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ALLIED GROUP PROBE UPDATES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HE HAD SENT COPIES OF THE FULL REPORT, PRODUCED BY THE INSPECTOR APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO THE ALLIED GROUP, TO ALL THE 27 COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION.

"AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE STANDARDS OF COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE CONDUCT AS REVEALED IN THE REPORT GAVE CAUSE FOR SERIOUS CONCERN. HE SAID THE REPORT HAD BEEN REFERRED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY BODIES.

HE SAID IN DELIVERING THE REPORT TO THE COMPANIES CONCERNED, HE HAD URGED THEIR DIRECTORS TO STUDY ITS CONTENT CAREFULLY AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY IN THE SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST.

"IN PUBLISHING THE ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE REPORT, OUR AIM IS TO BALANCE THE NEED TO GIVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO SHAREHOLDERS AS WELL AS THE WIDER COMMUNITY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT PREJUDICING ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS THAT MIGHT BE INITIATED IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THIS INVESTIGATION UNDERLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO EXPOSE THE FACTS BEHIND ANY APPARENT MALPRACTICES IN THE FINANCIAL MARKET IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS INTEGRITY AND TO ENABLE CONCERNED PARTIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

"THIS ACTION WILL ENHANCE CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT SAFEGUARDING THE INTEREST OF THE INVESTING PUBLIC," HE SAID.

THE INSPECTOR, MR NICHOLAS ALLEN OF COOPERS AND LYBRAND, WAS APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 143(1) (C) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF THE ALLIED GROUP LIMITED AND FOUR RELATED COMPANIES.

A FURTHER APPOINTMENT WAS MADE IN OCTOBER TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION TO ANOTHER 22 COMPANIES.

THE INSPECTOR SUBMITTED HIS REPORT TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON AUGUST 28 THIS YEAR.

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LAND REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR AUGUST

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF BUILDING UNITS, MAINLY FLATS, RECEIVED BY THE LAND REGISTRY FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH DECREASED BY 22.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH, BUT INCREASED BY 16.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH AUGUST LAST YEAR.

IN ALL 14,689 SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED WAS \$37.57 BILLION.

THESE FIGURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE LAND REGISTRAR ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION IN THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES.

A TABLE SHOWING THE RELEVANT STATISTICS FOR JULY 1993 AND JULY LAST YEAR WAS ALSO RELEASED.

THERE WERE 11 BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 16,416 OTHER MORTGAGES RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH, COMPARED WITH 14 AND 19,559 RESPECTIVELY IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW BUILDING MORTGAGES IN THE MONTH WAS \$2.25 BILLION COMPARED WITH \$1.69 BILLION IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES DROPPED BY 13 PER CENT, FROM \$7.91 BILLION IN AUGUST 1992 TO \$6.88 BILLION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEE'S RECEIPTS, DECREASED BY 30.3 PER CENT, FROM \$5.51 BILLION IN AUGUST LAST YEAR TO \$3.84 BILLION IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

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THE LAND REGISTRY
 Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received for
registration in the Urban and New Territories District Land Registries

Month : August 1993

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (\$)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	7,760 (7,910)	6,929 (7,030)	14,689 (14,940)	24,081,708,620.37	13,485,808,120.00	37,567,516,740.37
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	44	325	369	2,668,750,000.00	1,465,889,634.80	4,134,639,634.80
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	7,804	7,254	15,058	26,750,458,620.37	14,951,697,754.80	41,702,156,375.17
3.	Assignments of Building Units	8,978 (9,268)	5,810 (5,871)	14,788 (15,139)	30,205,217,303.37	8,888,283,420.85	39,093,500,724.22
4.	Assignments of Land	51	612	663	5,380,455,100.00	1,215,861,404.10	6,596,316,504.10
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	9,029	6,422	15,451	35,585,672,403.37	10,104,144,824.95	45,689,817,228.32
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	11	0	11	2,247,700,000.00	0.00	2,247,700,000.00
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	8,999	7,417	16,416	4,238,047,317.42	2,644,961,390.14	6,883,008,707.56
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	9,010	7,417	16,427	6,485,747,317.42	2,644,961,390.14	9,130,708,707.56
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	6,677	4,242	10,919	2,932,469,739.93	908,837,308.28	3,841,307,048.21
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	332	114	446			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	3,575	2,468	6,043			
	Total	36,427	27,917	64,344	71,754,348,081.09	28,609,641,278.17	100,363,989,359.26

Note : Figures in brackets denote number of units involved

THE LAND REGISTRY
Comparison of Monthly Statistics

Month : August 1993

Item	1993 August	1993 July	1992 August	August 1993 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with							
				July 1993		August 1992					
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage				
1. Agreements for Sales and Purchase of Building Units											
(a) No.	14,689	18,881	12,603	-	4,192	-	22.2	+	2,086	+	16.6
(b) Consideration	\$37,567,516,740.37	\$55,832,580,115.66	\$32,217,888,238.00	-	\$18,265,063,375.29	-	32.7	+	\$5,349,628,502.37	+	16.6
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land											
(a) No.	369	402	440	-	33	-	8.2	-	71	-	16.1
(b) Consideration	\$4,134,639,634.80	\$14,051,176,137.26	\$3,950,532,943.20	-	\$9,916,536,502.46	-	70.6	+	\$184,106,691.60	+	4.7
Sub-total of (1) + (2)											
(a) No.	15,058	19,283	13,043	-	4,225	-	21.9	+	2,015	+	15.4
(b) Consideration	\$41,702,156,375.17	\$69,883,756,252.92	\$36,168,421,181.20	-	\$28,181,599,877.75	-	40.3	+	\$5,533,735,193.97	+	15.3
3. Assignments of Building Units											
(a) No.	14,788	15,513	19,089	-	725	-	4.7	-	4,301	-	22.5
(b) Consideration	\$39,093,500,724.22	\$36,427,679,388.29	\$35,823,047,398.76	+	\$2,665,821,335.93	+	7.3	+	\$3,270,453,325.46	+	9.1
4. Assignments of Land											
(a) No.	663	663	1,006		0		0.0	-	343	-	34.1
(b) Consideration	\$6,596,316,504.10	\$13,803,129,597.89	\$4,967,176,777.05	-	\$7,206,813,093.79	-	52.2	+	\$1,629,139,727.05	+	32.8
Sub-total of (3) + (4)											
(a) No.	15,451	16,176	20,095	-	725	-	4.5	-	4,644	-	23.1
(b) Consideration	\$45,689,817,228.32	\$50,230,808,986.18	\$40,790,224,175.81	-	\$4,540,991,757.86	-	9.0	+	\$4,899,593,052.51	+	12.0
5. Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges											
(a) No.	11	7	14	+	4	+	57.1	-	3	-	21.4
(b) Consideration	\$2,247,700,000.00	\$384,500,000.00	\$1,688,150,000.00	+	\$1,863,200,000.00	+	484.6	+	\$559,550,000.00	+	33.1
6. Other Mortgages/Legal Charges											
(a) No.	16,416	15,564	19,559	+	852	+	5.5	-	3,143	-	16.1
(b) Consideration	\$6,883,008,707.56	\$16,906,590,281.64	\$7,909,509,872.16	-	\$10,023,581,574.08	-	59.3	-	\$1,026,501,164.60	-	13.0
Sub-total of (5) + (6)											
(a) No.	16,427	15,571	19,573	+	856	+	5.5	-	3,146	-	16.1
(b) Consideration	\$9,130,708,707.56	\$17,291,090,281.64	\$9,597,659,872.16	-	\$8,160,381,574.08	-	47.2	-	\$466,951,164.60	-	4.9
7. Receipts/Discharges/Releases											
(a) No.	10,919	10,481	13,205	+	438	+	4.2	-	2,286	-	17.3
(b) Consideration	\$3,841,307,048.21	\$2,711,583,450.90	\$5,508,017,751.98	+	\$1,129,723,597.31	+	41.7	-	\$1,666,710,703.77	-	30.3

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TWO LOTS FOR AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, IT WAS GAZETTED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT AREA 11, AT THE JUNCTION OF ON SUM STREET AND ON YIU STREET, SHA TIN.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,200 SQUARE METRES, IT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 23,940 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE OTHER LOT IS LOCATED IN TAK YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,555 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN (EXCLUDING OFFENSIVE TRADE) PURPOSES, WITH THE FIRST FLOOR TO BE USED FOR REPAIRING MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 17,064 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996.

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

SALE PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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

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HEALTH CARE SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM: SHW

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HONG KONG'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM NEEDS CHANGE BECAUSE PRESSURE ON IT WILL INCREASE AS MORE AND MORE PATIENTS SEEK HELP WHILE FEWER AND FEWER WORKING-AGE PEOPLE ARE LEFT TO FUND IT, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, MEDICAL COSTS ARE SPIRALLING UPWARD.

"THIS SITUATION IS ALSO AFFECTING OTHER COUNTRIES AND THEY HAVE BEEN REFORMING THEIR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO FIND SOLUTIONS," MRS WONG SAID AT A SEMINAR ON "HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG BEFORE AND AFTER 1997".

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"THE SYSTEM WILL CERTAINLY EXPERIENCE CHANGE OVER THE NEXT FIVE OR 10 YEARS -- JUST AS IT HAS BEEN CHANGING IN THE PAST FIVE OR 10 YEARS -- BUT THIS CHANGE IS DETERMINED BY COMMUNITY NEED, NOT BY ANY DATE ON A CALENDAR," SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT SHOWING OPTIONS TO REFORM THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

"OF THE FIVE OPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, THE GOVERNMENT THINKS THAT THREE ARE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR INTRODUCTION IN HONG KONG," THE SECRETARY SAID.

ONE OF THESE IS THE PERCENTAGE SUBSIDY APPROACH, WHICH AIMS TO RATIONALISE THE FEE CHARGING SYSTEM.

SHE REFUTED CRITICISMS THAT THIS PROPOSAL MEANT "PEGGING TO COSTS" AND IMPLIED THAT EACH PATIENT WOULD PAY A PERCENTAGE OF HIS OWN MEDICAL BILL.

"THIS IS NOT WHAT IS PROPOSED," SHE STRESSED.

MRS WONG EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS FOR THE DAILY FEE FOR EACH TYPE OF HOSPITAL TO BE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THAT TYPE OF HOSPITAL'S AVERAGE OPERATING COST.

"THUS PSYCHIATRIC OR CONVALESCENT PATIENTS WILL PAY LESS THAN SOMEONE IN AN ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE IT COSTS LESS TO TREAT THEM THERE," SHE SAID.

THE SECOND FEASIBLE OPTION IS THE TARGET GROUP APPROACH WHICH AIMS TO DIRECT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY MORE ACCURATELY AT THOSE IN NEED SO AS TO ACHIEVE A MORE EQUITABLE USE OF RESOURCES.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT THERE WAS EFFECTIVELY ONLY ONE CLASS OF ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS -- THE GENERAL WARD BED -- BUT MORE THAN ONE CLASS OF PATIENT.

"THERE ARE MANY WHO, WHILE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO GO TO A PRIVATE HOSPITAL, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AND ARE PREPARED TO PAY SOMETHING MORE FOR A HIGHER STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION IN A PUBLIC HOSPITAL," SHE SAID.

AT THE OTHER END OF THE SCALE, THERE ARE MANY POOR PATIENTS ATTENDING PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND CLINICS WHO ARE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR FEES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVER IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY, WHICH IS BOTH INEFFICIENT AND UNCERTAIN.

"THE TARGET GROUP APPROACH PROPOSES A NEW TYPE OF SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS," MRS WONG SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WOULD GIVE A CHOICE OF GREATER PRIVACY AND COMFORT IN RETURN FOR HIGHER FEES.

THIS OPTION ALSO OUTLINES AN AUTOMATIC WAIVER SYSTEM FOR NEEDY GROUPS OF PATIENTS SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR FEE REMISSION WITH CERTAINTY.

"THESE PATIENTS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC SECTOR TREATMENT AT A REDUCED FEE, OR IN SOME CASES, FOR FREE," SHE ADDED.

THE THIRD OPTION IS THE CO-ORDINATED VOLUNTARY INSURANCE APPROACH WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WHEREBY PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES CAN COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER TO OFFER MEDICAL INSURANCE PLANS WITH GREATER OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT PEOPLE WHO WERE PROPERLY INSURED HAVE MORE CHOICE THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT, BECAUSE INSURANCE ALLOWED THEM ACCESS TO PRIVATE MEDICAL, WHICH MIGHT BE BEYOND THEIR MEANS IF IT WERE NOT FOR INSURANCE.

AT PRESENT, SOME 14 PER CENT OF HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE COVERED BY INSURANCE, AND THE MARKET IS GROWING AT AN ESTIMATED 40 PER CENT PER YEAR.

"HOWEVER, ONE CRITICISM OF INSURANCE IS THAT IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR THE CONSUMER TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT PROTECTION HE IS BUYING," SHE SAID.

THIS OPTION WILL REQUIRE INSURANCE PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO A DESIGNATED BODY FOR APPROVAL.

THE BODY WOULD ONLY APPROVE PLANS WHICH MET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR ADEQUACY OF COVERAGE AND APPROPRIATENESS OF PREMIUM.

"ONLY PLANS INTENDED TO COVER TREATMENT IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL AND THE LEVEL OF PAYOUT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF TREATMENT IN A SEMI-PRIVATE ROOM," THE SECRETARY SAID.

HOWEVER, INSURANCE COMPANIES WOULD BE FREE TO SUBMIT OTHER PLANS TO THE DESIGNATED BODY TO RECEIVE A SEAL OF APPROVAL IF THEY SO WISHED.

"INDEED, I THINK THAT THIS WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AND STIMULATE THE INSURANCE MARKET," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, MRS WONG SAID THAT WHILE HONG KONG'S HEALTH INDICES WERE AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD, THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY.

"OUR AIM IS TO FURTHER DEVELOP PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AS TRULY PARTICIPATORY CARE, INVOLVING THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE," MRS WONG SAID.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE GOVERNMENT IS INTRODUCING MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES.

THESE INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DISTRICT HEALTH SYSTEM TO PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED NETWORK OF PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES ACROSS BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IS PROVIDED THROUGH A DISTRICT HEALTH COMMITTEE, AND A PILOT PROJECT IS IN OPERATION IN KWUN TONG.

IN ADDITION, A STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN 1995.

THE NEW SERVICE WILL EMPHASISE HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTIVE CARE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY ONE TO FORM SEVEN THROUGH PERIODIC SCREENING AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR WELL-WOMAN CLINICS AND ELDERLY CLINICS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE SCREENING FOR SPECIFIC DISEASES AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

"THE FIRST OF EACH OF THESE CLINICS WILL BE OPEN LATER THIS YEAR," MRS WONG SAID.

THE SECRETARY ALSO SPOKE OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF MEDICAL RECOGNITION WHICH, SHE SAID, WOULD NO LONGER BE APPROPRIATE AFTER 1997.

THE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY REGISTERABLE IN HONG KONG ARE DERIVED FROM HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

GRADUATES OF MANY FAMOUS OVERSEAS MEDICAL SCHOOLS CANNOT PRACTISE HERE BECAUSE THEY COME FROM A COUNTRY WHICH DID NOT ENJOY RECIPROCITY WITH THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"THIS IS AN ANOMALY WHICH NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED," MRS WONG SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT WHATEVER MEDICAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE, A KEY REQUIREMENT WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WORKING HERE MUST MEET A UNIFORM AND CONSISTENTLY HIGH SET OF STANDARD.

"ONLY THEN CAN THE SAFETY AND INTERESTS OF THE PATIENTS BE PROTECTED," SHE STRESSED.

IN CONCLUSION, MRS WONG SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THE FUTURE WOULD BE A TIME OF CHANGE AND A TIME OF CHALLENGE FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

"A NEW PATIENT-ORIENTED CULTURE OF SERVICE IS DEVELOPING, IN WHICH IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE DOCTOR JUST TO CURE HIS PATIENT," SHE SAID.

"HE HAS ALSO TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE WHICH RESPECTS THE PATIENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL," MRS WONG ADDED.

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FANLING SITE FOR PSPS DEVELOPMENT

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A SITE IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES, FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

THE LOT IN AREA 18, FANLING, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 15,500 SQUARE METRES IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING HOTEL, CINEMA AND GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 76,870 SQUARE METRES AND THE GROSS FLOOR FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES NOT MORE THAN 1,200 SQUARE METRES.

THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS SHOULD BE BETWEEN 1,350 AND 1,450.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 12.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS 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.

TENDER PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SECOND CHINA STUDIES COURSE DUE TO START

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ANOTHER GROUP OF SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS WILL LEAVE FOR BEIJING TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE SECOND CHINA STUDIES COURSE IN QINGHUA UNIVERSITY.

THE PARTY, LED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR ALBERT LAM, IS MADE UP OF 10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND 11 DEPARTMENTAL GRADE OFFICERS.

THE COURSE WILL LAST FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 7.

AS WITH THE FIRST COURSE, THE STUDY PROGRAMME INCLUDES LECTURES IN CHINESE HISTORY, LAW, GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO VISIT AREAS OUTSIDE BEIJING TO COMPARE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN VARIOUS REGIONS, AND TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

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JETTIES AT LUNG KWU CHAU AND SHA CHAU PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD TWO JETTIES AT LUNG KWU CHAU AND SHA CHAU TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIL AVIATION FACILITIES FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THE JETTIES WILL PROVIDE ACCESS FOR BUILDING A NAVIGATIONAL AID FACILITY ON LUNG KWU CHAU AND A RADAR STATION ON SHA CHAU. ABOUT 2.25 AND 1.9 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OF THE TWO ISLANDS WILL BE AFFECTED RESPECTIVELY.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE JETTIES IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT JUNE FOR COMPLETION AROUND MAY 1995.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTS WAS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AREAS INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BEFORE NOVEMBER 17 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE RELEVANT NOTICES AND PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TEACHERS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TECHNIQUES

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AS HONG KONG UNDERGOES RAPID SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES, TEACHERS TODAY ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES APART FROM CLASSROOM TEACHING DUTIES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE FOR 173 SERVING SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR WONG SAID THE COURSE WAS TAILORED-MADE FOR SERVING TEACHERS' NEEDS.

"PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TO DEVELOP NEW TECHNIQUES IN CURRICULUM, TEACHING MANAGEMENT, HOME-SCHOOL CO-OPERATION AND COUNSELLING, AND TO DEVELOP LEARNING SKILLS AMONG STUDENTS," MR WONG SAID.

THE AIM AS STIPULATED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION PUBLISHED IN 1978 WAS TO UPDATE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON MODERN TEACHING METHODS, HE SAID.

IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR, 408 GRADUATE TEACHERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THIS BRINGS TO 853 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATE TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN THE RETRAINING COURSE OPERATED BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EDUCATION SUNDAY.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

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| * CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL
16 CAINE ROAD, MID-LEVELS,
HONG KONG. | CHINESE SERVICE | 11 AM |
| * ST TERESA'S CHURCH
258 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD,
KOWLOON TONG. | ENGLISH SERVICE | 11 AM |
| * ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL
HONG KONG. | ENGLISH SERVICE | 11.30 AM |
| * HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
135 MA TA CHUNG ROAD,
KOWLOON CITY. | CHINESE SERVICE | 11 AM |

ATTENDING THE SERVICES WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG (CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL); THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SERVICES AND INSTITUTES), MR K H CHAN (ST TERESA'S CHURCH); ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING AND RESEARCH), MR T F MAN (HOLY TRINITY CHURCH); AND PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, MR DAVID PUN (ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL).

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CAR MARKS SOLD FOR CHARITY

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FIFTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS FETCHED \$1,999,000 IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING. THE SUM WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE LECTURE HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK FN8 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$420,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK DL8888 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$240,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR FJ7992, FH6783, FJ744 AND FJ594.

FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

FJ968	\$ 48,000	FH911	\$ 20,000	FJ3228	\$ 32,000	FJ338	\$ 75,000
FH1038	4,000	FJ8288	26,000	AW8300	11,000	DR2389	17,000
*FJ2882	18,000	*DL12	130,000	*DL8888	240,000	*FN8	420,000
AA7428	26,000	FJ316	2,000	FH228	40,000	HK3222	100,000
FG822	19,000	AR175	8,000	BL338	70,000	FJ870	7,000
FK448	10,000	FG928	32,000	FJ3839	7,000	AA4568	35,000
DF885	2,000	XX170	48,000	FJ322	16,000	FJ7789	8,000
*FR4	80,000	*1230	130,000	*FK10	100,000	*FR400	25,000
FK163	50,000	FJ1112	10,000	EB280	20,000	FJ1125	4,000
FJ837	2,000	FH8898	18,000	FK3283	7,000	FH6661	6,000
FJ835	3,000	FJ106	13,000	*ED1122	40,000	FJ7992	1,000
FH6783	1,000	FJ744	1,000	FH1966	3,000	*FR242	12,000
FJ594	1,000	FJ5489	WITHDRAWN				

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 202ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$214,824,905.

BECAUSE THERE WERE NO BIDDERS FOR FJ5489, THE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,905
REVERSAL OF LAF	+95
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-50
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,950
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.0 *+0.2*	18.9.93

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