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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN AUGUST 1991, AT $134,324 MILLION, GREW BY 17% IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN AUGUST 1991 RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 4% TO $20,364 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 23% TO $47,205 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14% TO $67,569 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20% TO $66,755 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991, AT $970,351 MILLION, INCREASED BY 21% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 3% TO $146,467 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 28% TO $328,825 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 19% TO $475,292 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 23% TO $495,058 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING AUGUST 1991 WITH AUGUST 1990, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO FRANCE, CHINA, SINGAPORE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 8%, 7%, 6% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, THE NETHERLANDS, THE USA AND CANADA DECREASED BY 23%, 12%, 10% AND 9% RESPECTIVELY. THOSE TO JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED BY 6% AND 3% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, BY 24% AND 23% RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, TAIWAN AND JAPAN INCREASED BY 13%, 12%, 12%, 10%, 5% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA AND THE USA DECREASED BY 12% AND 11% RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

/COMPARING JANUARY .....

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $1,936 MILLION OR 19%); CLOTHING (BY $1,566 MILLION OR 4%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $1,439 MILLION OR 13%); AND TEXTILES (BY $312 MILLION OR 3%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $1,463 MILLION OR 9%), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $468 MILLION OR 4%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING AUGUST 1991 WITH AUGUST 1990, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE USA, TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, CHINA AND JAPAN, BY 39%, 24%, 23%, 20% AND 20% RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITALY INCREASED BY 10%, 8%, 7% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND DECREASED BY 14%.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM MOST MAJOR SUPPLIERS.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 34%, 31%, 28%, 27%, 24% AND 23% RESPECTIVELY. THOSE FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE USA AND ITALY INCREASED BY 15%, 13% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND DECREASED BY 2%.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $10,684 MILLION OR 26%); TEXTILES (BY $10,322 MILLION OR 21%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $7,664 MILLION OR 25%); AND CLOTHING (BY $7,164 MILLION OR 22%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (BY $129 MILLION OR 5%), AND ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS, PROCESSED, AND WAXES OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE ORIGIN (BY $36 MILLION OR 49%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

/COMPARING AUGUST .....

COMPARING AUGUST 1991 WITH AUGUST 1990, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CANADA, BY 34%, 26%, 24% AND 20% RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE USA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE INCREASED BY 16%, 16%, 14%, 14%, 8% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, CHINA, CANADA, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, BY 63%, 46%, 37%, 22%, 21% AND 20% RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY 16%, 15% AND 13% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE DECREASED BY 8%.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO AUGUST 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY $8,976 MILLION OR 30%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $7,418 MILLION OR 21%); TEXTILES (BY $7,219 MILLION OR 25%); AND FOOTWEAR (BY $5,906 MILLION OR 70%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY $115 MILLION OR 5%), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $102 MILLION OR 21%).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST 1991 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1991.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE AUGUST 1991 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1991 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND OCTOBER 18 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT $33.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

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TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
USA	5,557	- 10	37,266	- 11
CHINA	4,799	+ 7	34,082	+ 13
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,733	+ 1	13,293	+ 23
UK	1,229	- 3	9,025	+ 12
JAPAN	1,093	- 6	7,587	+ 2
SINGAPORE	799	+ 6	5,785	+ 24
TAIWAN	372	- 23	3,898	+ 5
NETHERLANDS	420	- 12	3,584	+ 12
CANADA	478	- 9	3,160	- 12
FRANCE	307	+ 8	2,502	+ 10

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,098	- 1	46,301	+ 4
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,115	- 16	15,388	- 9
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,667	+ 6	12,471	+ 13
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,666	- 10	12,405	- 3

/OFFICE MACHINES .....

OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	1,671	+ 12	11,898	+ 19
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,406	- 1	11,240	+ 3

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
CHINA	26,298	+ 20	181,764	+ 24
JAPAN	10,464	+ 20	81,190	+ 28
TAIWAN	6,185	+ 24	47,272	+ 31
USA	5,667	+ 39	38,729	+ 13
REP OF KOREA	2,742	+ 23	22,928	+ 27
SINGAPORE	2,407	+ 8	20,722	+ 34
UK	1,428	+ 7	10,987	+ 23
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,460	+ 10	10,639	+ 15
ITALY	1,011	+ 2	7,471	+ 5
SWITZERLAND	745	- 14	7,018	- 2

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7,766	+ 19	60,398	+ 21

/ELECTRICAL MACHINERY .....

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	6,942	+ 23	51,166	+ 26
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,934	+ 14	40,476	+ 22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,179	+ 18	38,171	+ 25
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	5,272	+ 10	34,101	+ 17
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,293	+ 8	24,273	+ 16

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
CHINA	12,878	+ 34	94,830	+ 37
USA	10,617	+ 14	64,799	+ 16
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,637	+ 24	21,164	+ 63
JAPAN	2,420	+ 16	17,630	+ 21
TAIWAN	1,921	+ 16	15,631	+ 15
REP OF KOREA	1,189	+ 14	9,677	+ 13
UK	1,404	+ 8	8,825	+ 20
SINGAPORE	1,092	+ 5	7,665	- 8
FRANCE	819	+ 26	5,841	+ 46
CANADA	858	+ 20	5,285	+ 22

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	AUG 91 OVER AUG 90 (%)	JAN-AUG 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-AUG 91 OVER JAN-AUG 90 (%)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES,TOYS,GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	7,575	+ 14	41,956	+ 21
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,726	+ 20	38,810	+ 30
TEXTILE YARN,FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4,832	+ 20	36,597	+ 25
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	3,713	+ 22	27,333	+ 14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,997	+ 16	27,323	+ 25
FOOTWEAR	2,126	+ 60	14,351	+ 70

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WELCOME SIGNS FROM VIETNAM: GOVERNOR

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THERE HAVE BEEN VERY WELCOME SIGNS RECENTLY THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE CHANGING THEIR POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF REPATRIATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT WE'RE STILL HOPING IS TO TRY TO MOVE FORWARD ON ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE VIETNAMESE.

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"WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. IT'S NOT YET CERTAIN EXACTLY WHEN THAT IS GOING TO BE POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"INDEED, IT'S NOT YET ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WHETHER WE'LL BE ABLE TO TIE DOWN THE FINAL DETAILS, BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IN HONG KONG WE WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESETTLING GENUINE REFUGEES AND RETURN TO VIETNAM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SCREENED OUT AS NOT BEING GENUINE REFUGEES," SIR DAVID ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE ON THE ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "THERE HAVE BEEN EXCHANGES WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT EXPLAINING WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO; THE SORT OF AGREEMENTS WE'RE TRYING TO REACH WITH VIETNAM.

"I DON'T KNOW IN DETAIL WHAT THE AMERICAN REACTION HAS BEEN. I HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS ONLY IF WE GET ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR RETURNING NON-REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES, THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER ASYLUM SEEKERS. THAT'S A SIMPLE, PLAIN TRUTH. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AS A WHOLE," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE GIVING GENERAL BACKGROUND ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. "AMONGST THE THINGS THE BACKGROUND THAT I'LL TALK ABOUT IS THE QUESTION OF DEFENSE LANDS HERE."

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ABOUT A DECISION BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION IN US-CHINA TRADE, SIR DAVID SAID: "FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW HERE IN HONG KONG WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MAXIMUM OF TRADE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS; OPEN TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA, BECAUSE A LOT OF THAT TRADE COMES THROUGH HONG KONG.

"WHAT WE DO IS EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND PEOPLE ON THE HILL WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE FOR HONG KONG OF CERTAIN MEASURES THAT THE AMERICANS MIGHT TAKE. BUT, IT'S FREE FLOW OF TRADE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS THAT WE REALLY WANT TO SEE," HE SAID.

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MARKET DEVELOPMENT A KEY POLICY OBJECTIVE

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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MARKET DEVELOPMENT IS ALWAYS A KEY OBJECTIVE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AGENDA.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S TV SERIES, "MONEY PROGRAMME", MR NENDICK SAID THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PUT EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL MARKETS TOGETHER WITH ADEQUATE CONTROLS TO PREVENT ABUSE AND ENSURE INTEGRITY.

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"IT REMAINS OUR GOAL TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT, FAIR AND ORDERLY MARKET WITH A LEVEL OF INVESTOR PROTECTION COMPARABLE TO THAT IN OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRES," HE SAID.

ON RECENT MARKET DEVELOPMENTS, MR NENDICK SAID ONE OF THEM WAS THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.

"A CONSULTATION PAPER IS BEING CIRCULATED SEEKING THE VIEWS OF MARKET PARTICIPANTS ON THE PROPOSED TERMS AND ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BOND PROGRAMME.

"IT IS INTENDED THAT THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE TWO-YEAR BONDS WILL TAKE PLACE IN EITHER NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND THAT THERE WILL NORMALLY BE FOUR SUCH ISSUES EACH 12 MONTHS," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SECURITIES MARKETS, MR NENDICK SAID LEGISLATION ENABLING COMPANIES TO BUY BACK THEIR OWN SHARES AND THAT TO BRING MORE EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST INSIDER TRADING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDERS HAD BEEN ENACTED.

"WORK IS WELL IN HAND IN INTRODUCING AN AUTOMATED CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM INTO THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THIS IS PLANNED TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN AUTOMATED TRADING SYSTEM," HE SAID.

"AS FAR AS THE FUTURES EXCHANGE IS CONCERNED THERE ARE PLANS TO INTRODUCE NEW FINANCIAL PRODUCTS INCLUDING CURRENCY FUTURES CONTRACTS AND AN OPTIONS CONTRACT." HE ADDED.

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CJ ON INVESTIGATION OF SOLICITOR

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUDICIARY SAID TODAY (FRIDAY):

"THIS IS A SUMMARY GIVEN BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF HIS RADIO INTERVIEW YESTERDAY AS HE RECALLS IT:

'THE DOCUMENTS (EARLIER SIGNED BY A SOLICITOR WHO WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE) MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE VALID, DEPENDING ON THEIR NATURE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GENERALISE. IF IN DOUBT, IT IS BEST THAT LEGAL ADVICE BE OBTAINED.

THE COURT DOES NOT ISSUE A GENERAL RULING ON ALL THE DOCUMENTS AFFECTED. IF THERE IS LITIGATION, WITH PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT, THE COURT WILL RULE ON THE ISSUE OF VALIDITY OF DOCUMENTS IF NECESSARY.'"

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NEW CONSUMER COUNCIL CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR EDWARD CHEN KWAN-YIU AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, TO SUCCEED MR MARTIN LEE WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON OCTOBER 6, 1991.

THE APPOINTMENT NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MR LEE HAD INDICATED TO THE GOVERNOR THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS OTHER IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS, HE WOULD NOT SEEK ANOTHER TERM.

"PROFESSOR CHEN IS VERY WELL QUALIFIED TO HEAD THE COUNCIL. HE HAS A GOOD TRACK RECORD IN THE FIELD OF CONSUMER PROTECTION," HE SAID.

PROFESSOR CHEN WAS FIRST APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN 1987 AND LATER BECAME VICE-CHAIRMAN IN 1989.

OVER THESE YEARS, PROFESSOR CHEN HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS OF THE COUNCIL.

HE IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S INFORMATION MONITORING COMMITTEE, CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON MONOPOLISTIC TENDENCIES AND WORKING GROUP ON OIL PRICES.

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BILL CREATES FRESH OFFENCES OF FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING

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NEW OFFENCES OF FORGERY, COUNTERFEITING OF NOTES AND COINS AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES ARE PROPOSED IN THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1991.

THE BILL, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), SEEKS TO MODERNISE PROVISIONS ON FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING CONTAINED IN THE CRIMES ORDINANCE.

THE BILL IS BASED SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE ENGLISH FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING ACT 1981, WHICH REPLACED THE FORGERY ACT 1913 ON WHICH THE EXISTING HONG KONG LEGISLATION IS BASED.

THE EXISTING LAW CONSISTS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFENCES, WHICH ARE DIFFERENTIATED ONLY BY THE NATURE OF THE DOCUMENT FORGED AND WHICH CARRY A VARIETY OF MAXIMUM SENTENCES.

THE BILL AIMS TO REPLACE THIS MULTIPLICITY OF OFFENCES WITH THREE BASIC FORMS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. THESE ARE: MAKING A FALSE INSTRUMENT, MAKING A COPY OF A FALSE INSTRUMENT AND USING A FALSE INSTRUMENT.

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FORGERY IS DEFINED AS THE MAKING OF A FALSE INSTRUMENT WITH THE INTENTION THAT IT BE ACCEPTED AS GENUINE THEREBY CAUSING SOMEBODY WHO SO ACCEPTS IT TO ACT TO HIS OR ANOTHER'S PREJUDICE.

AN "INSTRUMENT" IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE ANY DOCUMENT, STAMP, SEAL OR DIE, AND ANY DEVICE INCLUDING DISC, CARD, TAPE, MICROCHIP, SOUND TRACK ON OR IN WHICH INFORMATION IS RECORDED OR STORED BY ANY MEANS.

THERE ARE OFFENCES OF POSSESSING FALSE INSTRUMENTS, AND HAVING EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING FALSE INSTRUMENTS.

THE BILL CREATES A SINGLE OFFENCE OF COUNTERFEITING A CURRENCY NOTE OR PROTECTED COIN.

THERE ARE ALSO OFFENCES OF USING A COUNTERFEIT NOTE OR COIN AS GENUINE; HAVING CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A COUNTERFEIT NOTE AND COIN; HAVING CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A COUNTERFEITING IMPLEMENT; AND IMPORTING AND EXPORTING A COUNTERFEIT NOTE OR COIN.

THE BILL WILL EMPOWER THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS TO DESIGNATE PROTECTED COINS. HE WILL HAVE POWER TO CONSENT TO THE USE OR POSSESSION OF IMITATION NOTES AND COINS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE EXISTING SENTENCES FOR FORGERY OFFENCES RANGE FROM THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THE BILL RATIONALISES THE SYSTEM OF PENALTIES BY PRESCRIBING A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 14 YEARS FOR THE MAIN OFFENCES WHERE THERE IS AN INTENT TO USE THE FORGED OR COUNTERFEITED ITEMS; AND THREE YEARS FOR POSSESSION WITHOUT ULTERIOR INTENT.

PENALTIES OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR MAKING AN IMITATION COIN AND 10 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR IMPORTING OR EXPORTING A COUNTERFEIT NOTE OR COIN ARE PRESCRIBED.

EXISTING POWERS OF SEARCH AND FORFEITURE IN RESPECT OF BOTH FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING OFFENCES ARE RETAINED IN A MODERNISED FORM.

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NEW BILL TO STRENGTHEN RABIES CONTROL GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED A NEW BILL TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF RABIES IN HONG KONG.

CURRENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROLLING POWER OVER RABIES, THE DEADLY DISEASE WHICH CAN AFFECT ANY SPECIES OF MAMMAL, IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE (CAP 167) AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) ORDINANCE (CAP 139).

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"HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS UNDER THESE TWO ORDINANCES ARE NOT COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO ENSURE THAT THE THREAT POSED BY RABIES CAN BE DEALT WITH EFFECTIVELY OR EFFICIENTLY", AN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE RABIES BILL, GAZETTED TODAY, CONSOLIDATES IN A SINGLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ALL THE ANTI-RABIES PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF RABIES IN THE TERRITORY," HE EXPLAINED.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT, IN ADDITION TO DOGS AND CATS, ALL OTHER MAMMALS, APART FROM HUMAN BEINGS, SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

PROVISIONS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS) ORDINANCE CONCERNING INFECTED PLACES ARE NOW REPLACED BY MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING PLACES WHICH MAY BE DECLARED AS RABIES CONTROL AREA.

PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE QUARANTINE CENTRES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE NEW BILL.

"THE BILL EMPOWERS THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO DECLARE A RABIES CONTROL AREA, TO IMPOSE CONTROL ON MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS WITHIN SUCH AN AREA, AND TO DECLARE PLACES TO BE QUARANTINE OR OBSERVATION CENTRES.

"ADDITIONAL POWER ENABLING AUTHORISED OFFICERS TO REQUIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, TO REQUEST INFORMATION, TO DETAIN ARTICLES ASSOCIATED WITH ANIMALS AND TO ARREST WHEN NECESSARY ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN THE NEW BILL," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE NEW PROPOSALS, ABANDONING ANIMALS, FEEDING STRAY ANIMALS IN SPECIFIED PLACES, OR ALLOWING ANIMALS INTO PLACES PROHIBITED TO ANIMALS WILL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE.

THE BILL ALSO MAKES IT A DUTY FOR ANY PERSON TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED RABID ANIMAL, NOT ONLY DOGS AND CATS, TO AN AUTHORISED OFFICER.

THE IMPORT AND KEEPING OF VAMPIRE BATS, MAMMALS WHICH CAN BECOME LIFE-LONG RABIES CARRIERS WITHOUT SHOWING ANY SYMPTOM THEMSELVES, WILL BE PROHIBITED.

PENALTIES FOR MOST OFFENCES RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL HAVE BEEN RAISED BY 100 PER CENT TO $10,000, AS COMPARED WITH THE OLD PROVISIONS.

STIFFER PENALTIES, I.E. $50,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, ARE PROPOSED FOR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION, KEEPING PROHIBITED ANIMALS AND VIOLATING ANY MOVEMENT BAN IN RESPECT OF ANIMALS IN RABIES CONTROL AREAS.

ON THE IMPACT OF THE NEW BILL ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID:

"THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC AND LAW-ABIDING PET OWNERS AND ANIMAL TRADERS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE BILL.

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"HOWEVER, ANIMAL KEEPERS AND IMPORTERS ARE MADE MORE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE."

HE SAID ALL LICENSED ANIMAL TRADERS, THE HONG KONG VETERINARY ASSOCIATION, THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED BILL AND NO ADVERSE COMMENTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

THE BILL, ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IS SCHEDULED TO BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT THURSDAY (OCTOBER 17).

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN AREA 40, FANLING.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1993, WILL HAVE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WITH 26 CLASSROOMS, A LIBRARY, AND COMPUTER AND STAFF ROOMS.

OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS AN ASSEMBLY HALL, AND SPECIAL ROOMS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORE TO TUEN MUN FIRE STATION IN TUEN MUN.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 1.

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DRIVING OFFENCES ON EXPRESSWAYS CLOSELY MONITORED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS MONITORING THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN THE NEWLY IMPLEMENTED EXPRESSWAY LEGISLATION TO SEE IF ANY DRIVING OFFENCES CONSIDERED TO BE CAUSING A PROBLEM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DRIVING OFFENCE POINT (DOP) SYSTEM.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE DOP SYSTEM IS APPLICABLE TO ALL ROADS IN HONG KONG INCLUDING EXPRESSWAYS.

"UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPRESSWAY LEGISLATION AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR, THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN IT WHICH INCLUDE KEEP LEFT UNLESS OVERTAKING AND OVERTAKING ON THE RIGHT ONLY WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED.

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"IF ANY SUCH DRIVING OFFENCE IS CONSIDERED TO BE CAUSING A PROBLEM, IT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE DOP SYSTEM," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE DOP SYSTEM IS ONE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW FROM TIME TO TIME. IF ANY DRIVING OFFENCE IS IDENTIFIED TO BE CAUSING A PROBLEM, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING IT IN THE SYSTEM.

HE SAID THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE DEPARTMENT APPLYING DOUBLE STANDARD IN ENFORCING DRIVING OFFENCES ON EXPRESSWAYS VIS-A-VIS ORDINARY ROADS AS IMPLIED BY SOME MEDIA REPORTS.

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COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN STARTS

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HONG KONG'S FIGHTERS OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRES MAY HAVE A TOUGH JOB IN THE FORTHCOMING DRY SEASON BECAUSE THE RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR IS JUST ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE RECORD, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR S.P. LAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1991/92 COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN AT THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, MR LAU APPEALED TO ALL COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PREVENT FIRE FROM DESTROYING OUR COUNTRYSIDE.

"THE COUNTRYSIDE OF HONG KONG IS FOR US TO ENJOY, NOT TO DESTROY," MR LAU STRESSED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE LAST DRY SEASON, 184 HILL FIRES BROKE OUT IN OR NEAR THE COUNTRY PARKS, DAMAGING NEARLY 90,000 TREES.

"THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY HILL FIRES DOES NOT RESTRICT TO COUNTRYSIDE VEGETATION. OUR COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPE QUALITY, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND SOIL STABILITY ARE ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

"AND, WORSE STILL, HILL FIRE COULD ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTIES."

HE RECALLED THAT DURING THE LAST CHING MING FESTIVAL, FIVE GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY A HILL FIRE ON TSING YI ISLAND AND ONE OF THEM DIED SUBSEQUENTLY.

"THIS INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR MORE PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION IN THE PREVENTION OF HILL FIRES," HE SAID.

MR LAU NOTED THAT OVER THE PAST YEARS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD DEVELOPED AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM IN PREVENTING, DETECTING AND FIGHTING HILL FIRES.

"WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL DUTIES AND FIRE-FIGHTING DUTIES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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"TOGETHER WITH THE UNFAILING SUPPORT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE (RHKAAF) WHO HAS PERFECTED THE TECHNIQUES OF WATER BOMBING AND LIFTING FIRE FIGHTERS TO FIRE SCENES, PARTICULARLY IN REMOTE AREAS, WE HAVE MANAGED TO REDUCE THE LOSS AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY HILL FIRES CONSIDERABLY," MR LAU SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT NO MATTER WHAT MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT TOOK, THE FINAL SOLUTION MUST DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION AND GOOD SENSE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE URGED COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS TO TAKE EXTRA CARE THROUGHOUT THE DRY SEASON NOT TO LIGHT FIRES WHERE TREES AND UNDERGROWTH COULD EASILY CATCH FIRE AND SPREAD OUT OF CONTROL.

HE CONTINUED TO OUTLINE SIMPLE MEASURES WHICH WOULD HELP REDUCE FIRE RISK. THESE INCLUDE:

* VISITORS SHOULD LIGHT BARBECUE FIRES ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS;

* PEOPLE SHOULD NOT DISCARD BURNING CIGARETTE ENDS;

* VILLAGERS SHOULD NOT LEAVE A BURNING RUBBISH OR STACK OF HAY UNATTENDED; AND

* GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS SHOULD LIGHT JOSS PAPER IN PROPER CONTAINERS AND SHOULD NEVER LEAVE BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER UNATTENDED.

"ANY PERSON WHO IGNORES THESE SIMPLE RULES MAY EASILY LEAD TO A HILL FIRE DAMAGING OUR VALUABLE COUNTRYSIDE AND IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," MR LAU SAID.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO PROMULGATE THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE, HE SAID THE PUBLIC WOULD BE REMINDED OF THESE MEASURES THROUGH PRINTED MATERIALS SUCH AS POSTER, YEAR PLANNER AND LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

FURTHERMORE, DISPLAY PANELS WOULD BE PUT UP AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OF COUNTRY PARKS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. TELEVISION AND RADIO API'S (ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST) WOULD APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PREVENTING HILL FIRES WHILE PARK WARDENS WOULD ALSO VISIT LOCAL VILLAGERS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE USE OF OTHER CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME TO PUBLICISE THE HILL FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES AND SPECIAL REMINDERS WOULD BE GIVEN TO GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS AS WE APPROACH THE CHUNG YEUNG AND CHING MING FESTIVALS.

"IF EVERYONE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY HILL FIRES AND IS WILLING TO TAKE PROPER CARE WHEN HANDLING FIRE OUT OF DOORS, THE VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO SURVIVE," MR LAU CONCLUDED.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE ACTING CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR K.P. HSU; SENIOR PILOT OF THE RHKAAF, MR BRIAN BUTT; AND STAFF OFFICER OF CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR S.F. LAM.

AS PART OF THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, A HELICOPTER FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION WAS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE RHKAAF AND THE AFD GROUND CREW.

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DRIVE-IN CONCERT OF CAMPAIGN ON VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AIR & NOISE), MR FRED TROMP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE KICK-OFF EVENT OF THE "DRIVE-IN CONCERT" OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ON VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING (HKSM) IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN FROM 3 PM TO 4.30 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13).

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM; HEAD OF RADIO II, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK), MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRAFFIC, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR K.H. CHING; ASSISTANT TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, MR ERNEST LEE; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR C.T. LEUNG.

THE CONCERT IS A JOINT PROJECT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE RTHK.

ABOUT 200 DIESEL-ENGINE-DRIVEN VEHICLES OF VARIOUS TYPES AND ABOUT 1,000 AUDIENCE ARE EXPECTED.

THE PROGRAMME AIMS AT EDUCATING AND ENCOURAGING VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE DIESEL-ENGINE-DRIVEN VEHICLES, TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE BLACK SMOKE EMISSION AND PROMOTE REGULAR MAINTENANCE.

APART FROM TRANSMUTING A SMOKY VEHICLE INTO A CLEAN ONE BY "ENVIRONMENTAL MAGIC STICKS", THERE WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WITH FOCUS ON THE THEME OF "STOP BLACK SMOKE".

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE THREE "CLEANEST VEHICLE AWARDS" AND DIESEL-COUPONS VALUED AT $2,000 EACH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING DIESEL VEHICLES ON THE SPOT.

POPULAR TELEVISION AND MOVIE ARTISTES AND SINGERS INCLUDING MS LAU KA-LING, MS VIVIEN CHOW AND MS SHIRLEY KWAN AS WELL AS THE FOUR-MEMBER P P GAL BAND WILL BE PRESENT.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONCERT WILL BE BROADCAST IN THE MORNING SUITE PROGRAMME OF RADIO II BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 10 AM FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 14) TO WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 16).

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APART FROM EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON BLACK SMOKE EMISSION DISTRIBUTED TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF DIESEL VEHICLES THROUGH DIRECT MAIL, THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO INCLUDE POSTERS, PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS, AND RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS, OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAMMES IN THE FORMATS OF INTERVIEWS AND QUIZES WITH TIPS AND ADVICE ON PROPER AND REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF DIESEL VEHICLES WERE BROADCAST AT THE MORNING SUITE.

THE PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE OIL COMPANIES AND THE MOTOR TRADERS ASSOCIATION WHILE THE VENUE FOR THE CONCERT IS PROVIDED BY THE HKSM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONCERT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT THE HKSM AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE HKSM BEFORE 2.30 PM.

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ART COMPETITION TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

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AN ART COMPETITION TO CONVEY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CARE MESSAGE IS BEING ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

"GREEN LIFE STARTS AT HOME" HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE THEME OF THE COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON, AND SPONSORED BY THE FUJIFILM CHARITY FOUNDATION.

STUDENTS MAY ENTER AS A GROUP OR AN INDIVIDUAL AND TO SUBMIT A VISUAL PRESENTATION OF PLANS TO PROMOTE HAPPY, HEALTHY, CLEAN AND POLLUTION-FREE LIFE AT HOME, SUCH AS WATER SAVING, WASTE PAPER RECYCLING, USE OF PAPER BAGS, AND ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES SAVING.

EACH ENTRY SHOULD INCLUDE FOUR TO SIX PICTURES, CARTOONS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR MIXED MEDIA, SHOWING HOW GREEN LIFE CAN START AT HOME.

THIRTY WINNERS IN EACH PRIMARY 1-3 AND PRIMARY 4-6 GROUPS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND A $400 BOOK COUPON.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ART AND CRAFT SECTION BEFORE TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15).

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HEALTH CARE CARNIVAL FOR YAU TSIM RESIDENTS

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 12 NOON. ADMISSION IS FREE.

ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION PROVIDING INFORMATION ON GENERAL HEALTH CARE AND A DISPLAY OF REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT.

FREE OPTICAL AND GENERAL HEALTH CHECK-UPS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CLARA TANG, AND POLICE TSIM SHA TSUI DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR GILBERT JORGE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM HEALTH CARE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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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 AT A BUILDING IN SHAM SHUI PO, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH FLOORS OF 333 PO ON ROAD.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 4 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

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POLICE BANDS CONCERT TOMORROW

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THE BANDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WILL STAGE A FREE CONCERT TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 2 PM AT THE PALM COURT OF CITYPLAZA 1, TAIKOO SHING TO PUBLICISE THIS YEAR'S BEATING RETREAT.

THE BEATING RETREAT 1991, TO BE HELD IN THE EVENINGS OF NOVEMBER 9 AND 10 AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MASSED BANDS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE, AND THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE PIPE BAND.

THE TWO NIGHTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH TICKETS PRICED AT $30, $80, $120 AND $250.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE PERFORMANCES, AFTER EXPENSES, WILL BE DONATED TO THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL CHILD CARE CENTRES.

THE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE TOMORROW AT TAIKOO SHING DURING THE CONCERT. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT:

* POLICE WELFARE BRANCH (TEL. NO. 804 1111)
  FIRST FLOOR, DOMINION CENTRE, 43 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST,
  WAN CHAI

* POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB (TEL. NO. 778 0258)
  430 SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, KOWLOON

* NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL WELFARE OFFICE (TEL. NO. 487 2270)
  FIFTH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
  166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

* POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES IN ALL DISTRICT
  POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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AMS RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY

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AN AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) RECRUITMENT DAY WILL BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 13), FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, AT THE ABERDEEN CENTRE SHOPPING ARCADE NEAR MEI FUNG COURT AND KWUN HOI COURT.

RESIDENTS AGED 16 TO 35 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE AMS CAN PICK UP APPLICATION FORMS OR APPLY FOR ENROLMENT ON THE SPOT.

BESIDES THE RECRUITMENT STALL, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	10.10.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	11.10.91	+69
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-69
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.0 *+0.2* 11.10.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

		10.10.91	11.10.91
MATURING IN	1 WEEK	4.64 PCT	4.87 PCT
	1 MONTH	4.27 PCT	4.58 PCT
	3 MONTHS	4.29 PCT	4.63 PCT
	6 MONTHS	4.55 PCT	4.80 PCT
	12 MONTHS	5.22 PCT	5.46 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER		6,340 MN	8,613 MN

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