 1994/95 WHICH AIMS AT IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF SAFETY AND HEALTH IN WORK PLACES IN HONG KONG AND TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF ACCIDENTS AND ILL-HEALTH AT WORK IS BEING LAUNCHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID: "THROUGH THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, WE HOPE TO DEVELOP A PROPER SAFETY CULTURE AMONG THE MANAGEMENT, THE WORKFORCE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC."

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS ALWAYS COMMITTED TO CUTTING DOWN ACCIDENTS AT WORK.

"HOWEVER, TO RELY WHOLLY ON FACTORY INSPECTORS TO SOLVE ALL THE SAFETY PROBLEMS IS NEITHER COST-EFFECTIVE NOR PRACTICABLE," HE SAID.

"EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAVE TO DO A LOT MORE TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES."

THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR NOTED THAT OVER THE YEARS, A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO PROMOTE SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

HE SAID THAT ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WERE GIVEN TO MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY PERFORMANCE, RANGING FROM DEVELOPING SAFETY POLICY TO ENSURE AN ORGANISED SYSTEMATIC APPROACH IN ENHANCING SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING ENVIRONMENTS TO ADVISING ON PROPER USE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, AND PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS ARISING FROM THE USE OF MACHINERY AND HARMFUL OR FIRE-HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS.

IN ADDITION, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE HELPS INDUSTRIES TO DEVELOP IN-PLANT SAFETY COMMITTEES TO ADDRESS THEIR OWN SAFETY AND HEALTH PROBLEM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF SELF-REGULATION TO CURB ACCIDENTS IN A DO-IT-YOURSELF MANNER.

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION OF THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENSURING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT THEIR PLACE OF WORK CAN BE MADE AND MONITORED," MR CHAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PERSONS AT WORK RESTED WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS NONETHELESS DOING ITS UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY CAUSE THROUGH IMPLEMENTING ITS COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PROGRAMME.

"SAFETY LAWS HAVE BEEN MADE OR AMENDED TO COPE WITH THE NEED OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY WITH REFERENCE TO THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND PRACTICES.

"AT THE SAME TIME, TOUGH ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS ALSO BEING MAINTAINED OR FURTHER STEPPED UP WHERE NECESSARY," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT AS ACCIDENTS WERE MAINLY CAUSED BY THE ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE MANAGEMENT CONTROL, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WOULD CARRY FORWARD A RANGE OF ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE PURSUIT OF HIGH STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AS AN INTEGRAL OBJECTIVE OF "QUALITY" APPROACHES TO MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING.

ACTION WILL INCLUDE:

- * PROMOTION OF STRUCTURED SAFETY AUDIT SYSTEMS;
- * INCREASED EMPHASIS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH RISKS AND POSITIVE PROMOTION OF HEALTH OF WORK; AND
- * INITIATIVES TO RAISE THE PROFILE AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING.

"MORE RESOURCES WILL BE PUT ON INDUSTRIES AND PROCESSES WHICH HAVE POOR ACCIDENT AND ILL-HEALTH RECORDS. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS AN EXAMPLE OF THEM," MR CHAN SAID.

"WE SHALL CONTINUE TO APPEAL TO THE EMPLOYERS TO TAKE UP THEIR FULL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING A SAFE WORK PLACE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SHALL ALSO URGE WORKERS TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THE OTHERS, INCLUDING THEIR FELLOW WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF THE THREE PARTIES - EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT, HONG KONG WILL BE MADE A SAFER AND HEALTHIER PLACE TO WORK," MR CHAN ADDED.

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REVISED FEE FOR VALUATION LIST DATA

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THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE FEE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION, AND RATEABLE VALUE OF ANY TENEMENT CONTAINED IN A VALUATION LIST WOULD BE REVISED FROM \$55 TO \$60 WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1, 1994.

THE REVISION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

SECTION 15(4) OF THE RATING ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH FEE.

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REVISED FEE FOR RATES/CROWN RENT ENQUIRY

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THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FEE FOR ENQUIRY OF AN OUTSTANDING RATES OR CROWN RENT ACCOUNT WOULD BE REVISED FROM \$50 TO \$55 WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 1, 1994.

THE INCREASE IS TO RECOVER THE COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICE.

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HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO BE IMPROVED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL ALIGNMENT AND SIGHT LINE OF THE HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE PETROL STATION AND PO TUNG ROAD.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL PROVIDE A NEW JUNCTION CONNECTING ROAD 3A TO ACCESS THE RECLAMATION OF SAI KUNG CREEK WHICH IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE BASIC ROAD WIDTH WILL BE 7.3 METRES WITH WIDENING TO PROVIDE RIGHT TURN LANES AT THE PETROL STATION AND JUNCTION WITH ROAD 3A.

ALLOWANCE WILL BE MADE IN THE DESIGN FOR THE POSSIBLE FUTURE DUALLING OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND THOSE AREAS FORMED AS PART OF THE WORKS WILL BE LANDSCAPED FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT WHEN REQUIRED.

DETAILED OF THE PROPOSED WORKS WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAI KUNG, THIRD FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 27.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN ROADWORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORY WEST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ROADS, THE ASSOCIATED DRAINS AND DRAINAGE CHANEL IMPROVEMENT.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN 14 MONTHS.

A NOTICE OF THE TENDER INVITATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MESSRS SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, 38TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA, TOWER 1, 223 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON AUGUST 19.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER MAINS LAYING IN SAI KUNG

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 10 KILOMETRES OF DUCTILE IRON FRESH WATER MAINS IN HIGH ISLAND, SAI KUNG TO SUPPLY TREATED WATER TO THE VILLAGES IN LEUNG SHUEN WAN, PAK A, PAK LAP, TUNG A AND SHA KIU.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1996.

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

TENDERS OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON AUGUST 19.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,095	0930	-1,311
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,134	1000	-1,111
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-1,191
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+810	1200	-1,191
LAF TODAY	-771	1500	+527
		1600	+810

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 123.1 *+0.4* 29.7.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.98	16 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.11	5.74
1 MONTH	3.78	22 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.36	6.22
3 MONTHS	4.20	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.45	6.72
6 MONTHS	4.62	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.55	6.85
12 MONTHS	5.30	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.20	6.99

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 26,566 MN

CLOSED 29 JULY 1994

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