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NO FRESH BIDS FOR CT9

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES ON THE CT9 PROJECT:

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO CALL FOR FRESH BIDS FOR THE CT9 PROJECT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BASIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE AWARD OF THE CT9 GRANT WAS TO INTRODUCE GREATER COMPETITIVENESS INTO HONG KONG'S CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATIONS, TO PREVENT THE EXISTING OPERATORS FROM MONOPOLISING THE MARKET AND THEREBY DICTATING PRICES.

"AFTER A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE BIDS, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WE DECIDED TO DISPOSE OF CT9 BY WAY OF A PRIVATE TREATY GRANT TO THE EXISTING CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS AND A NEW CONSORTIUM, THUS MEETING OUR OBJECTIVE OF INTRODUCING MORE COMPETITION," MRS CHAN SAID.

"THE DECISION WAS TAKEN IN LINE WITH HONG KONG'S 'LEVEL PLAYING FIELD' POLICY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

"INDEED, WE HAVE IN THE PAST DISPOSED OF CONTAINER TERMINAL FACILITIES EITHER BY PUBLIC TENDER OR PRIVATE TREATY GRANT, DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME."

"TO SUGGEST THAT OUR DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL GROUNDS UNDERMINES BUSINESS CONFIDENCE AND IMPUGNS THE INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE.

"WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED NORMALLY AND PROPERLY AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME TO CAUSE US TO CALL FOR FRESH BIDS FOR CT9."

MRS CHAN, WHO LEAVES TODAY FOR AN OFFICIAL TWO-WEEK VISIT TO CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, SAID THE PURPOSE OF HER MISSION WAS TO BOOST HONG KONG'S IMAGE AS AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE PROVIDING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, SO AS TO PROMOTE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND ITS FUTURE.

"THIS TASK IS NOT MADE EASIER BY SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THIS ISSUE. I WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE POSITION TO THE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CORPORATE LEADERS I MEET IN BOTH COUNTRIES," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID AS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD ALREADY POINTED OUT, EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN THE CT9 PROJECT WERE INVITED IN EARLY 1992, WHICH RESULTED IN FIVE SUBMISSIONS.

ONE WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROVEN CONTAINER TERMINAL EXPERTISE. THREE OF THE OTHER SUBMISSIONS INVOLVED THE TWO MAJOR EXISTING TERMINAL OPERATORS, MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED (MTL) AND HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS (HIT), IN VARYING COMBINATIONS.

THE OTHER BIDDER - TSING YI CONTAINER TERMINAL CONSORTIUM - PRIMARILY INVOLVED JARDINES, SEALAND, SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES AND NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT. THE CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATING EXPERIENCE WAS PROVIDED BY SEALAND.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION, CT9 WAS SPLIT INTO TWO BERTHS FOR HIT AND MTL, AND TWO BERTHS FOR THE TSING YI CONSORTIUM.

MRS CHAN SAID: "I THINK IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WE MADE DID IN FACT OPEN UP THE PROJECT TO GREATER COMPETITION AND THEREBY PRODUCE A BETTER DEAL FOR THE HONG KONG TAXPAYER AND MAXIMISE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR PORT OPERATIONS, WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO OUR INTERNATIONAL TRADING POSITION.

"IT IS A GREAT PITY THAT THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR MORE THAN 18 MONTHS NOW, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO OUR ECONOMY.

"THE PORT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONGESTED AND WE BADLY NEED ADDITIONAL CONTAINER FACILITIES IF WE ARE TO SUSTAIN OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

"IN THE INTERESTS OF MAINTAINING OUR PROSPERITY, I URGE THE CHINESE SIDE TO ALLOW THE PROJECT TO PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY."

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, HAS RETURNED TO HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) AFTER ATTENDING THE WORLD BANK/IMF MEETING IN MADRID. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF HIS REMARKS AT THE AIRPORT:

FS: HI, IT'S NICE TO BE BACK.

I'VE HAD A VERY GOOD WEEK - IT SEEMS LIKE MUCH LONGER. TWO THINGS MAINLY, OF COURSE. FIRST, DOING ALL THE SIGNING AND FINALISING THE APPROVAL FOR US TO HOST THE IMF MEETING IN 1997. WE HAVE A BIG TEAM THERE; SOME OF THEM ARE STILL THERE WORKING ON - WELL, WATCHING WHAT HAPPENS EVEN AFTER THE MEETING, IN TERMS OF FOLLOW UP.

SECONDLY, OF COURSE, AND AS IMPORTANTLY, I TOOK THE CHANCE TO SPEAK, IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE, TO A LOT OF SPANISH BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS. I GOT THE USUAL SORTS OF QUESTIONS, I WOULD SAY. ON THE ONE HAND THEY WANT TO KNOW, THEY WANT TO HEAR, WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN 1997, HOW THE TRANSITION IS GOING. ALSO, AT THE MOMENT, THEY DO ASK ABOUT COSTS HERE - PARTICULARLY PROPERTY COSTS - AND I WAS ABLE TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON THAT ASPECT. BUT THE BIG PLUS THAT I'M FINDING IS THAT THEY ARE STILL VERY MUCH REGARDING HONG KONG AS A NATURAL GATEWAY TO CHINA. THEY ARE VERY KEEN TO TRADE AND INVEST MORE, BOTH HERE AND IN CHINA. AND FOR CHINA, THEY ARE AWARE THAT THEY NEED SOME EXPERT ASSISTANCE. SO I THINK THAT IS HOPEFUL.

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE GOT FOUR SPANISH BANKS NOW WITH BRANCHES IN HONG KONG - I DETECTED SOME INTEREST POSSIBLY FROM ANOTHER ONE BUT WE'LL SEE WHETHER THAT COMES OFF. SO STILL KEEN TO MOVE IN HERE, PARTLY FOR OUR OWN MERITS - AND I REMINDED THEM THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY A BIGGER TRADER THAN CHINA, OR SPAIN FOR THAT MATTER - SO PARTLY FOR OUR OWN MERITS, BUSINESS TO BE DONE HERE, OR PARTLY AS A BASE FOR CHINA.

ALSO, I WAS REMINDING PEOPLE THAT WE ARE BECOMING A GATEWAY TO VIETNAM. SO THAT IS ALSO OF INTEREST. THERE'S A LOT OF INTEREST IN VIETNAM AT THE MOMENT. QUESTIONS?

QUESTION: FS, YOU KNOW, WHY COULDN'T THE GOVERNMENT RE-TENDER THE CONTRACT FOR TERMINAL NUMBER 9?

FS: WELL, I KNOW THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAS JUST ISSUED A LONG STATEMENT. I AM NOT GOING TO TRY AND ADD TO IT - I'VE JUST READ IT.

QUESTION: SO HOW CAN THE DEADLOCK BE SOLVED HERE?

FS: I DON'T KNOW HOW THE DEADLOCK CAN BE SOLVED, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.

QUESTION: BUT, YOU KNOW, THE CHINESE, LU PING SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DO THAT. WHY COULDN'T IT? I MEAN WHY COULDN'T THE GOVERNMENT JUST RE-TENDER IT?

FS: WELL, THIS IS RATHER A NEW IDEA BECAUSE THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT ON THE CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 GOES BACK, I'M AFRAID, RATHER A LONG TIME NOW AND WE'VE SET OUT RATHER CLEARLY WHY WE DID WHAT WE DID. IT WAS NOT NEW; IT AIMED TO BRING IN MORE COMPETITION TO THE PORT. TO CARRY ON SIMPLY HAVING THE SAME, BASICALLY THE TWO LARGEST CONTAINER PORT OPERATORS - GETTING THE NEW ONES, THEN WE WILL HAVE LESS COMPETITION. THAT WAS THE REASON AND I HOPED WE HAD EXPLAINED THAT VERY WELL.

QUESTION: CHINA HAD ALREADY MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT ACCEPT JARDINES - WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE PRIVATE TREATY THAT YOU OFFERED TO JARDINES. CAN'T YOU MAKE A SOFTENING OF STANCE AS TO ... (INAUDIBLE)

FS: AS I SAY, OUR POSITION WAS SET OUT VERY CLEARLY BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

QUESTION: WELL, FS, YOU KNOW, THE PWC SAID YESTERDAY THAT OUR NEXT BUDGET - YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU FORMULATE OUR NEXT BUDGET, YOU SHOULD CONSULT CHINA.

FS: YES, I'VE JUST BEEN READING WHAT THEY HAVE SAID. OF COURSE, THEY ARE ADVISING CHINA. I HAVE NO DOUBT, IN DUE COURSE, CHINA WILL TELL US WHAT THEIR VIEWS ARE. SO MEANWHILE - OF COURSE IN THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH WE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH THEM ON THE LAST BUDGET - THE LAST ONE, THE 1997/98 BUDGET. WE ARE HAPPY TO BRIEF THEM ON OUR SYSTEM - WE'VE DONE THAT ALREADY - OUR BUDGETARY SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM - WE'RE HAPPY TO DO MORE OF THAT IF THAT IS NEEDED.

QUESTION: BUT THEY ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BUDGET --

QUESTION: BUT ... THAT MIGHT BE TOO LATE ... TO CONSULT '95 - '97.

FS: WELL, AS I SAID, THIS IS, IN A WAY, THE PROBLEM WITH THE PWC. THE PWC DOESN'T SPEAK FOR ANYONE, IT ADVISES CHINA. SO WE CAN'T KEEP RESPONDING TO WHAT A PWC SUB-COMMITTEE MAY HAVE SAID. THAT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL VIEW.

QUESTION: PERHAPS, JUST FOR THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, CAN YOU EXPLAIN SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT MRS CHAN PUT FORWARD BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T SPEAK IN ENGLISH.

FS: WELL, THE ARGUMENTS ON CT9, OF COURSE, I PUT FORWARD MYSELF SOME TIME PREVIOUSLY. WE WERE KEEN TO INTRODUCE SOME MORE COMPETITION INTO THE CONTAINER TERMINAL. THERE WERE BASICALLY TWO BIG OPERATORS AND ONE SMALLER ONE. AND WE INVITED EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM FIRMS OR CONSORTIA, WAY BACK - I MEAN SOME YEARS AGO. WE GOT, FROM MEMORY, FIVE. AND AT THE END OF THE PROCESS WE ENDED UP WITH THE TWO WHICH YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF, ONE OF WHICH, OF COURSE, INCLUDES JARDINES - IT'S NOT ONLY JARDINES - AND THE TERMINAL WAS SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE TWO CONSORTIA. THAT'S THE POSITION WE'RE IN.

WE'RE NOW, I THINK, 18 MONTHS BEHIND IN GETTING ON WITH EXPANDING THE CONTAINER PORT BECAUSE OF THIS PROBLEM - THE LACK OF A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM - AND I THINK THAT IS A GREAT PITY FOR HONG KONG.

QUESTION: MRS CHAN SAID SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S REPUTATION. IF YOU ARE SO CONCERNED ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE, HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, THEN WHY CAN'T YOU, YOU KNOW, GIVE SOME WAY TO RE-TENDER THE WHOLE PROCESS?

FS: WELL, BECAUSE WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL 1997, AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH AN OPEN PROCESS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A PARTICULAR RESULT, WHICH HAPPENS TO INCLUDE JARDINES IN ONE OF THE CONSORTIA, AND TO HAVE THAT OVERTURNED AND TO START THE PROCESS AGAIN IN SOME DIFFERENT WAY FOR SOME POLITICAL REASON, DOESN'T SEEM, TO US, TO BE A VERY GOOD MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. THAT'S OUR PROBLEM.

QUESTION: FS, I WANT TO MAKE ONE MORE --

FS: YES, THE LAST ONE.

QUESTION: WHAT THE PWC SUGGESTS IS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSULT CHINA ON THE NEXT BUDGET, NOT THE BUDGET FOR 1997.

FS: YES, I KNOW. MY ANSWER IS THE SAME.

QUESTION: REALLY?

FS: YES, MY ANSWER IS THE SAME. I MEAN BY THAT WHAT I JUST SAID EARLIER. WE'VE OFFERED ON THE LAST BUDGET. I CAN'T START RESPONDING TO PWC SUB-COMMITTEES HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE. WE'VE OFFERED BRIEFINGS - WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN THEM SOME. THANK YOU VERYMUCH.

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STUDENTS TO SEE THE WORLD OF WORK

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE REAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN THE "VISITS TO WORK PLACES" PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE (CAS).

"THE PROGRAMME AIMS AT HELPING SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE BETTER PLANS FOR THEIR FUTURE," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MRS ADA LEUNG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE FIRST GROUP OF 40 STUDENTS VISITED THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING OF QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL LAST WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 5) TO GAIN A REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF NURSES IN A HOSPITAL.

"DURING THE VISIT, STUDENTS WERE TAKEN ON A GUIDED TOUR AROUND THE SCHOOL AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE DUTIES OF NURSES, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, EMPLOYMENT TERMS AND CAREERS PROSPECTS," MRS LEUNG SAID.

MRS LEUNG DISCLOSED THAT BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER, MORE THAN 830 SECONDARY 3 TO SECONDARY 7 STUDENTS FROM 27 SCHOOLS WILL VISIT VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

THESE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDE HOTELS, BANKS, DEPARTMENT STORES, TRAINING INSTITUTES, HOSPITALS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH VISITS TO VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS, STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN FIRST-HAND AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT CAREERS," MRS LEUNG SAID.

MRS LEUNG ADDED THAT THE CAS ALSO PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS IN ORGANISING THEIR OWN VISITS TO WORK PLACES SO THAT MORE STUDENTS CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

SHE SAID APART FROM THESE VISITS, THE CAS ORGANISED A LARGE VARIETY OF CAREERS EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING ANNUAL EXHIBITIONS, QUIZZES AND SEMINARS.

THE CAS OPERATES TWO CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES (CICS) TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHOOSING A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTEREST AND ABILITIES.

"EACH CIC HAS A REFERENCE LIBRARY, AN AUDIO-VISUAL UNIT WITH SLIDE PRESENTATION, CASSETTE RECORDINGS AND VIDEO TAPES ON CAREERS, AS WELL AS A FREE ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND TRAINING," MRS LEUNG SAID.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING CAREERS INFORMATION ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CICS WHICH ARE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHORN CENTRE IN WAN CHAI AND THE MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES," SHE ADDED.

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VACANCIES FOR GOVT SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS TO FILL TEACHING POSTS IN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD POSSESS A HONG KONG OR BRITISH DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT. FINAL YEAR STUDENTS TAKING THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATION IN SUMMER 1995 MAY ALSO APPLY.

HE SAID PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO CANDIDATES WHO HAD A MAJOR IN THE RELEVANT SUBJECT.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL TEACHING POSTS IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE/ENGLISH LITERATURE, CHINESE LANGUAGE, CHINESE HISTORY, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ECONOMICS, PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, MUSIC, COMPUTER STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE/GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ART AND DESIGN, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, HOME ECONOMICS AND FRENCH.

HE SAID CANDIDATES SHOULD MARK CLEARLY IN THE APPLICATION FORM THE MAJOR AND MINOR SUBJECTS IN THEIR DEGREE COURSES AND SPECIFIC POST APPLIED FOR. THOSE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT SHOULD SUBMIT SEPARATE APPLICATION FORMS.

THE PAY SCALE FOR THE POST IS BETWEEN \$16,475 AND \$34,690. THE ENTRY POINT DEPENDS ON EXPERIENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 21.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL SUB-DIVISION IN ROOM 1631, 16TH FLOOR, 213 WU CHUNG HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT TEAM SHOWS GOOD TEAM SPIRIT

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WHILE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS CONSULTING ITS STAFF WHETHER A MOTTO - WORKING TOGETHER TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS BETTER - SHOULD BE ADOPTED, 12 STAFF MEMBERS HAVE FIRST TRIED THIS IDEA IN A FUND-RAISING EXERCISE FOR THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL AND PROVED THE SPIRIT OF THE MOTTO DID WORK.

"IT WAS THE TEAMWORK MADE US SECURE THE SEVENTH POSITION IN A TOUGH COMPETITION LIKE THE BOUNDABOUT '94," THE CAPTAIN OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TEAM, MR NG KWING-KEE, SAID.

MR NG WAS GLAD THAT THE TEAM MEMBERS HAD FULLY DEMONSTRATED TEAM SPIRIT AND CO-OPERATION NOT ONLY IN THE OFFICE BUT ALSO IN A CHARITABLE EVENT.

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WAS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATING IN THE BOUNDABOUT '94 HELD AT ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL IN KOWLOON TONG IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

A TOTAL OF 42 ORGANISATIONS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT AND THEY TOGETHER RAISED MORE THAN \$600,000 FOR THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL.

IT WAS THE SECOND YEAR THAT MARINE OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, COXWAINS, LAUNCH ASSISTANTS AND CLERICAL OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FORMED A TEAM TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THEIR COLLEAGUES AND BUSINESS CONTACTS, THE TEAM RAISED SOME \$21,000 FOR THE SCHOOL.

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HUNDREDS JOIN CROSS TOLO SWIM
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THE 25TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM TOOK PLACE IN TAI PO THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING, ATTRACTING 795 SWIMMERS.

THE SWIMMERS INCLUDED 637 MEN AND 158 WOMEN. THE YOUNGEST WAS NINE YEARS OLD AND THE OLDEST 76.

THEY STARTED THEIR COURSE FROM SHA LAN BEACH IN SHUEN WAN TO THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, COVERING A DISTANCE OF 2,400 METRES.

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

TAI PO'S DISTRICT OFFICER MISS SHIRLEY YUEN OFFICIATED AT THE STARTING CEREMONY AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

TROPHIES WERE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 WINNERS IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS RESPECTIVELY WHILE 760 SWIMMERS WHO COMPLETED THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES RECEIVED COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

THE CHAMPION IN THE MEN'S SECTION WAS MR TANG WING-HING WHILE MS CHEUNG MAN-YIU CAME FIRST IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

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CLINIC SERVICE TO BE SUSPENDED ON CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVICE ON CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL (OCTOBER 13).

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