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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME BEGINS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER ON A BANK DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME (DPS).

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED NO CONCLUSION, PRELIMINARY OR OTHERWISE, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A DPS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG.

"DPS HAS ITS PROS AND CONS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF VARIOUS SECTORS BEFORE MAKING UP ITS MIND," HE SAID.

THE PAPER NOTES THAT DPS HAS ITS LIMITATIONS.

SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PREVENT BANK FAILURES NOR WOULD IT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH SYSTEMIC FAILURE OF BANKS, OR EVEN THE FAILURE OF ONE OF THE VERY LARGEST BANKS IN THE ECONOMY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PAPER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DPS WOULD HAVE A ROLE IN THE EVENT OF AN ISOLATED FAILURE OF A SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED BANK.

"IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, A DPS MIGHT BE ABLE TO COMPENSATE SMALL DEPOSITORS EITHER FULLY OR PARTLY AND TO ENHANCE THE STABILITY OF A BANKING SYSTEM AT TIMES OF UNFOUNDED RUMOURS BY PREVENTING, OR REDUCING THE SCALE OF, UNNECESSARY AND CONTAGIOUS RUNS ON HEALTHY BANKS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PAPER, HOWEVER, NOTES THAT SUCH FUNCTIONS OF DPS MUST BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED AGAINST THE OPPOSING ARGUMENTS AND THE COST IMPLICATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMMENTARIES SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIOUS ADVERSE FACTORS IDENTIFIED. THESE INCLUDED MORAL HAZARD PROBLEMS AND THE PAPER HAD HAD PARTICULAR REGARD TO THESE PROBLEMS IN IDENTIFYING OPTIONS.

"ANOTHER ISSUE IS THAT, GIVEN THE VERY SKEWED DISTRIBUTION OF DEPOSITS IN FAVOUR OF A FEW LARGE BANKING GROUPS, THE BULK OF THE COST IS GOING TO BE BORNE BY THE DEPOSITORS OF THESE BANKING GROUPS, WHO MAY NOT SEE THEMSELVES AS OBTAINING PROPORTIONATE BENEFIT FROM DPS," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT OPTIONS WERE IDENTIFIED SO THAT THE PUBLIC COULD RECOGNISE THAT DIFFERENT DESIGNS OF DPS HAD DIFFERENT IMPLICATIONS AS TO COST, DEGREE OF MORAL HAZARD PROBLEMS AND EFFECTIVENESS.

"THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT ONE OF THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS. THEY ARE MERELY IDENTIFIED TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT IT IS WORTHWHILE TO PROCEED ANY FURTHER, HAVING REGARD TO ALL THE IMPLICATIONS.

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"IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HAVE FRUITFUL DISCUSSION WITHOUT AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT A DPS COULD DO, WHAT ARE THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS, AND HOW MUCH IT WOULD BE LIKELY TO COST.

"IN FACT, EVEN IF AT THE END OF THE DAY IT WERE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO PROCEED FURTHER, THERE ARE STILL SUBSTANTIAL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS TO BE STUDIED IN DETAIL TO SEE HOW THEY COULD BEST BE RESOLVED," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE PAPER ALSO IDENTIFIES THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN, IN PARALLEL, TO A PROPOSAL THAT PRIORITY MIGHT BE AFFORDED TO SMALL DEPOSITORS IN THE EVENT OF BANK LIQUIDATIONS.

THE PAPER HAS VARIOUS ANNEXES SHOWING THE MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS OF EXISTING DPS ELSEWHERE AND THE ASSUMPTIONS AND CALCULATIONS ON WHICH THE ESTIMATED COSTS ARE BASED.

COPIES OF THE PAPER WILL BE SENT TO IDENTIFIED INTERESTED BODIES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, FREE OF CHARGE, FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES BY EARLY MARCH THIS YEAR.

THOSE WHO WISH TO COMMENT ARE INVITED TO WRITE TO THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, 1802, TOWER I, ADMIRALTY CENTRE ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS TO BE INVITED FOR WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL INVITE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING FRANCHISE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE TENDER DETAILS, MR LEUNG SAID THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE A THIRD ROAD CROSSING CONNECTING KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND BY MID 1997.

THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (WHC) IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS UNDER THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME AND WILL FORM PART OF ROUTE 3 CONNECTING HONG KONG ISLAND, WEST KOWLOON, TSING YI AND EVENTUALLY THE BORDER CROSSING AT LOK MA CHAU.

"IT WILL BE PRIVATISED UNDER A 'BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER' ARRANGEMENT. AWARD OF TENDER WILL BE THROUGH AN OPEN AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS," HE SAID.

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UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE INVITED TO BID FOR A 30-YEAR FRANCHISE TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN THE CROSSING, AND TO TRANSFER THE WHOLE FACILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE FRANCHISE PERIOD.

"THIS METHOD OF PRIVATISATION IS WELL-KNOWN AND PROVEN IN HONG KONG," MR LEUNG SAID.

"THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL HAVE BEEN PRIVATISED ALONG THE SAME LINES, AND BOTH HAVE BEEN OPENED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND ARE OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY," HE SAID.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES A TWO-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE IMMERSED TUNNEL CONNECTING SAI YING PUN AND WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, A TOLL PLAZA, APPROACH ROADS, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND THE SECTION OF ROUTE 7 FROM RUMSEY STREET TO BELCHER BAY.

"THE CURRENT ESTIMATED COST IS AROUND \$4 BILLION AND WILL BE WHOLLY MET BY THE FRANCHISEE," MR LEUNG SAID.

APART FROM SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE NEW AIRPORT, MR LEUNG SAID THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ALSO HAS THE BENEFIT OF MEETING THE RISING DEMANDS OF CROSS HARBOUR TRAFFIC.

"WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL OFFER LASTING RELIEF TO THE CONGESTION AT THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL. WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE SHOULD BE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC UNTIL AT LEAST 2011," HE SAID.

LIKE THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING WITH TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, A SIMILAR NETWORK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

ASSOCIATED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WILL INCLUDE THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY AND THE ROUTE 3 KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI SECTORS ON KOWLOON SIDE.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE BELCHER BAY LINK, SMITHFIELD ROAD EXTENSION, ROCKHILL STREET EXTENSION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES IN KENNEDY TOWN ARE BEING PLANNED TO SERVE THE WHC TRAFFIC.

"THE ESTIMATED COST OF THESE HIGHWAYS SCHEMES IS \$2.75 BILLION, WHICH IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION BY MID 1997.

MR LEUNG SAID IN PRESENTING THEIR BIDS, TENDERERS WILL BE INVITED TO STATE, AS AN OPTION, WHETHER THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO START WORK EARLIER AND IN ADVANCE OF THE FORMAL AWARD OF THE FRANCHISE, UNDER A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.

A PROJECT BRIEF, SETTING OUT THE GENERAL PARAMETERS FOR BIDDING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TENDERERS ON MARCH 6 THIS YEAR.

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS CAN ALSO OBTAIN AN INFORMATION BOOKLET ON THE PROJECT AS FROM FEBRUARY 28.

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT A DETAILED EVALUATION OF BIDS AFTER THE CLOSE OF TENDERS IN JULY.

"EVALUATION AND NEGOTIATION ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1992 AND A DECISION ON THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE MADE IN EARLY 1993," THE SECRETARY SAID.

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#### CONTRACTING OUT OF MANAGEMENT OF REMAINING GOVERNMENT TUNNELS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS NOTED THE PLAN TO CONTRACT OUT THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE REMAINING FOUR GOVERNMENT TUNNELS BY JANUARY NEXT YEAR, FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS IN CONTRACTING OUT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) SAID THIS EXERCISE WOULD REDUCE OPERATING COSTS AND ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN CATERING FOR THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

"THE LION ROCK AND AIRPORT TUNNELS WILL BE GROUPED UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, WHILE THE SHING MUN AND TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNELS WILL BE GROUPED UNDER ANOTHER CONTRACT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, THESE ARE ALL TOLL TUNNELS," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO INVITE TENDERS IN MAY THIS YEAR WITH A VIEW TO THE CONTRACTORS' TAKING OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE TUNNELS IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

UNDER THE PLAN, ABOUT 300 TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF DEPLOYED TO TUNNEL OPERATIONS WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE MAJORITY OF THE POSTS INVOLVED WILL HAVE TO BE ABOLISHED AND REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS MADE TO THE STAFF AFFECTED.

FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE STAFF CONCERNED HAS STARTED, AND LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO EACH PERSON AFFECTED, EXPLAINING THE SITUATION.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REDEPLOY THE STAFF AFFECTED WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"THE INCOMING PRIVATE OPERATORS WILL ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO EMPLOY AS MANY OF THE STAFF AFFECTED AS POSSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE IN THEIR INTEREST TO DO SO.

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"ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, IT WILL PROVIDE FULL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE STAFF WHO WISH TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT WITH THE INCOMING OPERATORS, OR OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR," HE SAID.

THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS INITIALLY AND WILL BE RENEWABLE.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE TUNNEL TOLLS AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OPERATORS," HE EMPHASISED.

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LEGCO FUNCTIONING WELL: SCA  
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MUCH HAS BEEN SAID RECENTLY ABOUT THE GOINGS ON IN THE NEW STYLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT THE FACT IS THAT LEGCO DOES GET ON WITH ITS JOB AND THE GOVERNMENT IS COPING WELL WITH THE CHANGES.

THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID THIS AT A LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR SZE SAID APART FROM THE COMPOSITION AND HOW MEMBERS WERE RETURNED, THE NEW STYLE LEGCO HAD NOT CHANGED AT ALL.

"ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS HAD REMAINED THE SAME.

"THE NEW STYLE LEGCO DOES NOT HAVE ANY MORE POWERS THAN ITS PREDECESSOR. WHAT IT HAS DONE IS TO EXERCISE THE POWERS IT ALWAYS HAD -- AND AGGRESSIVELY," HE SAID.

MR SZE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST WHEN THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED ALL OR MOST OF THE MEMBERS, THESE TENDED EITHER TO BE ESTABLISHMENT FIGURES OR PERSONS ALREADY WITH A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKED.

A CERTAIN DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST THEREFORE EXISTED BETWEEN THEM AND THE CIVIL SERVICE. IT WAS CONSENSUS POLITICS RATHER THAN THE MORE USUAL ADVERSARIAL POLITICS.

IN THE NEW STYLE LEGCO, MOST OF THE DIRECTLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS CAME FROM A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND. SOME HAVE SAT FREQUENTLY ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE TABLE FROM OFFICIALS ON SOCIAL AND OTHER ISSUES IN THEIR PRE-COUNCILLOR DAYS.

"IT IS DIFFICULT AND INDEED UNREALISTIC FOR US TO EXPECT THEM TO TAKE GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS, HOWEVER WELL-INTENTIONED, WITH THE SAME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE," HE SAID.

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"NOT BEING FAMILIAR WITH THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT WORKS IT IS NATURAL THAT THEY TEND TO BE MORE INQUISITIVE AND INDEED MORE CAUTIOUS IN GIVING SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG ABOUT THIS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE CIVIL SERVICE HAD GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO CONSENSUS POLITICS BUT HAD ALSO LEARNED TO COPE WITH THE NEW STYLE LEGCO.

"WE HAVE LEARNED THAT WE MUST IMPROVE OUR PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS AND BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS MUCH MORE SO THAN IN THE PAST.

"WE MUST ABOVE ALL BE PREPARED TO LISTEN AND TO ACCEPT THAT WE HAVE TO GAIN MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR OUR PROPOSALS AND BE PREPARED TO LOBBY NOT ONLY MEMBERS BUT THE PUBLIC WHOSE ATTITUDE HAVE A GREAT BEARING ON THE MEMBERS;" MR SZE SAID.

MR SZE ALSO REVIEWED THE GOVERNMENT'S SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGCO AT THE END OF THE YEAR OF THE RAM.

A TOTAL OF 110 PAPERS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND ONLY NINE OF WHICH WERE WITHDRAWN. SIX OF THESE WERE RE-SUBMITTED AND ALL APPROVED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

OF 34 BILLS, 15 OF WHICH WERE ENACTED AND THE REST AT VARIOUS STAGES OF EXAMINATION BY THE LEGISLATURE. NOT A SINGLE FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEM OR BILL HAS BEEN REJECTED.

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#### BOOKLET TO EXPLAIN BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE

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COPIES OF A BOOKLET TO EXPLAIN IN LAYMAN TERMS THE HONG KONG BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE 1991 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TOMORROW.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BOOKLET, ENTITLED "AN INTRODUCTION TO HONG KONG BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE 1991", WOULD HOPEFULLY INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THIS IMPORTANT ORDINANCE AND HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN DAILY LIVES.

HE SAID AS A RESULT OF MEDIA REPORTS AND COMMENTS ON SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT COURT CASES INVOLVING BILL OF RIGHTS POINTS, THE PUBLIC WERE INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

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"WE PERCEIVE A NEED FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION SO THAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS WILL PRODUCE THE DESIRED IMPACT," HE ADDED.

THE BOOKLET EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE IN SIMPLE, LAYMAN TERMS. THE AUTHORITATIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE RESTED WITH THE COURT OF LAW, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL, AND AT DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION.

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THESE DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS ARE COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.

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#### ESTIMATED POPULATION FIGURES RELEASED

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR WAS 5,822,500, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 70,500 PERSONS OR 1.2 PER CENT OVER THE END OF 1990. AT THE END OF 1990, THE ESTIMATED POPULATION WAS 5,752,000.

THERE WERE 70,400 BIRTHS AND 28,100 DEATHS DURING 1991. NATURAL INCREASE -- THE SURPLUS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS IN THIS PERIOD -- AMOUNTED TO 42,300, ACCOUNTING FOR 60 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH.

THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SHOWED A NET INFLOW OF 28,200 PERSONS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

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#### ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

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

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

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.LA KIMBERLEY HOTELS INTERNA- TIONAL	KIMBERLEY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	1.12.89- 1.12.90	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
2.FOUR SEAS FISH BALLS CO	YIP KAN ST, WONG CHUK HANG	1.1.90- 1.7.91	APCO : "	2,000	2ND	EASTERN
3.HANG SENG BANK LTD	DES VOEU <sup>X</sup> RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	1.6.90- 13.2.91	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
4.CHARMWIN INVESTMENT LTD	HEUNG WO ST, TSUEN WAN	10.10.90- 14.11.90	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
5.EAST OCEAN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LTD	TAI PA ST, TSUEN WAN	10.10.90- 20.1.91	APCO : "	1,500	1ST	"
6.SHANGHAI CO	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	30.11.90- 15.12.90	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	"
7.GILDCHANCE INVESTMENTS LTD	HENNESSY RD, WANCHAI	29.1.91- 8.5.91	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
8.ASSOCIATED DAIRIES INTERNA- TIONAL LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	1.2.91- 28.2.91	APCO : "	500	1ST	KWUN TONG
9.FULL ENOUGH INVESTMENTS LTD	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	13.2.91- 23.2.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN

10. TRUETOP DEVELOPMENT LTD	WANG TAK ST, HAPPY VALLEY	18.2.91- 25.3.91	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
11. SAM TSAI RESTAURANT LTD	HENNESSY RD, WANCHAI	13.3.91- 13.4.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	"
12. TIMES RINGIER (HK) LTD	DAI KWAI ST, TAI PO	1.4.91- 1.6.91	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	SHA TIN
13. ZORA CO LTD	TUNG LO WAN RD, CAUSEWAY BAY	9.4.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
14. WONG TAI SIN HSIN KUANG RESTAURANT LTD	LUNG CHEUNG RD, WONG TAI SIN	22.4.91- 19.7.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	5,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
15. PEAK VAST DEVELOPMENT LTD	HENNESSY RD, CAUSEWAY BAY	24.4.91- 25.5.91	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	EASTERN
16. GOLDHURST INDUSTRIES LTD	FANLING CENTRE, FANLING	2.5.91- 26.5.91	APCO : "	3,000	1ST	FANLING
17. TOPPAN PRINTING CO (HK) LTD	WESTLANDS RD, QUARRY BAY	3.5.91- 20.8.91	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
18. TREATY DEVELOPMENT LTD	DES VOEUX RD WEST, SHEK TONG TSUI	9.5.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	25,000	2ND	WESTERN
19. GRANDTONE DEVELOPMENT LTD	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	10.5.91- 12.6.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
20. KINOSHIRE LTD	KWAI HEI ST, KWAI CHUNG	14.5.91- 2.6.91	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	EASTERN

21.HON YICK PRAT 16.5.91 DASO : 5,000 2ND EASTERN  
 MARINE AVENUE,  
 ENGINEERING TSIM SHA  
 CO LTD TSUI  
 (WASTE  
 DISPOSAL  
 CONTRACTOR)

PERMIT DUMPING  
 OF ABOUT 750  
 CUBIC METRES OF  
 EXCAVATED  
 MATERIAL AT  
 SEA BESIDE THE  
 BREAKWATER OF  
 ALDRICH BAY  
 TYPHOON SHELTER  
 WITHOUT LICENCE

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 CHUNG ESTATE,  
 (SITE CLEAR WATER  
 FOREMAN) BAY RD

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TSUI AH- SHEK PAI 16.5.91 DASO : 2,000 1ST EASTERN  
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 OPERATOR) ABERDEEN  
 DUMPING OF  
 ABOUT 250  
 CUBIC METRES  
 OF EXCAVATED  
 MATERIAL AT  
 SEA BESIDE  
 THE BREAKWATER  
 OF ALDRICH  
 BAY TYPHOON  
 SHELTER  
 WITHOUT  
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23.WONG GREENERY 7.6.91 WPCO : 2,500 1ST SHA TIN  
 HON-CHAU OF PLAZA,  
 ORCHID TAI PO  
 GARDEN  
 ILLEGAL  
 DISCHARGE  
 INTO A  
 STORMWATER  
 DRAIN

24. WONG HON-MO	MUK MIN SHAN VILLAGE, SAI KUNG	19.6.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO WATERS IN PORT SHELTER WATER CONTROL ZONE	7,500	2ND	KWUN TONG
25. HON YICK MARINE ENGINEERING CO LTD (WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR)	PRAT AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	26.6.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP WITHOUT LICENCE	5,000	4TH	EASTERN
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TO NGAU-NAI (TUG BOAT MASTER)	CHUNG HING SAN STREET, CHEUNG CHAU	26.6.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP WITHOUT LICENCE	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
AND						
CHEUNG KWOK- KWONG (BARGE OPERATOR)	PAK SHE SIXTH LANE, CHEUNG CHAU	26.6.91	DASO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
26. WELLCOME CO LTD	GREAT GEORGE STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY	2.7.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
27. PEARL CITY RESTAURANT LTD	PATERSON STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY	2.7.91	NCO : "	10,000	1ST	EASTERN

28. CHENG PING HA 10.7.91 WPCO : 10,000 1ST FANLING  
 CHI-HOI, RD,  
 HUNG HING YUEN LONG  
 MARBLE  
 ENGINEERING  
 CO  
 DISCHARGE  
 POLLUTING  
 MATTER INTO  
 THE WATERS  
 IN DEEP BAY  
 WATER CONTROL  
 ZONE

29. KWOK KAI- TONG YAN 11.7.91 WPCO : " 5,000 1ST "  
 KO, SAN TSUEN,  
 TUNG KONG YUEN LONG  
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 FACTORY

30. HON YICK PRAT 11.7.91 DASO : 3,000 1ST EASTERN  
 MARINE AVENUE,  
 ENGINEERING TSIM SHA  
 CO LTD TSUI  
 (WASTE  
 DISPOSAL  
 CONTRACTOR)  
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 OF ABOUT 750  
 CUBIC METRES  
 OF EXCAVATED  
 MATERIAL AT  
 SEA BETWEEN  
 NINEPIN GROUP  
 AND WAGLAN  
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 LICENCE  
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EVERDEVELOP SAI LAU 11.7.91 DASO : " 5,000 1ST "  
 COMPANY KOK RD,  
 LIMITED TSUEN WAN  
 (SHIPPING  
 CONTRACTOR)  
 PLUS  
 2,500  
 COURT  
 CHARGE

AND

FOK KAU TANNER RD, 11.7.91 DASO : 3,000 1ST "  
 (TUG BOAT NORTH POINT  
 MASTER)  
 DUMPING OF  
 ABOUT 750  
 CUBIC METRES  
 OF EXCAVATED  
 MATERIAL AT  
 SEA BETWEEN  
 NINEPIN GROUP  
 AND WAGLAN  
 ISLAND NOT IN  
 COMPLIANCE  
 WITH THE  
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AND

FUNG LOI- SHING (BARGE OPERATOR)	WING HING STREET, PENG CHAU	11.7.91	DASO : "	1,000	1ST	"
31.KILMOREY BULLION CO LTD	NAM KOK RD, KOWLOON CITY	24.7.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	7,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
32.MAN PAK- CHEE, CHEE KEE RESTAURANT	PAU CHEUNG SQUARE, YUEN LONG	8.8.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	3,000	1ST	FANLING
33.THE INCORPORATED OWNERS OF ON WAH INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	AU PUI WAN STREET, SHA TIN	8.8.91	WPCO : ILLEGAL DISCHARGE FROM BUILDING INTO A PUBLIC STORMWATER DRAIN	3,000	1ST	SHA TIN
34.KAM TIN PHOENIX RESTAURANT LIMITED	KAM TIN RD, KAM TIN	9.8.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO WATERS IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
35.YUE WAH RESTAURANT LTD	WATERLOO RD, HO MAN TIN	12.8.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
36.YUI LEE DYEING FTY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	20.8.91	APCO : "	5,000	7TH	KWUN TONG
37.FIVE DRAGONS DYEING FTY CO LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	22.8.91	APCO : "	3,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN

38.GOOD AIM ASSOCIATION LTD	MODY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	24.8.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	7,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
39.WING LUEN UNIVERSAL LAUNDRY LTD	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	28.8.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
40.CHARMWIN INVESTMENT LTD	HEUNG WO STREET, TSUEN WAN	29.8.91	APCO : "	1,500	2ND	"
41.MASS LANE INTER- NATIONAL LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	17.9.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE IN BREACH OF LICENCE CONDITIONS	8,000	2ND	SHA TIN
42.CHINA HARBOURS ENGINEERING CO	PO ON RD, SHAM SHUI PO	17.9.91	NCO : CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	2,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
43.LIN CHUN- WAH	PO ON RD, SHAM SHUI PO	17.9.91	NCO : PERMIT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	2,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
44.YEE HING CHEUNG DYEING FACTORY	WING KIN RD, KWAI CHUNG	20.9.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
45.MIDGARD CO LTD	CANTON RD, YAU MA TEI	24.9.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	10,000	3RD	SOUTH KOWLOON

46. CHIU SUK- CHOW	TAI PO TAU VILLAGE, TAI PO	30.9.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	SHA TIN
47. CHAN KWOK-WAH	TAI NAM STREET, SHAM SHUI PO	4.10.91	NCO : "	3,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
48. TAI DAY TRANSPOR- TATION (LICENSEE)	WAI CHING ST, YAU MA TEI	9.10.91	DASO: PERMIT LOADING OF 50 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL ONTO A BARGE FOR DUMPING AT SEA EAST OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITIONS	3,000	2ND	EASTERN
AND						
LAI ON (LOADING JETTY OPERATOR)	SAU MAU PING ESTATE, SAU MAU PING	"	"	3,000	2ND	"
49. COATES BROTHERS (HK) LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	11.10.91	WPCO: ILLEGAL DISCHARGE INTO A STORMWATER DRAIN	6,000	1ST	SHA TIN
50. GOLDEN SHELL INVESTMENT LTD	SUN ON ST, TUEN MUN	21.10.91	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	1,000	3RD	TUEN MUN
51. GOLDEN SHELL INVESTMENT LTD	SUN ON ST, TUEN MUN	6.11.91	APCO: FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	1,000	4TH	TUEN MUN

52. BO LAI LAUNDRY FTY LTD	WANG LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	6.11.91	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
53. KIN SUN MARBLE ENGINEERING CO	QUEEN'S RD WEST, SAI YING PUN	12.11.91	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	8,000	2ND	WESTERN

## NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID 10 PARTIES WERE CONVICTED IN JANUARY OF OFFENCES UNDER THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975.

IN CASE 21, 22, 25, 30, HON YICK MARINE ENGINEERING CO LTD WAS CONVICTED WITH A TOTAL FINE OF \$18,000 FOR FOUR SEPARATE OFFENCES OF SHORT DUMPING.

APART FROM HON YICK MARINE ENGINEERING CO LTD WHICH WAS SENTENCED WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 EACH ON THREE SEPARATE CHARGES, A TUG BOAT MASTER IN CASE 25 AND A SHIPPING SUBCONTRACTOR IN CASE 30 WERE ALSO SENTENCED WITH A MAXIMUM FINE.

IN CASE 48, BOTH THE LICENSEE AND THE LOADING JETTY OPERATOR WERE CONVICTED FOR IMPROPER SUPERVISION OF THE LOADING JETTY IN CARRYING OUT WASTE LOADING OPERATION AND WERE EACH SENTENCED WITH A FINE OF \$3,000.

## NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASE CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS :

APCO	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL. NO. 810 2907
NCO	MR STEVEN HO	TEL. NO. 810 2800
DASO	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL. NO. 782 7280
WPCO CASE 23, 33, 41, 49	DR MICHAEL CHIU	TEL. NO. 417 4101
WPCO CASE 28, 29 32, 34	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL. NO. 835 1184
WPCO CASE 24	DR DANIEL LAU	TEL. NO. 782 7282

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE BE DIRECTED TO THE EPD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DECLARED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED THE BUILDING AT 9-13 PITT STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON TO BE DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (TUESDAY), THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) SAID THE BUILDING WAS A NINE-STORY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE SERVED BY TWO STAIRCASES, WHICH WERE INTER-CONNECTED BY A COMMON CORRIDOR ON EACH OF THE UPPER FLOORS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY.

THE BUILDING IS COMMERCIALY OCCUPIED ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND DOMESTICALLY OCCUPIED ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

IN A RECENT INSPECTION BY THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, IT WAS FOUND THAT CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED ALTERATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE TO THE COMMON CORRIDORS CONNECTING THE STAIRCASES ON EACH OF THE UPPER FLOORS, SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISING THE OCCUPANTS IN CASE OF FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY.

THE PGBS SAID THE BUILDING HAD BEEN RENDERED DANGEROUS BY THE LACK OF MEANS OF ESCAPE AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ORIGINALLY APPROVED MEANS OF ESCAPE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN REINSTATED.

HE SAID IN THIS REGARD, THE OWNERS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY REINSTATEMENT WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD EXPIRING ON MARCH 27, FAILING WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE UPPER FLOORS WOULD BE MADE BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

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

FURTHERMORE, AN ORDER HAS BEEN SERVED TO THE OWNERS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF GENERAL REPAIRS TO COMMON AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF THE BUILDING.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ALSO DECLARED THE ROOF AND STRUCTURE ON 20 WING ON STREET AND 19 GILMAN STREET IN CENTRAL LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT, THE PGBS SAID CLOSURE OF THE ROOF WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING DURING THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF AND THE TOP PORTION OF THE COMMON PARTY WALL ADJOINING WITH 22 WING ON STREET AND 21 GILMAN STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON MARCH 3 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

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SUBVENTION FOR ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TO RUN ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR THE 1992-93 SCHOOL YEAR.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSES WOULD COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD.

AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBVENTION INCLUDE PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING, EDUCATION ON LABOUR, CAREERS AND RETIREMENT, JOB-ORIENTED COURSES, SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS, AND GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS FACTORY WORKERS AND FISHERFOLK.

THE SUBVENTION WILL COVER MAINLY STAFF COST, BASIC TEACHING AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES CHARGES AND RENT FOR ACCOMMODATION.

APPLICATION FORMS, OBTAINABLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, SHOULD BE RETURNED BY APRIL 30.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULT IN JULY.

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CONFERENCE ON PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS, IS ORGANISING A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ON PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE RAMADA RENAISSANCE HOTEL ON FEBRUARY 27.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO AROUSE THE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS ON PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE AT 9.15 AM.

PROMINENT LOCAL EXPERTS AS WELL AS TWO OVERSEAS SPEAKERS, MR LARRY KEELEY, PRESIDENT OF DOBLIN GROUP, CHICAGO AND MR DAVID CARTER, CHAIRMAN OF DCA DESIGN CONSULTANTS, WARWICK, WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE.

/THE CO-ORGANISERS .....

THE CO-ORGANISERS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE THE CHARTERED SOCIETY OF DESIGNERS - HONG KONG REGION; DESIGN COUNCIL OF HONG KONG; HONG KONG DESIGN INNOVATION COMPANY LIMITED; HONG KONG DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION; MECHANICAL, MARINE AND CHEMICAL DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS; HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL; AND SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE CONFERENCE IS SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$800, INCLUDING LUNCH AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS.

INTERESTED PERSONS CAN CONTACT THE CONFERENCE MANAGER, HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL ON TEL. 788 5036 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT BLOCK A OF THE FOURTH FLOOR OF 11-13A CHEUNG WAH STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 15 HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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268 VMS RETURNED TODAY

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A GROUP OF 268 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 111 MEN, 59 WOMEN, 54 BOYS AND 44 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 89TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 1,459 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 15,438 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

/TODAY'S FLIGHT .....

TODAY'S FLIGHT WAS TO HANOI.

THE FLIGHT WAS ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR HO CHI MINH CITY WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM THE NEW SHEK KONG DEPARTURE CENTRE.

HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THESE VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE THE TRAGEDY WHICH OCCURRED AT CHINESE NEW YEAR, AND THE INVESTIGATIONS ARISING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE UNHCR WAS ABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FLIGHT AND TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, FOR WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS SINCE THE AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM ON THE ORDERLY RETURN PROGRAMME WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 29, 1991."

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	18 FEB 92	18 FEB 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q208	H258
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,051 MN	HKD 920 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.99 PCT	4.11 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.00 PCT	4.13 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 71 PCT	ABOUT 49 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.04 PCT	4.18 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 24 FEBRUARY 1992 # -

TENDER DATE	25 FEB 92	25 FEB 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q209	Y287
ISSUE DATE	26 FEB 92	26 FEB 92

/MATURITY DATE .....

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MATURITY DATE	27 MAY 92	24 FEB 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$500 + 100 MN HK\$200 + 60 MN	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	17.2.92	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	18.2.92	-95
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+95
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.1 \*+0.2\* 18.2.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.85 PCT	21 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.40	5.47
1 MONTH	3.85 PCT	24 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.07	5.54
3 MONTHS	3.95 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.08 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.54 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,835 MN

CLOSED 18 FEBRUARY 1992

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