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LABOUR DEPT CONTINUES ITS CONCILIATION ROLE

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HOUSE COMMITTEE CONVEYING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE CATHAY PACIFIC DISPUTE AND WAS CONSIDERING THE MATTER.

"IN THE MEANTIME, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS CONCILIATION ROLE AND PROVIDE ITS SERVICES TO BOTH SIDES", MR CHAN SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES THIS AFTERNOON," HE ADDED.

"IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, WE SEE NO NEED TO DEAL WITH THE DISPUTE IN A DIFFERENT WAY," MR CHAN SAID.

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PLEA ON CHILD CARE

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO PARENTS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE AND TO AVOID LEAVING THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"FOR THEIR SAFETY, CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE AT HOME, EVEN FOR A SHORT WHILE," THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A CALENDAR CARD TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE.

COPIES OF THE CALENDAR CARD ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT ALL SERVICE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS FAMILY SERVICE CENTRES AND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT AIMING AT ELIMINATING THE RISK OF LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

HE NOTED THAT 75 CHILD CARE CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT, OFFERING 225 PLACES TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX.

"A FLEXIBLE MODE OF FEE-CHARGING HAS ALSO BEEN ADOPTED FOR PARENTS WHO NEED THE SERVICE FOR A SHORT SPAN OF TIME," HE SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE CENTRES OFFER SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY CARE ON SESSIONAL BASIS, CHARGING A FEE OF \$10 TO \$15 PER ADMISSION.

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ANOTHER PILOT SCHEME ON OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN HAD ALSO BEEN IN OPERATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHEME IS A SHORT-TERM DAY CARE SERVICE PROVIDED ON FULL-DAY, HALF-DAY OR SESSIONAL BASIS IN THREE SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND ONE EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SERVICES MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON TEL 836 3114.

"PARENTS HAVING ANY CHILD CARE PROBLEMS CAN ALSO SEEK HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 30 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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#### DO URGES SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT IS A STEP FORWARD IN THE DEMOCRATISATION OF THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING AT THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE'S SPRING LANTERNS PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR YOUNG SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS WORTHY OF SUPPORT.

ON THE PROPOSAL INVOLVING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR YOUNG SAID EXPANDING THE FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT BOARDS WILL STEP UP THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE ADDED THAT WITH SUCH PROPOSED CHANGES, IT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

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#### AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS

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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,128,000.

THE MONEY WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK FF7 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$305,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK 345 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$105,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 /FOR FA8687.

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## FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
FA1383	24,000	FA699	11,000	FA928	30,000	FA8687	1,000
BE557	21,000	*345	105,000	*DH818	28,000	AP2862	20,000
FA8892	15,000	FA376	8,000	FA198	23,000	FA3819	3,000
*FF151	20,000	FA189	30,000	FA750	9,000	*FF58	9,000
FA6388	24,000	*AE800	38,000	*DB5	45,000	FA1323	10,000
AA510	27,000	FA2283	8,000	FA3892	8,000	AS2318	16,000
FA1329	17,000	FA108	38,000	FA8863	26,000	FA1395	WITHDRAW
*CK16	50,000	*FF7	305,000	*DP2222	50,000	*FF6006	11,000
FA298	22,000	AB7960	6,000	FA351	4,000	FA2030	4,000
FA8222	28,000	FA701	27,000	FA1281	3,000	FA8184	3,000

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 187TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$169,018,905.

THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR FA1395, THIS VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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## LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

HEARINGS IN OPEN SESSION  
COURT NO. 10, SUPREME COURT,  
38 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG

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MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1)

10.30 AM CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD (MEMBERS ATTENDING INCLUDING MR CHAN CHIT-KWAI, MR CHAN TAK-CHOR, MR CHANG YAU-HUNG, MR LAM KIN-LAI, MR LEUNG YING-YEUNG, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG AND MR SAMMY POONE);

11.15 AM MR B T WIGLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) AND MR J CUNNINGHAM, DISTRICT COMMANDER (CENTRAL), ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE;

/2.30 PM .....

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2.30 PM MR K S LIEW, CHIEF TRAFFIC ENGINEER (HONG KONG),  
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT; AND  
MR F H YEUNG, CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER (HONG KONG),  
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 2)  
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10.30 AM MRS RITA LAU, COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND  
ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY AND MR S N CHAN,  
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH), URBAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT;  
NOON MR T THUMB, CHIEF ENGINEER/HONG KONG AND ISLANDS,  
DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,670
REVERSAL OF LAF	-1,080
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,590
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-40
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,550
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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MRS PATTEN HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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MRS PATTEN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY IN BRINGING UP THE CHILDREN.

OFFICIATING AT THE GREEN SUNDAY 1993 CARNIVAL, MRS PATTEN SAID THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE CARNIVAL - "WE BUILD A GREENER HONG KONG" - WAS BOTH TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE.

SHE SAID TODAY'S PROGRAMME GAVE A GOOD CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVE ABILITIES.

"THE PAINTING OF DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES COMBINES THE ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE OF THE NEED FOR A CLEANER, GREENER HONG KONG WITH PLENTY OF FUN."

THE CARNIVAL WILL ALSO ACT AS A FUND-RAISER FOR MORE PROGRAMMES OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, SHE ADDED.

MRS PATTEN SAID PEOPLE MUST BE TAUGHT THAT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT DID NOT INEVITABLY CONFLICT WITH INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS.

SHE EXPLAINED THAT BUSINESS COULD DO BETTER AND MAKE MORE MONEY BY TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGY, WASTE MINIMISATION AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION.

SHE ADDED THAT NOWADAYS A CITY OR COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO DEAL SUCCESSFULLY WITH ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WAS INCREASINGLY VIEWED BY INVESTORS, AND TOURISTS, AS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WHEN THEY WERE MAKING UP THEIR MINDS ABOUT WHERE TO PUT THEIR MONEY OR WHERE TO BOOK THEIR HOTELS.

"AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT PART OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS TO REMIND AND TEACH THE COMMUNITY THE EFFECT EACH ONE OF US HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR DUTY NOT TO DAMAGE IT," SHE SAID.

MRS PATTEN SAID LITTER WAS A MENACE AND SO WERE THOSE WHO WRECK THE LOVELY COUNTRYSIDE.

"IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT THE WORLD WE PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN FROM BEING DEGRADED AND DESTROYED THROUGH OUR OWN NEGLIGENCE AND IGNORANCE," SHE SAID.

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CENTRAL ENQUIRY CENTRE RECEIVES OVER 150,000 CALLS

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THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE HANDLED A TOTAL OF 150,652 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THESE ENQUIRIES RELATED MAINLY TO THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, GOVERNMENT VACANCIES, FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND RENT OFFICER SCHEMES.

THE CENTRE WAS SET UP IN APRIL 1991 TO BACK UP THE 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES IN VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANYONE WHO WISH TO ASK ABOUT GOVERNMENT SERVICES CAN CALL THE CENTRE'S HOTLINE - 835 2500.

THE SERVICE OPERATES FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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