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HIRE OF HK CULTURAL CENTRE FOR  
DOUBLE TENTH CELEBRATION - AG'S STATEMENT

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ON THE LEGAL POSITION CONCERNING THE BOOKING OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE:

THE QUESTION HAS ARISEN WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS POWER TO OVERTURN THE DECISIONS TO PERMIT THE DOUBLE TENTH CELEBRATION IN THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

TWO DECISIONS ARE IN ISSUE HERE. THE FIRST WAS TAKEN BY THE URBAN COUNCIL UNDER S.105Q OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE, CAP. 132 IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE CIVIC CENTRES. THE SECOND DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, AS DELEGATE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, UNDER S.105S OF THE SAME ORDINANCE. THAT PROVISION REQUIRES PERMISSION FROM THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR THE HOLDING OF A PUBLIC MEETING IN A CIVIC CENTRE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY, APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH PERMISSION ARE APPROVED PROVIDED THE PROPOSED MEETING DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER OR PUBLIC SAFETY.

IN RESPECT OF THE DECISION BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, ANY CANCELLATION OF THE BOOKING BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS THAT WERE NOT RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE QUASHED BY A COURT UPON JUDICIAL REVIEW AND COULD GIVE RISE TO A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

REGARDING THE PERMISSION GIVEN BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S DELEGATE UNDER S.105S, IT COULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN IN THE ABSENCE OF REASONABLE GROUNDS OF A PUBLIC ORDER OR PUBLIC SAFETY NATURE. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A GROUND, WITHDRAWAL OF THE PERMISSION WOULD BE AN ARBITRARY EXERCISE OF THE STATUTORY POWER AND WOULD, THEREFORE, BE UNLAWFUL. FURTHERMORE, WITHDRAWAL OF THE PERMISSION SOLELY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BREACH THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS POWER TO DIRECT THE URBAN COUNCIL TO CANCEL THE BOOKING UNDER S.45 OF THE URBAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE, CAP. 101. THAT SECTION IS IN TWO PARTS; SUB-SECTION (1) PROVIDES THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL, GIVE IT DIRECTIONS OF A GENERAL CHARACTER AS TO THE DISCHARGE BY THE COUNCIL OF ITS FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO MATTERS APPEARING TO THE GOVERNOR TO AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THIS PROVISION DOES NOT EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR TO DIRECT THE COUNCIL TO CANCEL A SPECIFIC BOOKING WHICH IT HAS MADE; SUCH A DIRECTION WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE A DIRECTION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER AS TO THE DISCHARGE OF THE COUNCIL'S FUNCTIONS. MOREOVER, IN GIVING A DIRECTION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER, THE GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE TO HAVE REGARD TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE.

SUB-SECTION (2) OF S.45 PROVIDES THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL, GIVE TO THE COUNCIL SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMEDYING ANY FAILURE OF THE COUNCIL TO DISCHARGE ANY OBLIGATION OR TO FULFIL ANY FUNCTION IMPOSED UPON THE COUNCIL. CLEARLY, THIS PROVISION IS INAPPLICABLE IN THE PRESENT CASE WHERE THERE IS NO SUGGESTION THAT THE COUNCIL HAS FAILED TO DISCHARGE ANY OBLIGATION OR TO FULFIL ANY FUNCTION.

HONG KONG - GATEWAY TO ASIA

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID THERE WAS A GROWING AWARENESS OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA, HONG KONG AND CHINA IN PARTICULAR, FOR EUROPEAN BUSINESSMEN.

SPEAKING ON "HONG KONG: THE GATEWAY TO ASIA" TO THE MADRID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 6, MADRID TIME), SIR HAMISH SAID EXPORTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) TO DEVELOPING ASIAN COUNTRIES NOW ACCOUNTED FOR 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EU EXPORTS, EXCEEDING THE 18 PER CENT TO THE UNITED STATES.

"AND THE TRADE BALANCE WITH HONG KONG IS IN EU'S FAVOUR," HE SAID.

SIR HAMISH SAID THE TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SPAIN WAS GROWING RAPIDLY AND HAD INCREASED BY TWO-AND-A-HALF TIMES BETWEEN 1988 AND 1993.

HE ALSO OUTLINED HONG KONG'S ECONOMY SUCCESS TO THE 150 PROMINENT BUSINESS PERSONALITIES OF THE MADRID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS THE EIGHTH LARGEST TRADER AND ITS CONTAINER PORT WAS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

"HONG KONG IS ALSO THE WORLD'S MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTRE - IT IS THE WORLD'S FOURTH LARGEST BANKING CENTRE AND THE SEVENTH LARGEST STOCK EXCHANGE AND HAS THE SIXTH LARGEST FOREIGN CURRENCY HOLDINGS," HE SAID.

"THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TO HONG KONG RECENTLY WOULD BE SURPRISED - OR EVEN SHOCKED - AT HOW FAR IT HAS ADVANCED," HE ADDED.

SIR HAMISH SAID HONG KONG'S CONTINUING STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AFTER 1997 HAD BEEN FURTHER AFFIRMED BY THE DECISION TO HOLD THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) ANNUAL MEETINGS IN HONG KONG SOON AFTER THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997.

"IT IS AN HONOUR FOR HONG KONG TO HOST THIS IMPORTANT EVENT AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISING IT," HE SAID.

SIR HAMISH, WHO IS IN MADRID ATTENDING THE 1994 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK/IMF, EARLIER CALLED ON THE SPANISH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM, MR JOVIER GOMEZ NAVARRO, AND MET MEMBERS OF THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT AS WELL AS BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS.

## GATT REVIEW ON HK'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

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THE TWO-DAY MEETING CONVENED BY THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) COUNCIL IN GENEVA TO REVIEW HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES COMPLETED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED AND MANY GATT MEMBERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRAISE HONG KONG'S OPEN MARKET, ITS PURSUIT OF FREE TRADE, ITS SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION FROM A MANUFACTURING TO A SERVICES-LED ECONOMY AND ITS STAUNCH FAITH IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

IN RESPONDING TO MEMBERS' WIDE-RANGING STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES, THE LEADER OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, MRS REGINA IP, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, RE-AFFIRMED HONG KONG'S COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM WHICH HAD SERVED HONG KONG SO WELL IN THE PAST.

"HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GATT BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 1997," SHE SAID.

"OUR FREE TRADE AND FREE MARKET POLICIES HAVE SERVED US WELL SO THERE IS NO QUESTION OF US DEPARTING FROM THESE PRINCIPLES."

DURING THE MEETING, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING, THE GENERAL POLICY FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH HONG KONG OPERATES, HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS ASIAN NEIGHBOURS, POST-URUGUAY ROUND TRADE POLICY AND OTHER SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS RULES OF ORIGIN, EXCISE DUTIES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN URUGUAY ROUND AGREEMENTS.

MRS IP SAID THE MEETING HAD ENABLED GATT MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICY AND THE OPERATION OF ITS PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES.

IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GATT COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR ZAHRAH FROM EGYPT SAID THAT "COUNCIL MEMBERS CONSIDERED HONG KONG AS AN EXEMPLARY CASE OF AN OPEN, MARKET-DRIVEN ECONOMY FOUNDED ON THE MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION PRINCIPLE. HONG KONG HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE URUGUAY ROUND PROCESS AND FURTHERED A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION."

HE ADDED: "HONG KONG'S RAPID ECONOMIC ASCENT TESTIFIES TO THE BENEFITS THAT A SMALL TERRITORY, DESTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CAN REAP FROM THE FREE OPERATION OF MARKET FORCES.

"RAPID STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT, AN OUTWARD-LOOKING BUSINESS COMMUNITY, INSTITUTIONAL STABILITY, AND THE AUTHORITIES' UNFETTERED COMMITMENT TO AN OPEN, MOST FAVOURLED NATION-BASED TRADE REGIME HAVE HELPED TO SHAPE AND PROPEL ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIES."

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"WITH THE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE URUGUAY ROUND, THE STAGE APPEARS SET FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED EXPANSION WITHIN A STRENGTHENED MULTILATERAL SYSTEM," HE SAID.

HIS REMARKS WERE ECHOED BY THE TWO DISCUSSANTS, AMBASSADOR ARMSTRONG FROM NEW ZEALAND AND MR PALECKA FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

IF THE CURRENT CYCLE OF REVIEW IS MAINTAINED, HONG KONG WILL NEXT BE REVIEWED IN 1998.

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HERCULES PROPERLY LICENSED FOR VM FLIGHTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR PETER LOK KUNG-NAM, TODAY (FRIDAY) CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE ALLEGATION THAT THE HERCULES AIRCRAFT USED TO RETURN VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS FROM HONG KONG WAS NOT PROPERLY CERTIFICATED TO CARRY PASSENGERS.

"THE COMPETENT AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF INDONESIA AUTHORISED THE AIRCRAFT FOR THE DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER CARRIAGE," HE SAID.

THE CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED SINCE THE AIRCRAFT WAS FITTED OUT IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO CARRY PASSENGERS AND AFTER THE AUTHORITIES WERE SATISFIED THAT IT HAD ADEQUATE SAFETY FEATURES, MR LOK SAID.

"THE HERCULES USED FOR THE REPATRIATION FLIGHTS HAD ADEQUATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND LIFERAFTS FOR UP TO 150 PEOPLE," HE POINTED OUT.

"CONTRARY TO A PRESS REPORT STATING THAT THERE WAS NO WAY OUT OF THE CARGO HOLD OF THE PLANE IN AN EMERGENCY, THE HERCULES IN QUESTION HAD TWO EXTRA SIDE DOORS IN THE REAR FUSELAGE AND ITS REAR LANDING RAMP COULD BE OPENED IN FLIGHT FOR EVACUATION IN A FORCED LANDING," HE ADDED.

MR LOK SAID THE CERTIFICATION WAS DONE BY INDONESIA AS A MEMBER STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION (ICAO).

"UNDER ICAO RULES, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING SUCH CERTIFICATES RESTS WITH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION OF THE AIRCRAFT CONCERNED, AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE MEMBER STATE TO SEEK THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTRY OF MANUFACTURE OF THE AIRCRAFT," MR LOK EMPHASISED.

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MEMBER APPOINTED TO PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, HAS APPOINTED MR LO CHUNG-HING A MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

MR LO IS DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BANK OF CHINA HONG KONG BRANCH, A POST HE HAS HELD SINCE 1986.

MR LO REPLACES MR SHU TSE-WONG, CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NANYANG COMMERCIAL BANK, WHO HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SINCE OCTOBER 1991.

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LAUNCHING OF PILOT RECORDING SCHEME IN DISTRICT COURT

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THE PILOT SCHEME FOR A COMPUTER ASSISTED RECORDING SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT COURT IS A TANGIBLE SIGN OF THE JUDICIARY'S DETERMINATION AND EFFORTS TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY IN A BID TO MAXIMISE THE EFFICIENT USE OF COURTS, THE JUDICIARY ADMINISTRATOR, MS ALICE TAI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LAW SOCIETY, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A BRIEFING-CUM-DEMONSTRATION SESSION IN THE DISTRICT COURT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING WHICH MARKED THE LAUNCHING OF THE PILOT SCHEME.

MS TAI TOLD THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE NEW COMPUTER ASSISTED RECORDING SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE KEEPING OF ACCURATE RECORDS OF COURT PROCEEDINGS AND RELIEVE JUDGES FROM HAVING TO TAKE NOTES IN LONGHAND.

"INITIALLY EIGHT COURTS IN THE DISTRICT COURT HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED FOR THE PILOT SCHEME.

"SUBJECT TO TESTING AND FINE-TUNING, WE WILL EXTEND THE SAME OR A SIMILAR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER COURTS IN THE DISTRICT COURT, MAGISTRACIES AND TRIBUNALS IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR," MS TAI SAID.

MS TAI NOTED THAT THE PILOT SCHEME ALSO MARKED THE CO-OPERATION OF MANY PARTIES INVOLVED, SUCH AS JUDGES, ADMINISTRATOR, LEGAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS, IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO A LONG STANDING PROBLEM OF OUR COURTS.

"WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, IMPROVED PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES AND THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, I AM SURE THAT WE WILL MAXIMISE THE EFFICIENT USE OF THE COURTS SO THAT OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM CAN COPE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE GROWING VOLUME AND COMPLEXITY OF CASES."

AT PRESENT, ONLY THE COURT OF APPEAL AND THE HIGH COURT ARE PROVIDED WITH PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTERS TO RECORD COURT PROCEEDINGS.

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN OTHER COURTS HAVE TO BE HAND WRITTEN BY THE JUDGES THEMSELVES AS THEY NEITHER HAVE PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTERS NOR ANY AUDIO RECORDING FACILITIES.

EACH OF THE EIGHT COURTS NOW INVOLVED IN THE PILOT SCHEME IS EQUIPPED WITH DIGITAL RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND PLAYBACK COMPUTERS WITH OPERATIONS CONTROLLED BY A CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM.

THE COMPUTER ASSISTED RECORDING SYSTEM WOULD NOT ONLY SAVE THE JUDGES' TIME AND ATTENTION IN TAKING LONGHAND NOTES, IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE QUICKER PROCESS AND THUS CUT DOWN THE TIME OF CASES TOOK IN COURT. THIS IN TURN WOULD RESULT IN SHORTER WAITING TIME FOR TRIALS.

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT OFFERS TRAINING GROUND FOR LOCAL LAW GRADUATES

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THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICANTS ORDINARILY DOMICILED IN HONG KONG TO FILL VACANCIES UNDER THE LEGAL TRAINEE SCHEME (LTS) FROM AUGUST 1, 1995.

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED FOR THE THIRD YEAR, IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION FOR LAW GRADUATES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC.

THE SCHEME IS ALSO OPEN TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SERVING IN LEGAL/JUDICIAL GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS WHO HOLD QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNISED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TO GIVE MORE LEGAL TRAINEES A CHANCE TO ACQUIRE EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS TYPES OF LEGAL WORK UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENT LAWYERS, QUOTA FOR THE SCHEME IN 1995 WOULD BE EXPANDED TO SEVEN PLACES IN THE BARRISTER STREAM AND EIGHT IN THE SOLICITOR STREAM.

WHEN THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN FEBRUARY 1993, THERE WERE ONLY A TOTAL OF FIVE PLACES. THE QUOTA WAS EXPANDED TO 10 THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

"ALTHOUGH NO OBLIGATION IS PLACED ON LEGAL TRAINEES TO JOIN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AFTER COMPLETING THE TRAINING, NOR IS THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OBLIGED TO OFFER APPOINTMENT TO THEM, THE SCHEME PROVIDES A CONSTANT POOL OF HIGH QUALITY YOUNG LOCAL LAWYERS WHO ARE MUCH NEEDED IN THE SPEEDING UP OF THE LOCALISATION PROGRAMME OF THE DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAINEES OF BOTH STREAMS WILL WORK IN THE CIVIL AND PROSECUTIONS DIVISIONS OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR PERIODS OF THREE TO SIX MONTHS. THEY WILL ALSO SPEND SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO GAIN EXPERIENCE THERE.

DURING THE PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT TO THE PROSECUTIONS DIVISION, ALL TRAINEES WILL ATTEND A FOUR-WEEK PRACTICAL PROSECUTING COURSE CONSISTING OF LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND MOCK COURT SESSIONS.

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ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CARRY OUT PROSECUTION WORK IN COURTS.

IN ADDITION, TRAINEE SOLICITORS WHO WILL JOIN THE SCHEME FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WILL, ACCORDING TO THEIR PREFERENCE, WORK FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MONTHS IN THE LEGAL/JUDICIAL GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS.

ASSISTANT CROWN COUNSEL (OR TRAINEES UNDER THE BARRISTER STREAM), WILL JOIN THE SCHEME FOR ONE YEAR AND UNDERGO A 12-MONTH PUPILLAGE PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES ATTACHMENT TO A JUDGE'S MARSHALL FOR ONE MONTH SO THAT THEY MAY SEE THE COURTS IN ACTION AS SEEN FROM THE BENCH.

THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE TRAINING PERIOD IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, ALL TRAINEES WILL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF EXPERIENCED COUNSEL WHO WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ADVICE TO THEM WHILE A MORE SENIOR COUNSEL WILL MONITOR THE TRAINING AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED.

TRAINEES WILL ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST EXPERIENCED COUNSEL IN DEALING WITH MAJOR AND COMPLICATED CASES.

LEGAL TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE A MONTH HONORARIUM OF \$26,335 IN THE FIRST 12 MONTHS AND \$27,570 IN THE SECOND 12 MONTHS.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING WITH A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (GF 340) TO THE SENIOR TRAINING OFFICER, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG BEFORE OCTOBER 22.

AN ACADEMIC REFERENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT SERVING OFFICERS AND SHOULD BE SENT DIRECT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR FACULTY OF LAW TO THE SAME ADDRESS BEFORE NOVEMBER 10.

INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 867 2166.

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#### REVISION OF FEES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REVISED THE LEVELS OF FEES CHARGED UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE, QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A RECENT STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOWED THE EXISTING FEE LEVELS WERE BELOW COST.

"THE FEES IN THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE AND THE QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE WERE LAST REVISED IN 1989 AND 1991 RESPECTIVELY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"THOSE PAYABLE UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE FIRST SET IN 1990," HE ADDED.

THE NEW FEES ARE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE AND WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 14 (MONDAY).

DETAILS OF THE FEE REVISION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE

ITEM	EXISTING FEES	REVISED FEES
	(\$)	(\$)
LICENCE TO MANUFACTURE DANGEROUS DRUGS	500	1,340
WHOLESALE DEALER'S LICENCE TO SUPPLY DANGEROUS DRUGS	500	780

QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE

ITEM	EXISTING FEES	REVISED FEES
	(\$)	(\$)
FOR THE ISSUE OF A DERATTING CERTIFICATE	5,310	11,140
FOR THE ISSUE OF A DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE	1,335	1,790
FOR SUPERVISION DURING DISINFECTING AN AIRCRAFT AND CERTIFICATION	435	595

SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS  
(REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS

ITEM	EXISTING FEES	REVISED FEES
	(\$)	(\$)
REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 13	735	1,020
PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 15	735	985

/PRACTISING CERTIFICATE .....

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE ISSUED  
UNDER SECTION 16 -

(A) IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST HOLDING AN APPOINTMENT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 30(1) OF THE ORDINANCE	75	155
(B) IN ALL OTHER CASES	245	355
DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 14(7)	245	260
RESTORATION TO THE REGISTER UNDER SECTION 10(5)	245	425
ANY ALTERATION TO THE REGISTER UNDER SECTION 10(2)	245	335
CERTIFICATE OF STANDING UNDER SECTION 14A	325	520
CERTIFICATE VERIFYING REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 14A	245	395

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS  
(REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS

ITEM	EXISTING FEES	REVISED FEES
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	(\$)	(\$)
REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 13	735	1,020
PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 15	735	985
PRACTISING CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 16 -		
(A) IN THE CASE OF AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST HOLDING AN APPOINTMENT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 30(1) OF THE ORDINANCE	75	155
(B) IN ALL OTHER CASES	245	355
DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 14(7)	245	260
RESTORATION TO THE REGISTER UNDER SECTION 10(5)	245	425

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ALTERATION TO THE REGISTER UNDER SECTION 10(2)	245	335
CERTIFICATE OF STANDING UNDER SECTION 14A	325	520
CERTIFICATE VERIFYING REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 14A	245	395

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## CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK SECTION - PHASE II

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT THE ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK SECTION (TAI LAM TUNNEL AND YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD) PHASE II WORKS.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE COUNTRY PARK SECTION BETWEEN TING KAU BRIDGE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD IS A VITAL PORTION OF ROUTE 3 CONNECTING THE BORDER WITH KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO EXPRESSWAY STANDARDS.

A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF 4.6 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN MA ON KONG IN THE SOUTH AND THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD NEAR MO FAN HEUNG IN THE NORTH, FORMING THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY OF THE NORTHERN SECTION OF YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD.

A PAIR OF TWO-LANE LINK ROADS WILL BE PROVIDED CONNECTING KAM TIN ROAD WITH THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY OF YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD.

THE PHASE II WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE NORTH OF AU TAU, CONSISTING OF FOUR TWO-LANE LINK ROADS AND A SECTION OF DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY AND ASSOCIATED SLIP ROADS, WHICH TOGETHER CONNECTS THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY OF YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD WITH YUEN LONG SOUTHERN BYPASS AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

A TWO-LANE ACCESS ROAD CONNECTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT SHA PO ROUNDABOUT WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD WILL BE BUILT.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED ROADS, FOOTPATHS, PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASSES, DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS WILL ALSO BE PART OF THE PROJECT.

THE PHASE II WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN DECEMBER 1995 WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1998.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;

- \* THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE/YUEN LONG, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6.

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TSING YI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE TSING YI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (OZP) (NO. S/TY/10), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE PLAN PROVIDES A STATUTORY LAND USE FRAMEWORK TO CONTROL DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TSING YI AREA," HE SAID.

ON THE PLAN, ABOUT 72 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND ABOUT NINE HECTARES IN THE TSING YI TOWN AREA HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE TO FACILITATE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THERE ARE ALSO THREE "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREAS" (CDAS) ON THE PLAN. THEY ARE LOCATED IN NGA YING CHAU, LIU TO AND TO THE SOUTH OF TSING TSUEN BRIDGE.

"THE CDA SITE TO THE SOUTH OF TSING TSUEN BRIDGE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR TSING YI STATION OF THE AIRPORT RAILWAY WITH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNED ABOVE THE STATION.

"THE ONE IN NGA YING CHAU IS TO ENCOURAGE RELOCATION OF THE EXISTING OIL DEPOT AND TO ALLOW SUBSEQUENT COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT.

"THE ONE IN LIU TO, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS MAINLY FOR MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF INDUSTRIAL USES, ABOUT 173 HECTARES OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COAST OF THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR "INDUSTRIAL" USE.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 148 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" FOR THE PROPOSED CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 AND BACK-UP AREAS FOR CARGO HANDLING, CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION, CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING AND CONTAINER STORAGE.

OTHER USES INCLUDE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, CHEMICAL WASTES TREATMENT FACILITY, CEMENT PLANT, BOATYARDS AND BURIAL AREA.

ON THE PLAN, THERE ARE ALSO AREAS DESIGNATED FOR "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT", "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY", "OPEN SPACE" AND "GREEN BELT".

THE APPROVED PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NEXT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14) FROM:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
27TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE,  
38 SAI LAU KOK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,  
THE NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
FIRST FLOOR,  
TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,  
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,  
THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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

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CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/K5/9).

A SITE AT TAI PO ROAD (NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT [NKIL] 3512 REMAINING PORTION [RP] AND EXTENSION) HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" TO "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" (CDA).

"WITHIN THIS ZONE, DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IN THE FORM OF A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN TOGETHER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC VIEW, THE TWO CDA SITES DESIGNATED ON THE PLAN ARE RESTRICTED TO HAVING FLOOR AREA AND BUILDING HEIGHT OF 9,000 SQUARE METRES AND 103 METRES (FOR NKIL 3512 RP AND EXTENSION), AND 17,649 SQUARE METRES AND 111.5 METRES (FOR NKIL 4850 RP).

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/K5/10) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL OCTOBER 28 FROM:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;

- \* KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,  
77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,  
6TH FLOOR, 290 UN CHAU STREET,  
KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE OCTOBER 28.

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

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OZPS AMENDED TO FACILITATE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHAU KEI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZP) (NO. S/H9/4) AND THE DRAFT QUARRY BAY OZP (NO. S/H21/8).

"THE AMENDMENTS ARE LARGELY RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF IN-FILL SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

ON THE SHAU KEI WAN OZP, A SITE NEAR HING TUNG ESTATE HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" USE FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

ON THE QUARRY BAY OZP, A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI HONG STREET AND LEI KING ROAD HAS BEEN REZONED FROM "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" USE TO FACILITATE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR SMALL HOUSEHOLDS.

A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF GREIG ROAD AND KING'S ROAD HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED FROM "COMMERCIAL" TO "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)" TO REFLECT THE EXISTING LAND USE.

THE AMENDMENT PLANS (NO. S/H9/5 AND S/H21/9) ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL OCTOBER 28 FROM:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* HONG KONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,  
77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- \* EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING,  
29 TAI ON STREET, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLAN(S) MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE OCTOBER 28.

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

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BOARD TO REVIEW TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN  
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS REFERRED THE TSUEN WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/TW/6) 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 LAST YEAR.

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

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KWUN TONG (NORTH) OUTLINE ZONING PLAN APPROVED  
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE KWUN TONG (NORTH) OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (OZP), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE PLAN PROVIDES GUIDANCE AND A PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE KWUN TONG (NORTH) AREA," HE SAID.

THE MAJOR TYPE OF LAND USE ON THE PLAN IS "OTHER SPECIFIED USES" ANNOTATED "MINING AND QUARRYING", WHICH OCCUPIES ABOUT 88 PER CENT (ABOUT 150 HECTARES) OF THE TOTAL PLANNING SCHEME AREA.

THE ZONING WILL FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REHABILITATION SCHEME AS PART OF THE CONTINUING QUARRY OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE QUARRY OPERATIONS IN THE PAST THREE DECADES HAD CREATED A MAJOR LANDSCAPE SCAR.

"A REHABILITATION SCHEME TO PERMIT PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION OF THE LANDSCAPE AND CREATION OF PLATFORMS FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF QUARRY OPERATION HAS BEEN FORMULATED.

"BY ERADICATING A MAJOR LANDSCAPE SCAR, THE SCHEME WILL BRING A LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE AREA," HE ADDED.

AN OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL BE PREPARED TO GUIDE THE DETAILED LAYOUTS OF PLATFORMS AND THEIR FUTURE USES FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION.

"ACCORDING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT EARLIER, THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ARISING FROM REHABILITATION WILL BE MINIMISED TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDED MITIGATION MEASURES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER LAND USES ON THE PLAN INCLUDE "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" FOR THE EXISTING SAU MAU PING SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR, AND "GREEN BELT" COVERING MAINLY STEEP HILLSLOPE AREA.

THE APPROVED PLAN (NO. S/K14N/2) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NEXT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14) FROM:

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,  
77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY,  
HONG KONG; AND
- \* KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE,  
KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING,  
GROUND FLOOR, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

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

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#### HEI LING CHAU TYPHOON SHELTER TO BE BUILT

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TYPHOON SHELTER, 22 MOORING DOLPHINS AND SECURITY FACILITIES FOR THE HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE WITHIN 280 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED TO THE SOUTHWEST OF HEI LING CHAU.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT INDICATED IT WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT ON WATER QUALITY.

THE FISHING INDUSTRY'S CONCERNS HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

THE TYPHOON SHELTER WILL PROVIDE BETTER ANCHORAGE FACILITIES FOR FISHERMEN IN FOUL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ADDITIONALLY, A WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE EARLY DETECTION AND CONTAINMENT OF ADVERSE IMPACT ON FISHERIES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 1995.

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

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RECLAMATION TO FACILITATE SHIPYARD RELOCATION

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION FOR THE RECLAMATION OF 5.8 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT TO KAU WAN, NORTH LANTAU TO FACILITATE RELOCATION OF A SHIPYARD.

THE WORK WILL START AROUND DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN ARE DISPLAYED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG AND AT ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 1995.

HE SHOULD STATE THE AMOUNT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT THOSE PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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GREEN LIGHT FOR DAM AND RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 140-METRE DAM ACROSS KWAT TAU TAM INLET FOR THE CREATION OF A FRESHWATER RESERVOIR.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAM AND RESERVOIR IS TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR IRRIGATION WATER FROM THE PUBLIC GOLF CENTRE AT KAU SAI CHAU.

"A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY TOGETHER WITH A CONSULTATION EXERCISE HAS BEEN COMPLETED," A LANDS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE LOSS OF MANGROVES BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION WAS IDENTIFIED AS A KEY ISSUE, THE PROBLEM WOULD BE ALLEVIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION MEASURES WHICH INCLUDED TRANSPLANTING OF MANGROVES UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN EXPERT.

"PRACTICAL MEASURES HAVE ALSO BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE PLANNING AND DESIGN TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO THE MINIMUM," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND JUNE NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED, COVERING 5.73 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT KAU SAI CHAU, IS DESCRIBED IN A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 1995 TO CLAIM COMPENSATION.

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

MARINE WORKS ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS AUTHORISED THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT DREDGING AND RECLAMATION WORKS ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL DREDGE AND RECLAIM ABOUT 12 HECTARES OF LAND AND CONSTRUCT ABOUT 2,100 METRES OF SEAWALLS AND BREAKWATERS AT THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE ISLAND.

THE WORK, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 80.65 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, IS TO PROVIDE BERTHING AND LAND FACILITIES AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT ON DEFENCE LANDS REACHED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP ON JUNE 30 THIS YEAR.

THE WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1997.

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

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

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 290-296 UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON AND THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 1995 TO CLAIM COMPENSATION.

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

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN SAI KUNG PROPOSED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO YING YIP ROAD AND SILVERSTRAND BEACH ROAD IN SAI KUNG.

THE ROAD WORKS ARE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE TRANSPORT LINKS OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN TO THE CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULA AND EASTERN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

AN EXISTING 650 METRE SECTION OF YING YIP ROAD AND 250 METRE SECTION OF SILVERSTRAND BEACH ROAD WILL BE REALIGNED.

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THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING JUNCTIONS OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, HANG HAU ROAD, YING YIP ROAD, SILVERSTRAND BEACH ROAD INTO ONE NEW ROUNDABOUT.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, ALTERNATIVE CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS WILL BE PROVIDED TO MINIMISE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A NOTICE IS POSTED NEAR THE SITES OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TWO ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FOUNDATION AND SUPERSTRUCTURE WORK OF A CLINIC AT SAI SHA ROAD, MA ON SHAN.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STOREY BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, A DENTAL CLINIC AND A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CLINIC.

A SOCIAL AND ELDERLY CENTRE WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CLINIC BUILDING.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS AT HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STOREY PUBLIC TOILET AND THE CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING SINGLE-STOREY PUBLIC TOILET INTO A STAFF TOILET AND CHANGING ROOMS.

WORKS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION BY MAY 1996 AND JULY 1995 RESPECTIVELY.

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

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON OCTOBER 28.

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NEW ROADS FOR TUEN MUN AUTHORISED

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS AUTHORISED THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CONSTRUCT TWO ROADS IN CHUNG UK TSUEN, TUEN MUN TO SERVE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE NEW ROADS, L1 AND L2, ARE ONE OF THE PROPOSED ITEMS UNDER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BASED RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY PROGRAMME.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN MARCH NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 18 MONTHS.

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CLOSURE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF WAI WAH STREET

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PART OF WAI WAH STREET TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD FROM APRIL NEXT YEAR TO DECEMBER 1996.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADJACENT REDEVELOPMENT OF TSZ ON ESTATE PHASE I.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS AND ROAD CLOSURE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEDULE MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- \* THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- \* KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, AND
- \* TSZ WAN SHAN SUB-OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSZ WAN SHAN SOUTH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUNG WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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WATER SUPPLY TO EXTEND TO WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 40,000 CUBIC METRES OFF CHAK ON ROAD AND FOR LAYING ASSOCIATED WATER MAINS IN SHEK KIP MEI AND SHAM SHUI PO AREAS.

THE PROJECT AIMS AT SUPPLYING WATER TO WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION TO COPE WITH DEMAND ANTICIPATED TO ARISE FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS.

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

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 4.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY 1994

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THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 13% OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 5.8%, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8.9%. MEANWHILE, IMPORTS INCREASED BY 11% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 0.7% AND 1.2% RESPECTIVELY. IMPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 1.8%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, DECREASED BY 1.0% IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1994 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMPARING JULY 1994 WITH JULY 1993, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 9.0%, WHILE THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6.1%. TAKEN TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 5.7%. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 8.8%.

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OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1.2% AND 1.5% RESPECTIVELY. IMPORT PRICES INCREASED BY 2.7%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JULY 1994 WITH JULY 1993, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES RECORDED INCREASES OF VARIOUS MAGNITUDES: FOODSTUFFS (+16%), RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+13%), FUELS (+12%), CAPITAL GOODS (+12%) AND CONSUMER GOODS (+5.7%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS, CONSUMER GOODS, CAPITAL GOODS, AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 2.3%, 1.5%, 1.1% AND 0.5% RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FUELS DECREASED BY 7.8%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

COMPARING JULY 1994 WITH JULY 1993, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS WHICH RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 12%, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR OTHER COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED, PARTICULARLY RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-57%), FOOTWEAR (-40%) AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-39%).

COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES INCLUDED TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+3.8%); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+3.4%); AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+2.9%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (-7.2%) AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1.5%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 14% IN JULY 1994 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1993.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS; AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATION. HOWEVER, A MARKED DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 4.6%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY. ON THE OTHER HAND, A MARKED DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS NOTED OF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 9.1% IN JULY 1994 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1993.

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SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; AND CHEMICAL ELEMENT AND COMPOUNDS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; AND WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED MARKEDLY BY 72% IN VOLUME IN JULY 1994 AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1993.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 10% IN JULY 1994 OVER JULY 1993.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE MACHINERY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY DECLINED.

COMPARING JULY 1994 WITH JULY 1993, THE IMPORT PRICES OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED: CONSUMER GOODS (+3.3%), RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+3.2%), CAPITAL GOODS (+2.1%) AND FOODSTUFFS (+1.5%). THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS, HOWEVER, DECREASED BY 11%.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 1994 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND OCTOBER 11 AT \$9 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

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Table 1 : Changes in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing JUL 1994 with JUL 1993			Comparing JAN-JUL 1994 with JAN-JUL 1993		
	% changes			% changes		
	Value	Unit Value	Volume	Value	Unit Value	Volume
Foodstuffs	16.7	2.3	15.7	17.8	1.7	16.2
Consumer goods	6.9	1.5	5.7	11.2	1.0	10.3
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	13.9	0.5	13.4	19.0	-0.5	19.5
Fuels	5.4	-7.8	11.8	10.0	-14.8	25.7
Capital goods	12.9	1.1	11.6	10.4	1.8	9.6
ALL COMMODITIES	9.9	1.2	9.0	13.2	0.7	13.0

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Table 2 : Changes in domestic exports by principal commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing JUL 1994 with JUL 1993			Comparing JAN-JUL 1994 with JAN-JUL 1993		
	% changes			% changes		
	Value	Unit Value	Volume	Value	Unit Value	Volume
Clothing	0.9	1.9	-0.8	-1.3	1.4	-2.1
Textile fabrics	-18.7	0.8	-18.9	-13.4	-3.5	-10.4
Textile yarn and thread	-5.7	1.5	-6.9	-7.1	0.3	-6.5
Textile made-ups and related articles	2.7	3.4	-1.4	-2.5	0.6	-4.4
Radios of all kinds	-58.7	-1.5	-56.6	-57.5	1.4	-57.5
Electronic components	16.8	2.9	12.2	-1.0	3.8	-4.8
Footwear	-42.5	-7.2	-39.9	-25.0	-3.3	-25.9
Metal manufactures	-3.3	2.5	-2.7	-0.8	2.2	-0.5
Metal ores and scrap	-15.3	1.6	-19.2	-11.6	-1.2	-12.5
Watches and clocks	-19.3	2.3	-20.3	-9.0	1.7	-9.3
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-1.9	3.8	-5.0	-1.1	4.5	-4.9
Domestic electrical appliances	-34.9	*	-38.6	-19.6	2.2	-24.1
ALL COMMODITIES	-4.3	1.5	-6.1	-4.2	1.2	-5.8

\* less than 0.05%

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Table 3 : Changes in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing JUL 1994 with JUL 1993			Comparing JAN-JUL 1994 with JAN-JUL 1993		
	% changes			% changes		
	Value	Unit Value	Volume	Value	Unit Value	Volume
Foodstuffs	14.8	1.5	13.7	15.3	0.3	15.3
Consumer goods	6.4	3.3	4.6	10.1	2.1	9.1
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	13.1	3.2	9.1	17.1	2.3	14.0
Fuels	50.7	-11.1	72.4	21.5	-16.4	40.9
Capital goods	12.9	2.1	10.5	9.5	2.0	7.3
ALL COMMODITIES	10.8	2.7	8.8	12.8	1.8	11.5

PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS GIVE CULTURAL PRESENTATION TO PROMOTE HK

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TALENTED STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (APA) WILL BE THE CULTURAL AMBASSADORS IN THE BIGGEST PROMOTION HONG KONG HAS EVER LAUNCHED IN THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS MONTH.

THE HONG KONG - USA '94 IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION TO FOSTER BILATERAL BUSINESS AND CULTURAL LINKS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, WILL LEAD A TOP-LEVEL BUSINESS DELEGATION FOR A WEEK-LONG PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING BUSINESS SEMINARS, GALA DINNERS, AN ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION, A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF HONG KONG LIFE AND FILM FESTIVALS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA FROM OCTOBER 17 TO 21.

THE APA PERFORMANCE DURING THE GALA DINNERS WILL HIGHLIGHT HONG KONG'S ROLE AS THE CULTURAL CROSSROADS OF EAST AND WEST IN A MODERN, MULTI-CULTURAL AND SOPHISTICATED INTERNATIONAL CITY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THREE APA STAFF MEMBERS, THE PERFORMANCE GROUP COMPRISES 10 STUDENTS FROM THE ACADEMY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE, EIGHT FROM THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND SIX FROM THE SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL ARTS.

THE PERFORMANCE OPENS WITH A FAST-MOVING AND LIVELY FAN DANCE FROM HUBEI PROVINCE, FOLLOWED BY A CHINESE FOLK SONG. THE CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE WILL THEN SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS ON INSTRUMENTS DATING FROM THE DAYS OF MARCO POLO AND THE SILK ROUTE.

MODERN HONG KONG IS PORTRAYED IN SONG BY INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED GUEST ARTIST, FRANCES YIP, AS SHE SINGS IN CANTONESE, MANDARIN AND ENGLISH, ILLUSTRATING THE COSMOPOLITAN NATURE OF THE TERRITORY.

THE FINALE FEATURES THE ENTIRE COMPANY AND MARKS A RETURN TO TRADITION WITH THE SPECTACULAR FLOWER DRUM DANCE FROM ANHUI PROVINCE.

DURING THEIR SEVEN-DAY VISIT, THE STUDENTS WILL GIVE A TOTAL OF THREE PERFORMANCES AT THE GALA DINNERS IN THE PLAZA HOTEL, NEW YORK; THE TRADING ROOM OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO AND THE RITZ-CARLTON IN BUCKHEAD, ATLANTA.

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JOINT EFFORTS REQUIRED FOR HILL FIRE PREVENTION

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CONTINUED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMUNITY IS REQUIRED TO PREVENT HILL FIRES THOUGH THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES DURING THE PREVIOUS DRY SEASON WAS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S (AFD) SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR LAI CHING-WAI, SAID THIS AT THE LAUNCHING OF THIS YEAR'S COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE AT THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK TODAY (FRIDAY).

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MR LAI SAID THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES INSIDE OR THREATENING COUNTRY PARKS IN 1993/94 WAS 155, THE SECOND LOWEST IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

NONETHELESS, THESE RELATIVELY LOW HILL FIRE OCCURRENCES HAD RESULTED IN ABOUT 86,200 TREES ON 1,024 HECTARES OF COUNTRY PARK LAND BEING DAMAGED.

HE STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LET-UP IN COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PREVENTION EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD ADHERE TO ADVISE ON THE SAFE USE OF FIRE IN THE COUNTRYSIDES SO AS TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES TO AN EVEN LOWER LEVEL.

"GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE OUTBREAK OF HILL FIRES IS MAINLY CAUSED BY THE PREVAILING WEATHER CONDITIONS. A PARTICULARLY DRY AND WINDY DAY, COUPLED WITH THE CARELESSNESS OF COUNTRY PARK VISITORS, MAY RESULT IN A DISASTROUS FIRE.

"THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THESE FIRES COULD BE VERY DESTRUCTIVE TO OUR COUNTRYSIDE VEGETATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES. IT WOULD ALSO UPSET THE LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND SCENIC VALUE, DESTROY WILDLIFE HABITATS AND CAUSE SOIL EROSION," HE SAID.

THE SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER REITERATED THAT MOST OF THE HILL FIRES COULD BE AVOIDED IF THE PUBLIC WERE ABLE TO TAKE SOME SIMPLE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

THESE MEASURES INCLUDE LIGHTING FIRES ONLY IN DESIGNATED BARBECUE SITES, NO DISCARDING OF CIGARETTE ENDS, NO BURNING WEEDS AND RUBBISH ON HILLSIDE FARMLAND AS WELL AS NEVER LEAVING BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER UNATTENDED.

HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION, BOTH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE URBAN PROPER, AFTER YEARS OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE AFD WOULD PREPARE A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES THROUGH TELEVISION, RADIO AND THE PRINTED MEDIA AS WELL AS EXHIBITIONS TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE OF HILL FIRE PREVENTION TO ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO BACK UP THE CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

TURNING TO THE FIGHTING OF HILL FIRES, MR LAI POINTED OUT THAT 44 FIRE FIGHTING CREWS EACH OF 10 MEMBERS WOULD BE MOBILISED WITHIN AFD DURING THE DRY SEASON.

IN ADDITION TO HAVING 10 FIRE LOOKOUTS, THE AFD ALSO HAS A FIRE CONTROL CENTRE AT TAI PO ROAD TO CO-ORDINATE ALL FIRE FIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS.

A 24-HOUR HOTLINE (720 0777) IS ALSO MAINTAINED TO COLLECT HILL FIRE REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

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MR LAI THANKED OTHER DEPARTMENTS, IN PARTICULAR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE (GFS), FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO HILL FIRE FIGHTING IN COUNTRY PARKS.

AS THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WAS JUST DAYS AWAY, MR LAI REMINDED GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WHEN BURNING JOSS STICKS AND PAPER.

"LIGHTING FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS INDISCRIMINATELY WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE ADDED.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF SIX PROSECUTIONS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND OFFENDERS WERE FINED UP TO \$1,000.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

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THE OPENING OF THE ACUPRESSURE AND MASSAGE CENTRE OF THE BLIND, THE SECOND OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY, IS AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TOWARDS ACHIEVING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

"IT IS ABOUT AN ENTERPRISE, A PROFIT-MAKING BUSINESS, GENERATING INCOME NOT ONLY FOR A FEW DISABLED PERSONS, BUT ALSO FOR RE-INVESTMENT TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE DISABLED PERSONS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURTHER EXPANSION SO THAT MORE VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS CAN BENEFIT.

"THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THEIR SOCIAL STATUS, EARNINGS POTENTIAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE," MR STRACHAN SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THE IDEA GENERATED FROM A GROUP OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED MASSEURS, MR STRACHAN SAID THE FIRST CENTRE WAS SET UP IN 1987 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SOME VOLUNTARY HELPERS.

"IT WAS TRANSFORMED FROM A VISITING SERVICE MODEL WHEREBY MASSEURS DELIVERED DOOR-TO-DOOR TREATMENT SERVICE UPON REQUEST," HE SAID.

SINCE THEN, THE CENTRE'S BUSINESS HAS DEVELOPED STEADILY AND IT HAS GENERATED ENOUGH SURPLUS AS CAPITAL FOR A SECOND CENTRE WHICH IS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY.

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ALTRUIST SUITABLE FOR FIREMAN JOB

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IT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE FOR PEOPLE TO STRESS TOO MUCH ON PERSONAL INTEREST IN JOINING THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BECAUSE ITS WORK IS TO SAVE PEOPLE AND PROTECT OTHERS' PROPERTY.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR WONG MAN-CHIU, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF FIREMAN RECRUITS IN THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL.

"IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES, FIREMEN HAVE TO WORK IN EXTREME DANGEROUS, DIFFICULT AND MISERABLE SITUATIONS THAT THEY MAY GET HURT," HE POINTED OUT.

"IN THE PAST, WE HAD COLLEAGUES WHO WERE KILLED ON DUTY BECAUSE OF THEIR DEVOTION TO DUTY AND ALTRUISM," HE SAID.

MR WONG ADVISED THE GRADUATES TO RESPECT AND BE CONTENT WITH THEIR CAREER ONCE THEY EMBARKED ON IT.

"ONLY A PERSON WHO RESPECTS AND IS CONTENT WITH HIS CAREER IS A SUCCESSFUL PERSON AS HIS ENTHUSIASTIC WORKING ATTITUDE HELPS HIM DEVELOP AN ENTHUSIASTIC OUTLOOK ON LIFE," HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO CALLED ON THE GRADUATES TO KEEP ON LEARNING AND TAKING IN THE EVER-CHANGING KNOWLEDGE TO ENRICH THEMSELVES AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR ALL CONTINGENCIES.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 45 RECRUITS WHO HAD COMPLETED A 26-WEEK BASIC TRAINING AND WHO WOULD SOON BE POSTED OUT TO VARIOUS FIRE STATIONS TO GAIN MORE FIELD EXPERIENCE.

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EXHIBITIONS TO PUBLICISE EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A MOBILE EXHIBITION TO PUBLICISE MERITS OF EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE MOUNTED AT SEVERAL SHOPPING ARCADES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS.

THE FIRST WILL TAKE PLACE IN YUEN LONG PLAZA THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9) WHILE TWO OTHERS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16 AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN AND OCTOBER 23 AT THE METROPOLIS PLAZA IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT AGENT, PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, BUILDING INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR BUILDING.

FIVE VIDEO TAPES PRODUCED BY CNTA TO PROMOTE PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE SHOWN AT THE VENUE.

STAFF FROM CNTA'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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THE 25TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9).

OF THE 927 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, 742 WERE FROM MEN'S AND 185 FROM WOMEN'S DIVISION. THE YOUNGEST ENTRANT IS NINE YEARS OLD AND THE OLDEST 76.

THE RACE IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

IT WILL START AT 10.30 AM AT SHA LAN BEACH IN SHUEN WAN AND FINISH AT THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2,400 METRES.

ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER MISS SHIRLEY YUEN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE AT 12.10 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 25TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM IN TAI PO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9).

A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE FOR THE STARTING POINT AT SHA LAN FROM THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, 2 ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO, AT 9 AM.

THOSE TRAVELLING ON THEIR OWN SHOULD GATHER AT THE PIER NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT OF SAM MUN TSAI ROAD NEAR THE LUEN YICK SEAFOOD HOUSE IN THE LUEN YICK FISHERMEN VILLAGE BY 9.30 AM.

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SWIMMING RACE ON SUNDAY

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A SWIMMING RACE INVOLVING ABOUT 1,200 CONTESTANTS WILL BE HELD IN SHUEN WAN HOI, TAI PO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9).

THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE FROM SHA LAN TO TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM.

THE DEPARTMENT URGED MASTERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS-IN-CHARGE OF VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND GIVE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE CONTESTANTS.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,232	0930	+248
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,286	1000	+248
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+249
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+249	1200	+249
LAF TODAY	-195	1500	+249
		1600	+249
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.8	*+0.1*	7.10.94

## HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

## EF BILLS

## EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.03	20 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.19	6.32
1 MONTH	4.31	23 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.46	6.56
3 MONTHS	4.60	31 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.09	7.10
6 MONTHS	4.94	34 MONTHS	3707	6.95	99.49	7.28
12 MONTHS	5.71	60 MONTHS	5909	7.45	98.15	8.06

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,763 MN

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