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SECRETARY OF STATE ARRIVES FOR VISIT

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD, ARRIVED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, MR HURD SAID HE WOULD MEET EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND ALSO TO TALK TO THE GOVERNOR AND HIS ADVISERS.

HE SAID THE VISIT WAS NOT TO ANNOUNCE ANY GREAT DECISIONS, BUT TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE AS HE HAD DONE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE.

"IT WILL TAKE A BIT OF TIME YET BEFORE DECISIONS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS ARE ANNOUNCED. SO THIS IS TAKING STOCK AND BRINGING MYSELF UP TO DATE," MR HURD SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE AIRPORT TALKS, MR HURD SAID: "THE MATTER WILL BE SOLVED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER AND PREMIER LI PENG REACHED LAST YEAR."

"THERE WILL BE AGREEMENT, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE BECAUSE IT TAKES TWO SIDES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. BUT WE HAVE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE AIRPORT AGREEMENT. THAT'S A GOOD FRAMEWORK AND I'M SURE THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED IN THAT FRAMEWORK," HE ADDED.

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STAMP ALBUM ON OLYMPIC GAMES

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M. PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A PRESTIGE COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM CONTAINING SPECIAL STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEETS ISSUED ON THE 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES BY 12 POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS WILL BE RELEASED ON AUGUST 4.

IT CONTAINS SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUED BY AUSTRALIA, CHINA, GREECE, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MACAU, NEW ZEALAND, THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AND THE USA.

ALSO INCLUDED IN EACH ALBUM ARE SOUVENIR SHEETS ISSUED BY CHINA, HONG KONG, THE IRISH REPUBLIC, MACAU, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY.

THE HONG KONG SOUVENIR SHEET WAS ISSUED ON JULY 25 BEARING THE WORDS "TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE 1992 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES - 25 JULY 1992".

MR PAGLIARI SAID PREPARATION OF THE ALBUM HAD BEEN POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE AND THE 11 OTHER POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS.

/EVERY CUSTOMER

EVERY CUSTOMER QUEUING UP EACH TIME IS ENTITLED TO ONLY TWO ALBUMS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SALE.

THE ALBUM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$360 A COPY AT THE FOLLOWING SEVEN PHILATELIC OFFICES:

AIRPORT POST OFFICE
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
GENERAL POST OFFICE
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
PEAK POST OFFICE
SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

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A DRAGON BOAT FOR CANADA

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RISING FROM THE SAWDUST IN AN AP LEI CHAU BOATYARD IS A DRAGON BOAT THAT MAY NEVER FEEL THE KISS OF WATER ON ITS KEEL. BUT THIS DRAGON BOAT WILL SAIL FURTHER THAN MOST BUILT IN HONG KONG - ALL THE WAY TO A MUSEUM IN CANADA.

BUILT BY ASIA SHIPYARD AND MARINE SERVICE AT A COST OF \$100,000, THE 12-METRE VESSEL IS HONG KONG'S OFFICIAL GIFT TO CANADA AS PART OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92.

IT IS THE COUNTERPART OF THE TOTEM POLE, SPECIALLY CARVED FOR HONG KONG AND ERECTED IN KOWLOON PARK AS PART OF FESTIVAL CANADA '91. IT WILL BE PRESENTED, AS A PERMANENT EXHIBIT, TO THE MUSEUM OF CIVILISATION IN OTTAWA.

IT IS AN APPROPRIATE GIFT, FOR TO MANY CANADIANS DRAGON BOATS MORE THAN JUNKS SYMBOLISE HONG KONG THESE DAYS.

THIS IS BECAUSE HONG KONG HAS EXPORTED THIS UNIQUE CHINESE SPORT AROUND THE WORLD, AND NOWHERE HAS IT CAUGHT ON MORE THAN IN CANADA.

THE LADIES TEAM FROM FALSE CREEK, VANCOUVER, WON THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES. THE WEEK BEFORE MEN FROM THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, ALSO WON AN INTERNATIONAL RACE IN TAIWAN.

DRAGON BOAT RACING WILL BE VERY MUCH PART OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92. AS A CURTAIN RAISER, RACES WERE HELD IN VANCOUVER HARBOUR IN JUNE. THERE WILL BE OTHER RACES IN CALGARY AND IN REGINA.

BUT FESTIVAL HONG KONG WILL BE MORE THAN DRAGON BOATS - MUCH MORE.

THIS AUTUMN, FIVE OF CANADA'S MAJOR CITIES WILL ENJOY A FEAST OF HONG KONG DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, FILM, FASHION, FOOD AND SPORT.

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ALSO, THEY WILL GET SOME IDEA OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT WILL ENSURE THE HONG KONG PHENOMENON CONTINUES WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

HONG KONG'S MOST AMBITIOUS OVERSEAS PROMOTION - FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 - WILL BE HELD IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, CALGARY, OTTAWA AND VANCOUVER FROM SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 21. ITS AIM IS TO BUILD A "BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC".

THE FESTIVAL, MORE THAN 100 SEPARATE EVENTS INVOLVING 400 PERFORMERS, WILL OPEN OFFICIALLY IN TORONTO WITH A SPECTACULAR STREET PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND END WITH A GALA DINNER IN VANCOUVER ON OCTOBER 21.

THE FIVE-CITY PROMOTION IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF A VISIT TO CANADA BY THE THEN GOVERNOR LORD WILSON.

IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY, THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO HOLD TWO FESTIVALS, ONE IN HONG KONG IN 1991 AND ONE IN CANADA THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE FESTIVALS WOULD CEMENT A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP ALMOST AS OLD AS HONG KONG ITSELF.

HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MORE THAN A FESTIVAL OF FOOD, FUN AND FANTASY, A CARNIVAL OF CULTURE, COMMERCE, COUTURE, CUISINE AND CHARACTER.

FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 WILL BE HONG KONG SHOWING ITS PACIFIC NEIGHBOUR JUST WHAT MAKES IT TICK, DRAGON BOATS AND ALL.

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NEW OFFICES FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE DIVISION

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THE INSPECTORATE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT WANCHAI TOWER I TO NEW OFFICES AT 01 KWAN COURT ON TUESDAY (JULY 28).

ITS NEW ADDRESS IS FOURTH FLOOR, 01 KWAN COURT, 28 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 832 5030.

THE DIVISION COMPRISES THREE SECTIONS - THE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION UNIT, THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION AND THE INSPECTION SECTION.

THE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION UNIT LAST YEAR HANDLED A TOTAL OF 167 COMPLAINTS. SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE FILED BY THE PUBLIC AND THE NUMBER OF THESE COMPLAINTS WAS HIGHER THAN THE FIGURES IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID WHILE THERE WERE VARIOUS FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RISE IN COMPLAINTS, THE TREND COULD, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, REFLECT THE GROWING CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC IN THE DEPARTMENT'S GRIEVANCE REDRESS MACHINERY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE RELOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION UNIT WILL FURTHER ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE AVENUE TO VENTILATE COMPLAINTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM ESTABLISHING A STRONGER SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE, THE REMOVAL OF THE DIVISION WAS TO TIE IN WITH THE EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICE, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION WAS A NEWLY CREATED SECTION TASKED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANUALS REVIEW AND OFFERING ADVICE RELATING TO CURRENT MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND ECONOMY OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

THE INSPECTION SECTION SERVES AS A MONITORING BODY ON MATTERS RELATING TO EXECUTION OF DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS.

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PUBLIC ADVISED NOT TO BRING IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING CHINA AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE ADVISED NOT TO BRING BACK WITH THEM ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR MARTIN LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): "BOTH THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE STEPPED UP CONTROL MEASURES AT ALL ENTRY POINTS TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS AND GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ILLEGALLY BRING IN ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES, INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS PARTS AND DERIVATIVES, WILL BE PROSECUTED."

RECENT STATISTICS HAVE INDICATED THAT SOME PEOPLE BROUGHT IN SCALES OF PANGOLIN, THE ACT OF WHICH IS ALSO AGAINST THE LAW.

MR LEUNG SAID THERE WERE 169 SEIZURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ILLEGAL IMPORT, EXPORT AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES INVOLVED WERE MAINLY STUFFED SEA TURTLES, CORAL SKELETONS, MOUNTED BUTTERFLIES, PANGOLINS, PARROTS, BIRDS OF PREY AND SNAKES.

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IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE TO IMPORT, EXPORT AND POSSESS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 ON THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEATED OFFENCE.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR PHOTO CONTEST ON FAMILY LIFE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN A PHOTO CONTEST ON HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE.

THE CONTEST IS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO FURTHER PROMOTE GOOD FAMILY RELATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD INCLUDE A SERIES OF FOUR CAPTIONED PHOTOGRAPHS PORTRAYING HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE. APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

PARTICIPANTS MAY SHARE THE JOY OF FAMILY LIFE WITH OTHERS WHILE HAVING A CHANCE TO WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES INCLUDING FOUR RETURN TICKETS TO BANGKOK, PHOTOGRAPHIC APPLIANCES AND GIFT COUPONS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICES AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, 24TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE YOUTH OFFICES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 451 3133.

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SALT WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL GO OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 28) TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER AND ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, WYLIE ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, CHERRY STREET, FERRY STREET AND MAN CHEONG STREET.

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