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CBF HAS CONFIDENCE IN HK SOLDIERS

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MAJOR GENERAL JOHN FOLEY, COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, TODAY (FRIDAY) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING MATTERS SURROUNDING THE RECENT RESCUE OF BRITISH SOLDIERS FROM MOUNT KINABALU:

"I HAVE NOTED THE TONE OF SOME RECENT PUBLIC COMMENT, REPORTED IN THE MEDIA BOTH HERE AND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, CONCERNING THE HONG KONG SOLDIERS OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS (HKMSC), AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE GULLY HEIGHTS.

"IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO ENTER A PUBLIC DEBATE ON MATTERS WHICH WILL QUITE PROPERLY BE THE SUBJECT OF AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY.

"HOWEVER I WISH IT TO BE KNOWN THAT I HAVE TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN THE SOLDIERS OF THE CORPS, WITHOUT WHOM THE HONG KONG GARRISON WOULD BE UNABLE TO OPERATE, AND AM PROUD TO HAVE THEM UNDER MY COMMAND.

"THEY ARE INVOLVED IN MOST ASPECTS OF GARRISON LIFE AND ACTIVITY AND THEIR EFFICIENCY, TRAINING, FITNESS AND GOOD HUMOUR ARE A CREDIT TO THEM AND SOMETHING OF WHICH BOTH THEY AND HONG KONG ARE ENTITLED TO BE PROUD. WHEN THEY RETURN, AS INEVITABLY THEY MUST, TO CIVILIAN LIFE THEY WILL BRING THESE QUALITIES WITH THEM.

"I CONSIDER THAT THE THREE HKMSC SOLDIERS WHO SURVIVED THE RECENT EXERCISE GULLY HEIGHTS HAVE CONDUCTED, AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT, THEMSELVES WITH DIGNITY, RESTRAINT, AND FORTITUDE."

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT DETENTION CENTRES STAGED IN PEACE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SITUATIONS AT WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE AND HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE WERE BY AND LARGE PEACEFUL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED HOWEVER THAT THERE WERE SPORADIC DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS (VMS) AND YESTERDAY'S TRANSFER OF VMS FROM WHITEHEAD TO HIGH ISLAND. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE STAGED IN A PEACEFUL MANNER AND NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS HAPPENED.

AT THE HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE, SOME 700 VIETNAMESE FROM THE SOUTH CAMP DEMONSTRATED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR STARTING SHORTLY AFTER 10 AM. ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION INVOLVING 600 PEOPLE BEGAN AT 4 PM AND LASTED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

THOSE WHO WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTRE FROM WHITEHEAD YESTERDAY WERE NOW ACCOMMODATED IN THE NORTH SECTION. THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS.

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AT WHITEHEAD, CROWDS STARTED TO GATHER IN THE COMPOUNDS OF VARIOUS SECTIONS AT ABOUT 1.40 PM WHEN A COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER WAS SEEN HOVERING ABOVE THE DETENTION CENTRE.

THIS DEVELOPED INTO SMALL SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS AT SOME OF THE SECTIONS. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE DEMONSTRATION, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 3,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED. LIFE AT ALL SECTIONS RETURNED TO NORMAL AT ABOUT 5 PM.

MEANWHILE, 110 VMS FROM HIGH ISLAND'S SOUTH CAMP AND 28 FROM WHITEHEAD REFUSED TO TAKE THE EVENING MEALS ISSUED BY THE MANAGEMENT.

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#### HEBE HAVEN DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLAN APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE HEBE HAVEN DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AREA COVERS THE ENTIRE COASTAL AREA OF HEBE HAVEN OR PAK SHA WAN IN SAI KUNG AND THE SURROUNDING HILL SLOPES OF HIGH SCENIC VALUE.

IT IS RURAL WITH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AS SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES TO WATER SPORTS ALONG THE COASTAL AREA OF HEBE HAVEN.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ARE MAINLY RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL OUTLETS WHILE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BOAT MANUFACTURING AND REPAIRING. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA ARE, HOWEVER, DECLINING WITH MOST FARMLAND LYING FALLOW.

IN RECENT YEARS, SOME OF THE FALLOW FARMLAND HAVE GRADUALLY BEEN CONVERTED TO WORKSHOPS, CAR DUMPING OR REPAIRING YARDS AND OPEN STORAGE USES.

"THESE USES HAVE DEGRADED THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CREATED PROBLEMS LIKE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND VISUAL BLIGHT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SCENIC VALUE AND EXISTENCE OF MARINE-RELATED FACILITIES, THE AREA IS SUBJECT TO GREAT URBAN DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE.

"THE DPA PLAN IS TO INTRODUCE PROPER PLANNING CONTROL TO THE AREA AND ENSURE THAT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CAREFUL PLANNING CONSIDERATION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN HEBE HAVEN, ABOUT 14 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT". THE ZONE COVERS THE EXISTING RECOGNISED VILLAGES, INCLUDING TA HO TUN SHEUNG WAI, TA HO TUN HA WAI, TSIU HANG, TSIU HANG HAU, MA NAM WAT, CHE KENG TUK, HEUNG CHUNG AND AU TSAI TSUEN.

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IN ADDITION, ABOUT 127 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED "COUNTRY PARK". THIS INCLUDES THE TSIU HANG SPECIAL AREA, WHICH IS A NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE, AND A SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN PAK SHA WAN PENINSULA.

ANY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THIS ZONE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY. NO SEPARATE PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD IS REQUIRED.

THREE PATCHES OF LAND HAVE ALSO BEEN ZONED "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)". THESE AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS IN PLOT RATIO RANGING FROM 0.21 TO 0.6 AND IN SITE COVERAGE RANGING FROM 12.5 PER CENT TO 30 PER CENT.

THE MARINA COVE HAS BEEN ZONED "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED RESIDENTIAL CUM MARINA DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER LAND USES IN THE AREA INCLUDE "GREEN BELT", "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "UNSPECIFIED USE" AREA AND ROAD RESERVE.

THE APPROVED PLAN IS BEING PUT UP FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL APRIL 15 IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD,  
HONG KONG.
- \* SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE,  
SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
34 CHAN MAN STREET,  
SAI KUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* SAI KUNG AND TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
SUITE 1209, 12TH FLOOR, CHINACHEM GOLDEN PLAZA,  
77 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

COPIES OF THE PLAN (NO. DPA/SK-HH/2) ARE ON SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

TENDERS CLOSE FOR ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK SECTION  
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TENDERS FOR THE ROUTE 3 - COUNTRY PARK SECTION (TAI LAM TUNNEL AND YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD) FRANCHISE CLOSED TODAY (FRIDAY). THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED THREE BIDS TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT ON A "BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER" BASIS.

THE THREE CONSORTIA ARE:

- \* HONG KONG ROUTE 3 COMPANY LIMITED, COMPRISING CITIC PACIFIC LIMITED AND CHINA MERCHANTS HOLDINGS (HONG KONG) COMPANY LIMITED;
- \* ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK CONSORTIUM, COMPRISING SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LIMITED, BANK OF CHINA GROUP INVESTMENT LIMITED, CHINA RESOURCES (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED, AND CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE (HOLDINGS) HONG KONG LIMITED; AND
- \* TRIPLE WISE LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY OF CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED.

THE BIDS ARE NOW BEING EXAMINED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S TIMETABLE, A DECISION ON THE AWARD OF THE FRANCHISE IS EXPECTED TO BE REACHED BY THE END OF 1994 SO THAT CONSTRUCTION CAN START IN EARLY 1995.

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SUBMARINE SEWAGE OUTFALL ON NORTH LANTAU  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT A SUBMARINE SEWAGE OUTFALL WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 14.55 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN SIU HO WAN ON NORTH LANTAU AND SIU MO TO.

THE TWO-KILOMETRE OUTFALL WILL CONVEY THE EFFLUENT FROM THE TREATMENT WORKS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT SIU HO WAN INTO THE DEEP WATERS TO THE SOUTH OF SIU MO TO.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 1997.

DURING THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE NORTH LANTAU DEVELOPMENT, THE EFFLUENT WILL RECEIVE PRELIMINARY TREATMENT WITH COARSE SCREENING AND GRIT REMOVAL, TO BE FOLLOWED BY FINE SCREENING AT THE TREATMENT WORKS BEFORE DISCHARGE VIA THE OUTFALL.

THIS TREATMENT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COMPLY WITH WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES.

IN THE LONG TERM, PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR UPGRADING THE TREATMENT FACILITIES TO PROVIDE FULL TREATMENT OF THE SEWAGE BEFORE IT IS DISCHARGED VIA THE OUTFALL.

A THREE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE FIELD MONITORING PROGRAMME WILL BE INSTITUTED TO DETERMINE THE NEED AND THE TIMING FOR UPGRADING THE TREATMENT LEVEL.

THE SEWAGE FACILITIES WILL SERVE THE CHEK LAP KOK AIRPORT, THE TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN, THE PORT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS ON NORTH LANTAU.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS TO CLAIM COMPENSATION WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE GAZETTE NOTICE.

HE SHOULD STATE THE SUM OF MONEY THAT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SUBMIT PARTICULARS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

THE NOTICE AND THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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#### BUILDINGS ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED

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A BILL THAT AIMS TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS INCLUDING ATTAINING BETTER ENERGY CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WILL EMPOWER THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS TO MAKE REGULATIONS TO CONSERVE ENERGY.

AS A FIRST STEP, REGULATIONS WILL SOON BE MADE TO CONTROL THE OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUE (OTTV) OF THE WALLS AND ROOFS OF NEW COMMERCIAL AND HOTEL BUILDINGS.

DEVELOPERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MATTERS SUCH AS THE MATERIALS USED IN AND THE SIZE AND DISPOSITION OF WINDOWS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID A BUILDING CONSTRUCTED WITH GOOD OTTV WILL REDUCE HEAT TRANSMISSION AND THUS ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OF AIR-CONDITIONING.

THIS WILL ATTAIN BETTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO UPDATE THE APPEAL PROCEDURE BY SETTING UP AN INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL TO HEAR APPEALS AGAINST THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S DECISIONS.

UNDER THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, DIFFERENT TYPES OF APPEALS MADE UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ARE DEALT WITH BY DIFFERENT APPEAL BODIES.

THE BILL ALSO AIMS TO IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM SO THAT AUTHORISED PERSONS, REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, REGISTERED BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND REGISTERED VENTILATION CONTRACTORS MAY APPLY FOR REGISTRATION OR RETENTION OF EXISTING REGISTRATION FOR ONE OR THREE YEARS, AND A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION VALID FOR SUCH PERIOD CAN BE ISSUED TO A QUALIFIED APPLICANT.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE BILL WILL GIVE THE BUILDING AUTHORITY POWER TO CLOSE WELLS IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, WHERE CONTINUED DRAWING OF WATER FROM THESE WELLS MIGHT ENDANGER NEARBY BUILDINGS OWING TO THE GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS THERE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EX-GRATIA PAYMENT WOULD BE GRANTED TO AFFECTED BUILDING OWNERS IF THE WELLS WERE CLOSED.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 20.

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EXTENSION OF PIER IN SAI KUNG

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND THE PIER AT KAU SAI IN SAI KUNG TO PROVIDE IMPROVED ACCESS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

THE WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO AFFECT ABOUT 336 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT KAU SAI.

IT WILL EXTEND THE PIER BY 2.6 METRES IN LENGTH AND 10.8 METRES IN WIDTH AND ADD TWO FLIGHTS OF STAIRS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED MAY SEND A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 8, 1995.

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BOARD TO REVIEW OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REFERRED THE MID-LEVELS WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/H11/5) TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE LATEST PLANNING PROPOSALS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN WAS LAST APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 1993.

"THE BOARD WILL REVISE THE PLAN, WHICH, AFTER INCORPORATING THE LATEST AMENDMENTS, WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN DUE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LUNG CHEUNG AND CHING CHEUNG ROADS TO BE IMPROVED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM CONTRACTORS TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR TENDERING FOR THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND CHING CHEUNG ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM A DUAL TWO- TO A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, FORMATION OF CUT AND FILL SLOPES, REPROVISION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, AN UNDERPASS, ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS.

DETAILS OF THE PRE-QUALIFICATION INVITATION WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORK LIST I GROUP C CONFIRMED FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS OR SITE FORMATION, OR ON PUBLIC WORKS LIST II CONFIRMED FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS OR SITE FORMATION, OR JOINT VENTURES OF THE LIST I OR LIST II APPROVED CONTRACTORS CAN APPLY TO THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/KOWLOON, HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1322, NAN FUNG COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 19 LAM KOK STREET, KOWLOON BAY, KOWLOON FOR DETAILS.

COMPLETED PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED AS DIRECTED NO LATER THAN NOON ON MAY 6.

JOINT VENTURES WITH OTHER FIRMS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN JUNE THIS YEAR FROM THE PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND JUNE 1997.

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CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES ORDINANCE TO BRING THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES INTO LINE WITH THOSE OF SIMILAR BODIES.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMENDMENTS WOULD GIVE THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT LEGAL POWERS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

"THEY PROVIDE FOR THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS BY CIRCULATION OF PAPERS TO EMPLOY A PROFESSIONAL FUND MANAGER TO MANAGE INVESTMENTS, AND TO HAVE WIDER DISCRETION OVER THE INVESTMENTS IT MAY MAKE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SIMILAR POWERS WERE ALREADY ENJOYED BY OTHER TRUST FUND BODIES SUPERVISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE BILL IS DUE TO HAVE ITS FIRST READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 20.

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SWISS BANK GRANTED HK LICENCE  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT COUTTS & CO AG HAD BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

IT IS THE 46TH LARGEST BANK IN SWITZERLAND AND RANKS 1186TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF ASSETS.

THE BANK HAS AN OVERSEAS BRANCH IN NEW YORK, REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES IN SINGAPORE AND TOKYO AND SUBSIDIARIES IN NASSAU AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

IN HONG KONG, IT HAS A SUBSIDIARY, COUTTS & CO (ASIA) LTD, WHICH IS CURRENTLY A REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER WITH THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN OPERATING A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE JULY 1977.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S CONTINUED IMPORTANCE AND ATTRACTIVENESS AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THIS LICENCE IS THE FOURTH BANKING LICENCE GRANTED THIS YEAR.

THERE ARE NOW 176 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 144 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY.

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TSING YI TO GET MORE SPORTS FACILITIES

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND A SPORTSGROUND NEAR TSING KING ROAD ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE 25,000-SQUARE-METRE SPORTSGROUND HAS A RUNNING TRACK, A SOCCER PITCH AND A COVERED SPECTATOR STAND.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START IN JULY FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON MAY 6.

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SEARCH FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL CONTRACTORS

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS FOR A WORKS CONTRACT FOR STAGE I OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT TWO YEARS, WILL COVER THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF SLUDGE TREATMENT FACILITIES AT A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE ASSOCIATED CIVIL AND BUILDING WORKS COMPRISING LIQUID, CAKE AND DRIED SLUDGE HANDLING AND STORAGE, SLUDGE DEWATERING AND DRYING PLANT WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF BETWEEN 460 AND 670 TONNES DRY SOLIDS A DAY.

A NOTICE INVITING THE SUBMISSIONS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONLY CONTRACTORS WITH SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND EXPERIENCE OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SLUDGE TREATMENT FACILITIES AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE PROJECT'S CONSULTANT, MONTGOMERY WATSON HONG KONG LIMITED, 1911 WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RETURNING THE DOCUMENTS IS NOON ON MAY 18.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS TO TENDER FOR THE CONTRACT LATER THIS YEAR.

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OPEN FORUM FOR CONDUCT COUNCIL ELECTION  
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A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION ELECTION WILL MEET VOTERS TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLATFORMS IN AN OPEN FORUM ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON SUNDAY (APRIL 10).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FORUM WOULD BE ATTENDED BY CANDIDATES COMPETING IN THE CATEGORY OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND ORGANISATIONS. THE CANDIDATES WOULD FIRST GIVE A SHORT ELECTION SPEECH AND THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

THE FORUM WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 10) AT THE HALL OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON.

"KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS, TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EDUCATIONAL BODIES, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FORUM WHERE THEY CAN GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES COMPETING IN THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 20," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE TWO FORUMS FOR CANDIDATES OF THE COUNCIL IN PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION ELECTION.

THE COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MEASURES TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF OPERATIONAL CRITERIA DEFINING THE CONDUCT EXPECTED OF AN EDUCATOR, AND TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN RESOLVING CASES OF DISPUTE OR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPEN FORUM ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR CANDIDATES OF THE COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION ELECTION.

THIS WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 10), AT THE HALL OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON.

FARE REVISED FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTE 21K  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FARE OF KOWLOON PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) ROUTE 21K PLYING FROM IVY STREET, TAI KOK TSUI TO MONG KOK KCR STATION (CIRCULAR) WILL BE ADJUSTED TO \$2.8 PER SINGLE JOURNEY FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 10).

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,412	0930	+240
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,987	1000	+129
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+574
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+575	1200	+574
LAF TODAY	+1,000	1500	+575
		1600	+575

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 125.7 \*+0.1\* 8.4.94

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.18 PCT	17 MONTHS	2508	4.625	99.66	4.94
1 MONTH	3.29 PCT	20 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.54	5.17
3 MONTHS	3.66 PCT	23 MONTHS	2602	4.40	98.37	5.41
6 MONTHS	3.91 PCT	31 MONTHS	3610	4.20	96.18	5.92
12 MONTHS	4.48 PCT	34 MONTHS	3701	4.60	96.40	6.11

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 25,468 MN

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