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GOVERNOR CONFIDENT NEW AIRPORT WOULD BE COMPLETED ON TIME

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE FIRST RUNWAY OF THE NEW AIRPORT WOULD BE COMPLETED ON TIME.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING CHEK LAP KOK THIS MORNING, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD GET AHEAD AND WE SHOULD TRY TO COMPLETE THE FIRST RUNWAY ON TIME, THAT IS DURING 1997."

COMMENTING ON THE PRICING OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE ESTIMATE OF THE PRICES.

"WHAT THERE HAS BEEN IS A BRIEFING PREPARED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH EXPLAINS WHAT PRICING IN REAL TERMS, REAL TERM PRICES HAVE NOT CHANGED.

"BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL MONEY TO BE SPENT IN THE YEAR THAT IT WILL BE SPENT, WHICH IS WHAT'S CALLED PRICES OF THE DAY; MONEY OF THE DAY, THEN YOU HAVE TO ALLOW FOR INFLATION.

"SO AN ESTIMATE WAS GIVEN TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF WHAT THE PRICE WOULD BE ALLOWING FOR INFLATION. BUT THE REAL PRICE, THE PRICE IN REAL TERMS HAVE NOT ALTERED AT ALL," SIR DAVID SAID.

DURING THE VISIT, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, MR RICHARD ALLEN, BRIEFED THE GOVERNOR ON THE PROGRESS OF WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

"I'VE JUST BEEN TOLD THE ADVANCE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING NEXT YEAR, THAT IS '92, AND WILL BE STARTING WORK ON THE MAIN PLATFORM DURING 1992 BECAUSE THERE'S AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND THEY HAVE TO GET ON WITH IT VERY FAST," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED ABOUT MR ALLEN LEE'S DECISION TO STEP DOWN AS SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID IT HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO HIM, BUT HE ADDED: "IT'S SOMETHING THAT HE MUST DECIDE ON FOR HIMSELF.

"IT'S VERY MUCH A PERSONAL DECISION. AND NOW IT MUST BE UP TO LEGCO, FOR THE MEMBERS OF LEGCO, TO DECIDE WHAT STEPS TO TAKE NEXT," HE SAID.

"THE ONE POINT I WOULD MAKE ABOUT MR ALLEN LEE IS THAT I THINK HE HAS DONE A VERY GOOD JOB AS SENIOR MEMBER, NOT JUST IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS SINCE THE NEW LEGCO, BUT IN THE LONG PERIOD HE SERVED AS SENIOR MEMBER BEFORE THAT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR THE WORK THAT HE'S DONE," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WHAT WE'VE GOT IS, I THINK, AN EVOLVING SITUATION. AS LEGCO CHANGES, SO SOME OF THE WAY IN WHICH LEGCO WANTS TO CONDUCT IT'S BUSINESS IS BOUND TO CHANGE.

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"AS YOU KNOW THE POSITION OF SENIOR MEMBER IS NOT SOMETHING LAID DOWN IN THE CONSTITUTION; IT'S AN INFORMAL WAY OF DOING THINGS, AND AS LEGCO CHANGES IT WANTS TO LOOK AT THE WAY IT DOES THINGS AND IT'S NOT AT ALL SURPRISING TO MY MIND THAT THEY WILL LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS OF RUNNING THEIR OWN BUSINESS.

"THEY'LL WANT TO LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF SENIOR MEMBER; AND YOU KNOW THIS TIME INSTEAD OF A SENIOR MEMBER AS IT WERE, BEING APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR I TOOK THE VIEW THAT THAT SHOULD BE FOR MEMBERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE ON; THAT IS WHAT WAS DONE AND NOW WITH ALLEN LEE HAVING STEPPED DOWN IT WILL BE FOR THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO NEXT," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ASKED IF MR LEE'S RESIGNATION REFLECTED THAT FACTIONAL POLITICS IN LEGCO WOULD INTENSIFY, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHEN YOU'VE GOT A NEW SORT OF LEGCO WITH PEOPLE BEING ELECTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION; YOU CAN SAY THAT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT GROUPS PUTTING FORWARD DIFFERENT SORTS OF VIEWS, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS JUST STRAIGHTFORWARD FACTIONAL POLITICS.

"IT'S PART OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE HONG KONG SYSTEM IN WHICH YOU HAVE DIFFERENT GROUPS PUTTING FORWARD DIFFERENT VIEWS. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, AS LONG AS EVERYBODY HAS THE COMMON INTENTION OF TRYING TO REACH CONCLUSIONS WHICH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF HONG KONG AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE; I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY WHAT EVERY PERSON IN LEGCO REALLY WANTS TO DO, TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF HONG KONG. THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT I WILL WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND TO DO," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT THE ISSUE OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE PROGRAMME OF RETURNING THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TO THEIR HOMES SHOULD GO ON.

"AFTER ALL THE SITUATION IS STILL THERE THAT WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES; THEY'VE BEEN FOUND BY A VERY THOROUGH SCREENING PROCESS, NOT TO BE REFUGEES. IT IS TOTALLY WRONG IN MY VIEW AND VERY SERIOUSLY INHUMANE THAT THEY SHOULD REMAIN IN CAMPS FOR YEAR AFTER YEAR, PARTICULARLY YOUNG CHILDREN," SIR DAVID SAID.

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FS TO VISIT CHINA
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL PAY A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO CHINA FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

MR MACLEOD WILL MEET CHINESE OFFICIALS AND LEADERS IN THE BANKING AND BUSINESS SECTOR IN PEKING, SHANGHAI, CANTON AND SHENZHEN.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL FIRST ARRIVE IN PEKING WHERE HE WILL MEET OFFICIALS AT THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE, BANK OF CHINA AND PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA.

HE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR LU PING.

WHILST IN PEKING, MR MACLEOD WILL ALSO VISIT THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICE.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL THEN FLY TO SHANGHAI ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21) WHERE HE WILL VISIT THE DEVELOPMENT AREA OF PUDONG AND MEET OFFICIALS AT THE SHANGHAI BRANCH OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK.

HE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE MAYOR OF SHANGHAI, MR HUANG JU.

MR MACLEOD WILL TRAVEL TO CANTON THE NEXT DAY TO CALL ON THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUANGDONG, MR ZHU SENLIN, AND MEET OTHER GUANGDONG OFFICIALS.

BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 23), HE WILL VISIT THE SHENZHEN STOCK EXCHANGE, AND A HONG KONG-GUANGDONG JOINT VENTURE IN SHENZHEN. HE WILL ALSO CALL ON THE MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHENG LIANGYU, AND MEET OTHER SHENZHEN OFFICIALS.

ACCOMPANYING MR MACLEOD ON THE VISIT WILL BE HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, AND THE DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISER, MR STEPHEN BRADLEY.

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EFFORTS OF ALL PARTIES NEEDED TO CHECK INFLATION

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IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THE LEVEL OF CIVIL SERVICE PAY ADJUSTMENT NEXT YEAR.

"UNDER OUR ESTABLISHED POLICY, FINAL DECISIONS ARE NOT TAKEN UNTIL JUNE NEXT YEAR," MR WIGGHAM SAID.

"BUT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF HIGH INFLATION AND SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH, IT IS CLEARLY NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO CHECK INFLATION. WAGE RESTRAINT IS ONE OF SUCH MEASURES.

"HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACT ALONE ON THIS," THE SECRETARY SAID.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN 10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL REMUNERATION OF ALL EMPLOYEES IN HONG KONG.

"THEREFORE TO HAVE ANY IMPACT ON INFLATION WAGE RESTRAINT MUST BE EXERCISED BY ALL EMPLOYERS, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

"WE ALL HAVE A DUTY NOT TO AGGRAVATE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES; WE MUST ALL EQUALLY JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION," HE SAID.

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WELFARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY WELL-ESTABLISHED
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THE POLICY ON WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND WAS CONFIRMED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE ISSUED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR CARTLAND WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA) CHENG PON HING HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AT LEE TUNG ESTATE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

"THE MAIN THRUST OF THE POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ENABLE THEM TO DO SO," HE ADDED.

MR CARTLAND, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE A SMALL PROPORTION, ABOUT FOUR PER CENT OF ALL THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 60, FOR WHOM THERE WAS REALLY NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GO INTO RESIDENTIAL CARE.

HE SAID: "IT IS ESSENTIAL THEREFORE TO ENSURE THAT ENOUGH PLACES ARE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THOSE IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE."

THE 1991 WHITE PAPER ESTABLISHED PLANNING TARGETS AND IDENTIFIED CARE OF THE ELDERLY AS A PRIORITY AREA IN THE WELFARE FIELD, MR CARTLAND NOTED.

ON THE OPENING OF YWCA'S HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY TODAY, MR CARTLAND SAID: "I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE THE OPENING OF A NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME OR HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, BECAUSE EACH ONE THAT OPENS MARKS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP ALONG THE ROAD TO OUR GOAL OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PLACES TO MEET THE NEED FOR RESIDENTS CARE IN FULL BEFORE THE END OF THIS DECADE."

HE ALSO COMMENDED THE YWCA FOR MAKING A DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO UPDATE CAREERS GUIDANCE SERVICE IN SCHOOLS

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SENIOR FELLOW OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CAREERS EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING IN THE UK, DR BILL LAW, AND THE HEAD OF CAREERS SERVICES, EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL, MR DAVID CLEATON, WILL BE THE MAIN GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE DECEMBER 6 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON CAREERS GUIDANCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

DR LAW WILL SPEAK ON "CAREERS WORK - WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES?" AND LATER LEAD THE WORKSHOPS WHILE MR CLEATON WILL TALK ON "ACTION PLANNING AS A FOCUS FOR CAREERS GUIDANCE".

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MRS GRACE YUNG; THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE HONG KONG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, MR LAI SZE-NUEN, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SIK SIK YUEN, MR LEE YUEN-PING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP IS A MAJOR ANNUAL FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS TO PROMOTE CAREERS GUIDANCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

AIMED AT PROMOTING SELF-IMPROVEMENT OF CAREERS AND GUIDANCE TEACHERS AND TO UPDATE APPLICATION OF COUNSELLING THEORIES, EACH OF THE PREVIOUS SIX EVENTS HAD ATTRACTED 150 TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS.

ENQUIRIES ON THE EVENT CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION ON TEL. 399 2173 OR 399 2178.

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REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS BEGINS

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THE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE COMMENCES TODAY (SATURDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE REGISTRATION IS TO ENSURE ELECTRICAL WORK ON FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL WORKERS THROUGH QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS TO IMPROVE ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

HE SAID THE REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS WOULD LAST FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

"BY ABOUT MID-1992, IT WILL BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO EMPLOY REGISTERED ELECTRICAL WORKERS THROUGH REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS FOR CARRYING OUT ELECTRICAL WORK," HE SAID.

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COPIES OF A LEAFLET OUTLINING THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT DISTRICT OFFICES, OR AT THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) REGISTRATION AND COLLECTION OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE EMSD REGISTRATION AND COLLECTION OFFICE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 895 8863.

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ROYAL HK AUXILIARY POLICE PRAISED

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MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ASSISTING THEIR REGULAR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UPKEEP OF LAW AND ORDER OF THE COMMUNITY AND IN MANY OTHER ASPECTS OF POLICE DUTIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BARONESS DUNN, WHEN SHE TOOK THE SALUTE AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT AUXILIARY POLICE AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT, IN YOUR CASE, THESE RANGE FROM BEAT AND HIGH RISK PATROL TO DUTIES IN CAMPS FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE," BARONESS DUNN TOLD THE OFFICERS ON PARADE.

NOTING THAT THE POLICE FORCE HAD A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD, BARONESS DUNN PRAISED THE OFFICERS FOR CONTRIBUTING IN NO SMALL PART TO THIS THROUGH THEIR HIGH STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT RECENT CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG HAD OFFERED MORE CHALLENGES TO ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS.

SHE SAID: "HONG KONG HAS ENTERED A NEW ERA. WE HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT HAS A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS RETURNED THROUGH ELECTION.

"JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE HAVE PASSED INTO LAW A BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE THAT ENSURES THAT OUR CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT "HONG KONG HAD ALSO A POPULATION OF INCREASED EDUCATION AND HIGHER EXPECTATIONS.

"I TRUST THE REGULAR TRAINING YOU RECEIVE FROM THE FORCE, LIKE THE RESIDENTIAL CAMP WHICH YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED, WILL HELP EQUIP YOU ON THE CHANGES AND NEW DEMANDS YOU FACE IN YOUR DUTIES, AND BY BUILDING ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGES WELL," BARONESS DUNN ADDED.

ON PARADE YESTERDAY WERE SOME 200 AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED THEIR ONE-WEEK ANNUAL TRAINING.

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1,320 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN OCTOBER

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A TOTAL OF 1,745 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN 1,320 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT 353 OF THESE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 244 IN KOWLOON EAST, 418 IN KOWLOON WEST AND 305 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR OCTOBER SHOWED THAT 31 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, 356 PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 1,358 SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS REPRESENTED A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 0.15 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF CASUALTIES SHOWED A DECREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990.

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IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT AUSTIN ROAD PROPOSED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES AT AUSTIN ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE PROPOSAL AIMS TO IMPROVE THE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS AT AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN AVENUE.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- * RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN AVENUE, AND A SECTION OF COX'S ROAD BETWEEN AUSTIN ROAD AND TAK SHING STREET;
- * WIDENING OF THE SECTION OF COX'S ROAD TO THREE LANES AT ITS JUNCTION WITH AUSTIN ROAD;
- * REALIGNMENT OF KERBLINES AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD PAVEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE ROAD JUNCTION OF AUSTIN ROAD AND AUSTIN AVENUE;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS AND AMENITY AREAS; AND
- * REPROVISIONING OF FENCES, GATES AND ACCESS ROAD FOR THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB AND COX'S ROAD CHILDREN PLAYGROUND.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MID NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1993.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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 NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 14 NEXT YEAR DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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FORTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF 2,023,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 121 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$490,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 819 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$420,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR ET3661.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

ET1798	\$ 6,000	ET1020	\$ 4,000	AC1118	\$ 40,000	ET622	\$ 20,000
BK557	9,000	DN8080	25,000	ER555	60,000	AB8881	26,000
ET6888	50,000	ET866	28,000	HK5020	22,000	ET807	15,000
AC252	19,000	DS213	44,000	ET113	35,000	CK10	120,000
ET1929	9,000	ET666	65,000	AT68	140,000	ET926	17,000
BB3599	9,000	ES3888	30,000	ET786	21,000	BJ2113	10,000
ET635	7,000	CL861	13,000	EU618	31,000	ET3661	3,000
121	490,000	EW1919	23,000	BR87	87,000	819	420,000
BW2080	6,000	EU389	35,000	ET790	7,000	BS7757	10,000
ET1228	25,000	ET1928	14,000	EU6200	17,000	ET1398	11,000

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

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THE NUMBERS 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 170TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$126,535,105.

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VESSELS ALERTED TO ROUND HONG KONG ISLAND YACHT RACE
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT REMINDED MASTERS AND COXSWAINS THAT A YACHT RACE WILL TAKE PLACE ROUND HONG KONG ISLAND DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (EAST REGION) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR KHIN HLA TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID: "THE RACE WILL START AND FINISH OFF ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB, CAUSEWAY BAY AND WILL BE TAKEN PLACE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION."

ABOUT 200 YACHTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

MR HLA SAID: "MASTERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS-IN-CHARGE OF VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY ARE REQUESTED TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION, GIVING PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION TO THE CONTESTANTS.

"COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 IS MANDATORY."

HE SAID MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL BE ON SPECIAL PATROL TO ASSIST CONTESTANTS AND OTHER BOAT USERS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	15.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	16.11.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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