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BAGUIO VILLAS LANDSLIDE REPORT RELEASED

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THE TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION REPORT COMPILED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE ON THE BAGUIO VILLAS LANDSLIDE WAS RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, SAID THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE LANDSLIDE WAS THE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH INTENSITY OF RAINFALL WHICH CAUSED SOIL EROSION IN FRONT OF AN OLD MASONARY RETAINING WALL.

THE WALL FAILED BECAUSE OF LOSS OF SUPPORT CAUSED BY SOIL EROSION AND A BUILD-UP OF WATER PRESSURE BEHIND THE WALL.

POOR STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF THE WALL MIGHT ALSO HAVE CONTRIBUTED.

THE AGE OF THE RETAINING WALL IS NOT KNOWN, BUT ITS EXISTENCE CAN BE TRACED BACK TO 1924.

THE WALL MAY WELL DATE BACK TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AS A FARM IN THE 1880S AND REMAINED WITHIN THE OWNERSHIP OF DAIRY FARM UNTIL 1988 WHEN THE ESTATE WAS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

PART OF THE ESTATE WAS THEN ALLOCATED TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

MR BLAKE SAID ALL OF THE INTERIM ENGINEERING WORKS TO PROTECT THE AFFECTED BUILDINGS HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

PERMANENT STABILISATION WORKS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PROTECTIVE WALLS ON ADJACENT SLOPES AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM BELOW VICTORIA ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE COMING DRY SEASON.

USE OF BLOCK 26 OF BAGUIO VILLAS IS NOW FULLY RESTORED. ALL OF THE AFFECTED GOVERNMENT QUARTERS IN BLOCKS 43 AND 44, SAVE FIVE APARTMENTS ON THE LOWER FLOORS, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR RE-OCCUPATION.

MR BLAKE SAID ANY QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LANDSLIDE WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF FINDINGS OF AN IMPENDING INQUEST INTO THE TWO DEATHS INVOLVED IN THE LANDSLIDE TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

AS AN ADDITIONAL PRECAUTION, THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN A SYSTEMATIC SEARCH FOR SLOPES WITH THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS AS THE ONE ABOVE BAGUIO VILLAS SOON AFTER THE LANDSLIDE WHICH OCCURRED ON MAY 8, 1992.

/MR BLAKE

MR BLAKE SAID THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE SEARCH WAS TO IDENTIFY AND UPGRADE PROMPTLY ANY UNSATISFACTORY SLOPES FOUND AS AN ADDED MEASURE TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF A BAGUIO VILLAS TYPE LANDSLIDE.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ON THE BAGUIO VILLAS LANDSLIDE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND AT THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LIBRARY, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMENTS ON BCCHK'S REPAYMENT SCHEME

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COMMENTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING ON THE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BY SCHEME CREDITORS OF THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE HONG KONG LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION), THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL CREDITORS.

"I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE SCHEME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CREDITORS," MR MACLEOD ADDED.

"THE SCHEME, ASSUMING IT IS APPROVED BY THE HIGH COURT, WILL ENABLE SMALL CREDITORS TO RECEIVE FULL PAYMENT SHORTLY. IT WILL ALSO HELP SPEED UP THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BY LARGE CREDITORS AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS."

"I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LIQUIDATOR AND THE SPECIAL MANAGERS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS," HE SAID.

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TALKS ON HK/GUANGDONG BOUNDARIES OF ADMINISTRATION

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.

DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER, MR S E BRADLEY, WILL LEAD THE HONG KONG TEAM. THE GUANGDONG TEAM WILL BE LED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GUANGDONG FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR ZHANG QINGPING.

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GOVT TAKES ACTIVE ROLE TO REDUCE POLLUTION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN REDUCING POLLUTION LOADING TO THE SURROUNDING WATERS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE AND STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COLLOQUIUM ON RED TIDES IN HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA 1992.

HE SAID THE OCCURRENCE OF RED TIDES IN THE TOLO SYSTEM, WHICH IS A LARGE ENCLOSED BAY TO THE NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG, APPEARED TO BE DECREASING AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN SINCE 1987.

"RED TIDES NOW ATTRACT MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THEIR INCREASING INTENSITY, AND BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPACT ON MARINE ENVIRONMENT, ON FISHERIES AND, POTENTIALLY AT LEAST, ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

"FISH KILLS ASSOCIATED WITH RED TIDES SINCE 1980 HAVE AMOUNTED TO 246 TONNES, AT A VALUE OF \$12.6 MILLION," HE SAID.

IN 1988, THERE WERE 88 INCIDENTS OF RED TIDES, THE HIGHEST FOR ANY YEAR ON RECORD.

"GAZETTED BEACHES HAVE ALSO BEEN THREATENED, AFFECTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR EASON POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT YET FULLY UNDERSTOOD HOW RED TIDES WERE FORMED, AND HE HOPED THAT THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD GIVE THE EXPERTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN HONG KONG HAD ESTABLISHED A RED TIDE REPORTING NETWORK, AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACTION PLAN AND A DATABASE ON RED TIDE OCCURRENCE.

HE ADDED THAT THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WERE RESEARCHING THE FORMATION OF RED TIDES AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS, WITH THE TWIN AIMS OF SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH AND MINIMISING ECONOMIC LOSS CAUSED BY RED TIDES.

MR EASON POINTED OUT THAT RED TIDES WERE NOT RESTRICTED TO HONG KONG WATERS.

HE CONSIDERED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM CHINA IN THE COLLOQUIUM WOULD ENABLE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT, PAVE THE WAY FOR MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN FURTHER RESEARCH WORK AND FORMULATE MORE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH RED TIDES PROBLEM.

THE COLLOQUIUM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HELD IN HONG KONG, WAS ATTENDED BY EXPERTS, ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE FIELDS OF MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FROM HONG KONG AND CHINA.

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THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

THE DISCUSSION TOPICS FOCUSED ON OCCURRENCE OF RED TIDES; TOXIC RED TIDES AND RELATED SHELLFISH POISONING; AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENT AND FORMATION OF RED TIDES.

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE COLLOQUIUM ON SEPTEMBER 11, PARTICIPANTS WOULD TAKE A FIELD TRIP TO TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL, WHERE HIGHEST OCCURRENCE OF RED TIDES HAS BEEN RECORDED IN HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG - MANHATTAN OF CHINA

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HONG KONG IN THE YEAR 2000 WILL BE KNOWN AS THE "MANHATTAN OF CHINA", THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN TOKYO, MR DAVID LAN, PREDICTED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING ON "HONG KONG IN THE YEAR 2000, BOOM OR DOOM?" AT THE HOTEL OKURA EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON MEETING IN TOKYO, MR LAN SAID HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A LEADING COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE BOTH REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A HUB FOR PRODUCTION, TRADE, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES IN THE REGION WILL CONTINUE.

HE SAID HONG KONG IN THE YEAR 2000 WAS LIKELY TO BE EVEN MORE PROSPEROUS AND DYNAMIC THAN IT WAS AT PRESENT.

BY THEN THE NEW AIRPORT AND OTHER RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE AIRPORT HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, LAND RECLAMATION AND FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE PORT WOULD HAVE CHANGED HONG KONG ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION.

HE SAID THIS COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WOULD ACT AS A DYNAMO FOR FURTHER WEALTH CREATION, NOT JUST IN HONG KONG BUT IN GUANGDONG, AND MORE WIDELY IN CHINA WHOSE FLOURISHING ECONOMIC LINKS WITH HONG KONG WERE TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

"FROM NOW TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND, HONG KONG WILL BE FULL OF INVESTMENT AND TRADING OPPORTUNITIES. WHETHER ONE WANTS TO TAKE UP ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES IS REALLY A MATTER OF SUBJECTIVE JUDGEMENT AND PERSONAL CHOICE," HE SAID.

THE OPENING OF CHINA'S ECONOMY HAD PROVIDED A NEW AND STRONG IMPETUS TO HONG KONG'S OVERALL ECONOMIC GROWTH. THERE ARE NOW ABOUT THREE MILLION WORKERS IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE WORKING FOR HONG KONG COMPANIES.

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"SUCH REGIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR AND INTRA-INDUSTRY SPECIALISATION HAS BROUGHT ENORMOUS BENEFITS TO BOTH ECONOMIES. WHILE THE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING WORK IS DONE IN GUANGDONG, MOST OF THE SUPPORTING SERVICES HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY HONG KONG.

"THIS SUPPORT TAKES THE FORM OF FRONT-END SERVICES SUCH AS DESIGN AND THE SOURCING OF A WIDE VARIETY OF PARTS AND COMPONENTS; AND REAR-END SERVICES LIKE WAREHOUSING, QUALITY-CONTROL, MARKETING, TRADE FINANCING AND SHIPPING," HE SAID.

ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MR LAN SAID THE FINANCIAL SECTOR CONTINUED TO BENEFIT FROM THE TREND TOWARDS INTERNATIONALISATION OF FINANCIAL MARKETS, AND OVER THE YEARS, HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR REGIONAL LOAN SYNDICATION CENTRE.

"IN PARTICULAR, WE SERVE AS A FUND-RAISING CENTRE FOR CHINA.

"OUR STOCK MARKET IS THE SECOND LARGEST BOURSE IN THE REGION AFTER JAPAN," HE SAID.

MR LAN SAID THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A LARGE INFLOW OF MONEY. TOTAL DEPOSITS IN HONG KONG'S BANKING SYSTEM HAD INCREASED STEADILY - UP 20 PER CENT EVERY YEAR FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. AND THERE HAD BEEN NO NET OUTFLOW OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, HONG KONG DOLLAR DEPOSITS HAD GROWN AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 16 PER CENT PER YEAR.

MR LAN ADDED THAT THE HENG SANG INDEX HAD REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH RECENTLY, AND HONG KONG'S RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PRICES HAD GROWN MORE THAN 50 PER CENT ON AVERAGE IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO.

ON EMIGRATION, HE SAID WHILE IT HAD BEEN CAUSE FOR CONCERN, AN INTERESTING PHENOMENON WAS THAT AS A RESULT OF MORE EX-HONG KONG RESIDENTS RETURNING TO WORK, THERE WERE STRONG INDICATIONS THE NET OUTFLOW OF PEOPLE WAS ACTUALLY DECLINING.

"ALL THESE FIGURES AT LEAST SHOW THAT HONG KONG IS FAR FROM BEING ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE STARTED A COUNT-DOWN TO 1997," HE SAID.

TURNING TO CHINA'S ECONOMY, MR LAN SAID CHINA WAS NOW MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY AND HONG KONG WAS KEEN TO EXPLORE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

"SO, IT IS OF NO SURPRISE THAT MANY FOREIGN COMPANIES COME TO HONG KONG WITH AN EYE TO INVEST IN AND TRADE WITH CHINA.

"HONG KONG CAN CERTAINLY PROVIDE THE BEST Foothold FOR COMPANIES WITH AN AMBITION OF EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESS AMBIT IN CHINA," HE SAID.

EDUCATION TV PROGRAMME TO DISCOURAGE STUDENT SUICIDES

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A SPECIAL TELEVISION PROGRAMME TO HELP STUDENTS VALUE LIFE AND TO DISCOURAGE SUICIDES WILL BE SHOWN IN CLASSROOMS IN LATE NOVEMBER, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE 30-MINUTE PROGRAMME ENTITLED "VALUE OF LIFE" WILL BE TARGETED AT PRIMARY 3 TO SECONDARY 5 STUDENTS.

IT WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF DRAMATISED SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS ON SCHOOL WORK, EXAMINATIONS, RELATIONS AMONG SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND PEER GROUPS.

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S (RTHK) EDUCATION TELEVISION (ETV) CENTRE IN BROADCAST DRIVE, MR WONG SAID: "I AM GRATEFUL TO TV CELEBRITIES AND TOP INTERNATIONAL TENNIS PLAYER MICHAEL CHANG FOR APPEARING IN THE PROGRAMME TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THE VALUE OF LIFE."

"IN ADDITION, PROFESSIONALS WILL ADVISE THE STUDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR PARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ON WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SEEKING HELP FROM TEACHERS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND GUIDANCE OFFICERS.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF THIS NEW PROGRAMME, STUDENTS WILL HAVE A POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING OF VALUE OF LIFE."

MR WONG SAID APART FROM THE PRODUCTION OF REGULAR SYLLABUS-BASED EDUCATION TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, BOTH DEPARTMENTS ALSO PRODUCED SPECIAL TOPICAL SUBJECTS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

MR WONG CITED EXAMPLES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

"IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO CONTINUE TO PRODUCE TOPICAL SUBJECTS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO MEET THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT," HE ADDED.

LAST YEAR THE ETV CENTRE PRODUCED 150 PROGRAMMES WITH AN AUDIENCE OF 650,000. MOST VIEWERS WERE PRIMARY STUDENTS AND THE REST WERE JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

TO ENSURE THAT THESE PROGRAMMES ARE PROPERLY RECEIVED, ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS AS WELL AS PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH BOUGHT PLACES ARE PROVIDED WITH COLOUR TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS AND TAPES.

EDUCATION TELEVISION STARTED IN 1971 TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK OF TEACHERS IN CLASSROOMS.

SINCE 1976, RTHK AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINED HANDS TO FURTHER EXTEND THE SERVICE IN SUBJECTS AND LEVELS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MS MARIA WAN, MR WONG VIEWED SOME ETV PROGRAMMES, SAW STUDIO FILMING AND PRODUCTION AND TOURED ITS ARTS GALLERY.

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DURING THE VISIT, HE ALSO DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WORK WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG STAFF, AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT IN MAKING ETV PROGRAMMES A GREAT SUCCESS.

"WITH THE JOINT EFFORT OF RTHK AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF HI-TECH IN TV PRODUCTION, I AM SURE STUDENTS WILL ENJOY A NEW GENERATION OF EVEN BETTER ETV PROGRAMMES IN THE YEARS AHEAD," MR WONG CONCLUDED.

ROUNDING UP HIS VISIT, MR WONG HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, AND THANKED HER FOR PRODUCING THE LEADERSHIP REQUIRED OF A FIRST-CLASS BROADCASTING STATION.

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A KUNG NGAM SITE TO LET

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY ON A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND AT A KUNG NGAM THAT COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,600 SQUARE METRES.

THE SITE IS INTENDED FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES) AND/OR A WORKS AREA WITH PARKING SPACES FOR ASSOCIATED VEHICLES (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES) AND/OR AN OPEN STORAGE AREA (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS AND CONTAINER VEHICLES).

THE TENANCY IS FOR NINE MONTHS AND RENEWABLE MONTHLY. TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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VISITORS MUST OBSERVE CONDITIONS OF STAY IN HONG KONG

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED VISITORS THAT THEY MUST OBSERVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY IN HONG KONG.

THEY HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE THEIR LIMIT OF STAY EXPIRES AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE UP ANY EMPLOYMENT, WHETHER PAID OR UNPAID, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE ADVICE FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION OF 14 BANGLADESHI VISITORS AT THE WESTERN MAGISTRACY TODAY OF USING OR POSSESSING FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND OF BREACHING THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY IN HONG KONG.

FOUR OF THE VISITORS WERE CONVICTED OF USING OR POSSESSING FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND WERE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS.

ONE OF THEM WAS PROSECUTED TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER PERSON FOR HELPING OTHERS TO BREACH THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY. THE TWO WERE FINED \$8,000 AND \$10,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE REST WERE CHARGED WITH BREACH OF CONDITIONS OF STAY AND EACH WAS FINED \$2,000.

THE 14 VISITORS WERE ALL ARRESTED BY IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS DURING AN OPERATION IN SHA TIN ON SEPTEMBER 2.

NINE OF THEM WERE APPREHENDED IN A GODOWN AND WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN WORKING ILLEGALLY IN BREACH OF THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY. THE OTHERS WERE FOUND INSIDE A WOODEN HOUSE IN FO TAN AND WERE SUSPECTED TO BE HOLDING FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

"ANY PERSONS WHO BREACH THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"PEOPLE WHO HELP OTHERS TO COMMIT THESE OFFENCES ARE ALSO LIABLE TO PROSECUTION," HE SAID, ADDING THAT ANY PERSONS WHO USE OR POSSESS FORGED, FALSE OR UNLAWFULLY OBTAINED TRAVEL DOCUMENT ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 14 YEARS.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, LANTERN RIDDLES, GAME STALLS AND CHINESE HANDICRAFT DEMONSTRATION.

ALL SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 6.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES LTD, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PHILIP CHOK, WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

IN ADDITION, THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO HOLD A MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING, STARTING AT 8 PM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO LANTERN CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS AT 6.30 PM TOMORROW ON THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND AND THE YAU TSIM MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL WHICH STARTS AT 8 PM TOMORROW IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS TO JOIN ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY ONE TO FORM THREE WHO WISHED TO LEARN TO PLAY WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WERE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING ON PLAYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS VIOLIN, ER-HU, PIPA, TRUMPET AND FLUTE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"APPLICANTS WITH APPROPRIATE MUSICAL STANDARD MAY APPLY TO JOIN THE INTERMEDIATE OR HIGHER LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMMES," HE NOTED.

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"WEEKLY ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, WITH ABOUT FOUR TO NINE TRAINEES EACH CLASS," HE ADDED.

THE MUSIC OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING OVER 600 TRAINING CLASSES IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR OVER 2,700 STUDENTS.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF INSTRUMENT TRAINING IS PLAYING IN ORCHESTRAS OR BANDS. TRAINEES WHO HAVE ATTAINED A GOOD MUSICAL STANDARD ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN AT LEAST ONE MUSIC OFFICE ORCHESTRA OR BAND.

THE MUSIC OFFICE ALSO ORGANISES A SERIES OF MUSICAL ACTIVITIES EVERY YEAR TO BROADEN TRAINEES' EXPERIENCE. THESE INCLUDE A MUSIC CAMP, A YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, A BAND FESTIVAL, AND AN ANNUAL GALA.

MONTHLY TRAINING FEES AT THE ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND HIGHER LEVELS ARE \$60, \$90, AND \$120 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND A HANDS AND MOUTH INSPECTION AND SIMPLE VOICE TEST AT THE MUSIC CENTRES NEXT MONTH. THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION WILL START IN NOVEMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 26.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 582 5314.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+200
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,700
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 108.8 *+0.0* 9.9.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.64 PCT	14 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.57	3.19
1 MONTH	2.41 PCT	17 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.97	3.39
3 MONTHS	2.39 PCT	20 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.97	3.70
6 MONTHS	2.55 PCT	23 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.99	3.88
12 MONTHS	3.10 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,349MN

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