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GOVERNOR HOSTS RECEPTION FOR CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUPS

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CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUPS WILL PROVE A STEADY AND RELIABLE SOURCE OF IDEAS FOR PRACTICABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT SERVES THE PUBLIC, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION HE HOSTED FOR CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUPS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "CUSTOMER INPUT IS ONE KEY TO GOOD PUBLIC SERVICE.

"ALTHOUGH THE CONCEPT IS STILL VERY NEW IN THE GOVERNMENT, I KNOW THAT THESE GROUPS HAVE ALREADY HELPED STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS."

ABOUT 80 MEMBERS FROM 13 GROUPS ATTENDED. THEY CAME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE INCLUDING PROFESSIONALS, PATIENTS, HOUSEWIVES, STUDENTS, TRADERS AND RESIDENTS.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS. HE THANKED THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A GOOD SERVICE.

THE GROUPS ARE A NEW INITIATIVE INTRODUCED BY THE EFFICIENCY UNIT UNDER THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PROGRAMME.

THEY PROVIDE A FORUM FOR A DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS AND CUSTOMERS ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED. MEMBERS ARE GENERALLY CHOSEN BY OPEN INVITATION OR RANDOM SELECTION FROM A DEPARTMENT'S CUSTOMER BASE.

ABOUT 12 DEPARTMENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED GROUPS.

THEY ARE WATER SUPPLIES, HOUSING (TWO GROUPS), HEALTH, TRANSPORT, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, LABOUR, POST OFFICE, TREASURY, INDUSTRY, LAND REGISTRY, EDUCATION AND THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GROUPS HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE WORK AND PERFORMANCE PLEDGES OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS.

THEY HAVE MADE USEFUL AND PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE FRONT-LINE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED, FOR EXAMPLE, LARGER NOTICES, BETTER QUEUING ARRANGEMENTS AND SIMPLER PROCEDURES, HE SAID.

OTHER MORE COMPLICATED MATTERS WILL TAKE TIME TO BE CONSIDERED THOROUGHLY.

THE RECEPTION WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY MRS PATTEN; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN; THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MICHAEL SZE; THE HEAD OF EACH DEPARTMENT WITH A CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP AND THE HEAD OF THE EFFICIENCY UNIT, MR ROBERT FOOTMAN.

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BUDGET AIMS TO FORGE PROSPERITY

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THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDAMENTAL BUDGET OBJECTIVE IS TO MANAGE THE PROSPERITY HONG KONG HAS ACHIEVED AND ENSURE THAT IT CONTINUES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID THURSDAY (HAWAII TIME).

SPEAKING ON "MANAGING PROSPERITY THE HONG KONG WAY" AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC AND ASIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN HONOLULU, MR TSANG SAID THE GOVERNMENT MUST STRIKE A RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN SPENDING AND SAVINGS IN DRAWING UP ITS BUDGET STRATEGY.

"SPENDING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR FUTURE GROWTH.

"SAVINGS TO MEET FUTURE LIABILITIES AND UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES, BECAUSE ECONOMIC SUCCESS CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED YEAR AFTER YEAR," HE SAID.

MR TSANG SAID APART FROM IMPROVING SOCIAL SERVICES, THE COMMUNITY ALSO EXPECTED THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ON WHICH THE FUTURE CREATION OF WEALTH WOULD DEPEND.

"THIS MEANS IN PARTICULAR THAT WE MUST FORGE AHEAD WITH OUR AIRPORT AND PORT DEVELOPMENTS; OTHERWISE THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY WILL BE SEVERELY CONSTRAINED," HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED ADEQUATE RESERVES TO MEET ITS KNOWN COMMITMENTS AND GUARD AGAINST FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES.

"THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT SHOULD GET OFF TO THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN JULY 1997, WITH A FLOURISHING ECONOMY, ADEQUATE FINANCE AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE FIT FOR THE NEXT CENTURY. THIS MEANS THAT EVEN WHEN THE RESERVES ARE BUOYANT, WE MUST BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL NOT TO RELAX OUR BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE," HE SAID.

MR TSANG STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO FREE TRADE, LOW TAX, STABLE CURRENCY AND A SOUND FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND PRUDENT BUDGETS.

"THE HONG KONG ECONOMY HAS PERFORMED HANDSOMELY IN 1993 WITH GDP GROWING AT 5.5 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS. WE FORECAST THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE INTO 1994.

"TO MANAGE AND SUSTAIN OUR PROSPERITY, HOWEVER, WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE AND OUR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

"DEMANDS FOR GOVERNMENT SPENDING ARE RISING BUT WE MAINTAIN OUR STRICT BUDGETARY DISCIPLINE OF CONTAINING THE GROWTH OF PUBLIC SPENDING WITHIN THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY," HE SAID.

MR TSANG IS CURRENTLY LEADING A HONG KONG DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC) IN HONOLULU.

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OUR AGREEMENT GIVES ENOUGH TIME
FOR HK INDUSTRY TO ADAPT

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THE GRADUAL 10-YEAR PHASING-OUT OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) PROVIDED BY URUGUAY ROUND TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AGREEMENT GIVES SUFFICIENT TIME FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRY AND LABOUR FORCE TO RESTRUCTURE AND ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, MADE THE REMARK AT THE SPRING DINNER OF THE HONG KONG WOOLLEN AND SYNTHETIC KNITTING MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND HONG KONG KNITWEAR EXPORTERS' AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

MR MILLER SAID PROTECTIONISM APPEARING IN THE FORM OF TEXTILES QUOTA IMPOSED UPON HONG KONG BY THE ABSURDITIES OF THE MFA WOULD SOON BE A PROBLEM OF THE PAST.

"THE URUGUAY TEXTILES AND CLOTHING AGREEMENT PROVIDES A 10-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD DURING WHICH SOME 51 PER CENT PRODUCTS WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY LIBERALISED.

"GROWTH RATES OF QUOTA LIMITS ON PRODUCTS REMAINING UNDER RESTRAINT WILL GRADUALLY BE INCREASED WITH ALL RESTRAINTS REMOVED AFTER 10 YEARS PROVIDING EVENTUALLY FOR GENUINE COMPETITION," HE SAID.

MR MILLER SAID HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS WOULD STRIVE ON COMPETITION AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE CHALLENGE AHEAD.

COMMENTING ON KNITWEAR INDUSTRY AND ALSO INDUSTRIES IN GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAID AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF THEIR SUCCESSES WAS HUMAN ELEMENT.

"HONG KONG ENTREPRENEURS ARE THE MOST VERSATILE, INNOVATIVE, IMAGINATIVE, COMMITTED, DILIGENT AND PERSEVERING GROUP OF PEOPLE TO BE FOUND.

"DESPITE THE EVER-EMERGING PROBLEMS THAT ARISE FROM THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO FIND SOLUTIONS," HE SAID.

THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY STARTED OFF IN THE EARLY 60'S AS COTTAGE TYPE OPERATIONS. EACH ESTABLISHMENT WAS VERY PRIMITIVELY EQUIPPED AND EMPLOYED ONLY A HANDFUL OF WORKERS.

IN THESE INTERVENING YEARS LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE FACED MANY OBSTACLES, BUT MR MILLER SAID THE ENTREPRENEURS HAD MET THEM HEAD ON BY ACTIVELY IMPROVING THEIR PRODUCTS, INVESTING IN PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND IN MAKING USE OF LOWER LABOUR COSTS ACROSS THE BORDER FOR MORE LABOUR INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS.

"THIS HAS HELPED TO KEEP PRODUCTION COSTS DOWN ON THE ONE HAND WHILE IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS ON THE OTHER," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR MILLER SAID: "WE MUST NOT REMAIN COMPLACENT."

THE INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO REMAIN UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM TOUGH COMPETITION PARTICULARLY FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND FROM THE EVER THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM, HE SAID.

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MR MILLER URGED THE INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND DESIGN OF THE PRODUCTS, AND THE MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY AS WELL AS TO REACH OUT TO MORE NEW MARKETS WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR POSITION IN ESTABLISHED ONES.

THE KNITWEAR INDUSTRY IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MR MILLER SAID, NOTING THAT EXPORTS FROM THE INDUSTRY LAST YEAR WERE WORTH OVER HK\$31,400 MILLION OR 14.1 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

"THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S KNITWEAR PRODUCTS IS RECOGNISED AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD," HE SAID.

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BREACH OF SECURITY

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IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS THAT A PERSON HAD TWICE PASSED THROUGH CONTROL POINTS AT THE AIRPORT WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORISATION, A SECURITY BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BREACH OF SECURITY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING VERY SERIOUSLY.

AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN LAUNCHED TO DETERMINE HOW THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AND WHAT REMEDIAL MEASURES MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

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DATES FOR DISTRICT BOARDS AND
MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR NICHOLAS NG, TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18 THIS YEAR AND THOSE FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ON MARCH 5, 1995.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1995 ON DATES YET TO BE DETERMINED, MR NG SAID IN HIS PRESENTATION TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MR NG TOLD THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION (BEC) IN JULY LAST YEAR, THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE (REO) WHICH HITHERTO WAS A PART OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH (CAB), HAD BECOME THE COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE ARM.

"TO BETTER REFLECT ITS NEW ROLE AND TO UNDERLINE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COMMISSION, THE REO WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THE CAB AS FROM APRIL 1.

"HOWEVER, STAFF OF THE REO WILL REMAIN CIVIL SERVANTS," MR NG SAID.

IN 1994/95, THE REO WILL HAVE \$92.5 MILLION TO:

- * FURTHER INCREASE THE ELECTORATE SIZE THROUGH THE MOUNTING OF A MAJOR VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN IN 1994/95;

- * ORGANISE AND SUPERVISE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER 1994 AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH 1995; AND
- * IMPLEMENT ANY NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, MR NG SAID HE HIMSELF AS A NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER TO THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE AMOUNT AND COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES YET TO BE RESOLVED AND THE LITTLE TIME LEFT TO TACKLE THE ISSUES.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO ENSURE TIMELY ADAPTATION OF HONG KONG'S 600 ORDINANCES AND ALMOST 1,000 ITEMS OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION, AND THE LOCALISATION OF THOSE NECESSARY UK ENACTMENTS (SOME 220) INTO HONG KONG LEGISLATION.

"IF THIS EXERCISE IS NOT COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 1997, THERE IS THE REAL DANGER OF GAPS IN OUR LAWS WHICH IS CLEARLY NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

"WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OVER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT AFFECT CO-OPERATION OVER ECONOMIC AND OTHER TRANSITIONAL MATTERS WHICH ARE VITAL FOR ACHIEVING A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

"I HOPE TO SEE RENEWED IMPETUS IN BOTH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE LAND COMMISSION IN THE YEAR AHEAD," MR NG SAID.

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CRITERION TO SET PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS * * * * *

IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES ON WHETHER PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WOULD HAVE TO PAY AN AVERAGE OF \$26 MORE A MONTH IN RATES AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT REVALUATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS INCREASE WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY PASSED ON TO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS.

"THE OVERRIDING CRITERION USED FOR SETTING PUBLIC HOUSING RENTS IS AFFORDABILITY.

"THE OBJECT IS TO SET RENT AT A LEVEL NOT EXCEEDING 15 PER CENT OF THE MEDIAN INCOME.

"THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

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CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX

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CONTRACTORS HAVE TWO MONTHS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION TO UNDERTAKE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX AT KAU SHAT WAN, LANTAU ISLAND.

THE WORKS COMPRISE CONSTRUCTION OF 10 UNDERGROUND STORAGE CAVERNS, 1,150 METRES OF ACCESS TUNNELS AND 340 METRES OF SEAWALL AND BERTHS, RECLAMATION OF ABOUT FIVE HECTARES OF LAND AND DREDGING OF A NAVIGATION CHANNEL.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY EXAMINED BEFORE THE SITE FOR THE COMPLEX AND ITS LAYOUT WERE DECIDED. THE SITE IS NOT WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALSO BEEN CONSULTED IN DEVELOPING THE PROJECT PROPOSALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S LANDS AND WORKS PANEL AND BY THE FORMER ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BEEN RENAMED ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

DURING A PUBLIC CONSULTATION, THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO USE UNDERGROUND STORAGE IN VIEW OF ITS ADVANTAGES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY VIEWPOINTS.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INVITED IN JULY FROM A SELECTED LIST OF CONTRACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THIS PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE.

WORKS ON SITE ARE EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TBV CONSULT FOR THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

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SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 GAZETTED

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THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994, WHICH PROVIDES THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RECORDERSHIP SCHEME IN THE HIGH COURT, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE NEW RECORDERSHIP SCHEME, BARRISTERS MAY BE APPOINTED AS PART-TIME JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT. THESE PART-TIME JUDGES WILL BE GIVEN THE TITLE OF RECORDERS, FOLLOWING THE PRACTICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE PRACTICE OF APPOINTING PART-TIME HIGH COURT JUDGES IS NOT NEW TO HONG KONG.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAS FOR SOME YEARS INVITED QUEEN'S COUNSEL TO SIT IN THE HIGH COURT AS DEPUTY JUDGES ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

A FEW APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTY JUDGES HAVE BEEN MADE EACH YEAR AND THEY GENERALLY SIT FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

"WHILE THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE AD HOC APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTY JUDGES AS HE SEES FIT, WE AGREE WITH THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MORE FORMAL SYSTEM WHEREBY BARRISTERS MAY BE APPOINTED TO SIT IN THE HIGH COURT," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO PLAN IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL COURT, A RECORDER WILL NORMALLY BE APPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH A MINIMUM SITTING REQUIREMENT OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS EACH YEAR.

HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO HEAR ALL TYPES OF CASES IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE RECORDERSHIP SCHEME WILL BE TRIED OUT ON A MODEST SCALE INITIALLY AND BE EXPANDED IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATING EXPERIENCE.

"THE EVENTUAL EXPANSION OF THE SCHEME SHOULD IN THE LONGER TERM CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING COURT WAITING TIMES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE A MORE POPULAR MEANS OF INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BAR TO JUDICIAL WORK AND MIGHT THEREBY ENCOURAGE SOME OF THEM TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH.

"THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECORDERS WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT. EACH APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE ADVICE OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE AMENDMENT BILL IS SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MARCH 30.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRMAN APPOINTED
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DR TAM MAN-KWAN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

DR TAM IS THE PRINCIPAL OF PAK KAU ENGLISH SCHOOL. HE IS CURRENTLY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AND A MEMBER OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM 1984 TO 1991; AND ON THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BETWEEN 1979 AND 1992.

HE HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG PRIVATE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION SINCE 1981.

THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 15, 1994 TO JUNE 30, 1995.

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EDUCATION CHIEF WELCOMES DR TAM AS BOE CHAIRMAN

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR TAM MAN-KWAN AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID:

"I WELCOME DR TAM MAN-KWAN'S APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"HE IS AN EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR WITH LONG SERVICE ON VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL BODIES, AND HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

"HE WAS FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THIS BACKGROUND, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIDE EXPERIENCE, WILL MAKE HIM THE MOST SUITABLE PERSON TO STEER THE FUTURE WORK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION."

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EDUCATION DELEGATION TO VISIT GUANGDONG

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, WILL LEAD AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DELEGATION ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO GUANGDONG ON MONDAY (MARCH 21), AT THE INVITATION OF THE HEAD OF THE EDUCATION BUREAU OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE, MR XU RENZHI.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT) MR KWAN TING-FAI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) MR SIMON HO CHI-LEUNG, AND PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CHINESE AND CHINESE HISTORY) MRS SIN CHOW DIK-YEE.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE BRIEFED ON EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO VISIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, PRE-SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENTS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"APART FROM FAMILIARISATION WITH EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE, THE VISIT WILL STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL BODIES IN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG," MR WONG SAID.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (MARCH 25).

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AREA CHANGES OF TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING SOME CHANGES TO THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AREA TO BRING ABOUT EXTENSION AT TAI TONG TO MEET THE INCREASING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

PROPOSALS ARE ALSO MADE TO EXCISE A SMALL PART OF THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AT MA ON KONG TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE 3 DEVELOPMENT AND TO EXTEND A BIGGER AREA NEARBY TO MAKE UP FOR THIS LOSS OF COUNTRY PARK LAND.

SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), MR WONG FOOK-YEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID ONE PROPOSAL WAS TO EXTEND THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TO COVER 38 HECTARES OF LAND AT TAI TONG AREA WHICH WAS FORMERLY A BORROWED AREA.

HE SAID THE AREA CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF PLATFORMS LEFT BEHIND BY BORROWING ACTIVITIES, OF WHICH 29 HECTARES OF THE LAND HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO AFD SINCE EARLY 1980'S FOR AFFORESTATION AND RECREATION USES.

THE AREA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED BY AFD INTO COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION AREA WITH BARBECUE SITES, GAMES AREA, NATURE TRAIL, TREE WALK AND VIEWING POINTS. FACILITIES INCLUDE PUBLIC TOILETS, PAVILION AND SHELTERS, INFORMATION BOARDS, WAYMARKERS AND ACCESS ROADS AND PATHS.

THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK AT TAI TONG WILL BRING THE AREA UNDER THE PROTECTION AND CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANS TO EXCISE AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.8 HECTARES FROM THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK NEAR MA ON KONG TO THE ROUTE 3 DEVELOPMENT.

TO MAKE UP THE LOSS OF COUNTRY PARK LAND, A MUCH BIGGER EXTENSION OF THE COUNTRY PARK IN THE NEARBY AREA TO COVER ABOUT 4.5 HECTARES OF WOODLAND IS ALSO PROPOSED.

MR WONG SAID THE EXCISED AREA WAS AT PRESENT COVERED BY SHRUBS AND WAS NOT A POPULAR PLACE FOR COUNTRY PARK VISITORS.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION COMMUNITY NEEDS, PUBLIC INTERESTS AND THE LACK OF ALTERNATIVES, HE ADDED.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE WELCOME TO SEND IN THEIR COMMENT ON OR BEFORE APRIL 27 TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

ALL VIEWS WILL BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A DRAFT REPLACEMENT MAP FOR TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK IS PROPOSED. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LEGAL PROCEDURES WHICH ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO RAISE FORMAL OBJECTION TO THE DRAFT MAP WHEN IT IS GAZETTED.

THREE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY APPROVED THREE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLANS FOR NORTH-EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE DPAS ARE LOCATED IN KWU TUNG NORTH, LUK KENG/WO HENG, AND LUNG YEUK TAU/KWAN TEI SOUTH.

THEY ARE RURAL AREAS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL, FISHING, POULTRY REARING, RURAL INDUSTRIES AND OPEN STORAGE ACTIVITIES.

IN RECENT YEARS, MANY FISH PONDS AND AGRICULTURAL LAND HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO CAR-REPAIRING YARDS AND CONTAINER STORAGE USE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THAT THESE USES HAD CAUSED A GENERAL DEGRADATION OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CREATED VARIOUS PROBLEMS SUCH AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION, VISUAL BLIGHT AND FLOODING.

"THE DPA PLANS ARE PUBLISHED TO PROVIDE INTERIM PLANNING CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE FOR THE RURAL AREAS PENDING THE PREPARATION OF OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZPS).

"REPLACEMENT OZPS FOR THESE AREAS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED BY THE BOARD AND WOULD BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

AN 'OPEN STORAGE' ZONE OF ABOUT 43 HECTARES HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ON THE APPROVED KWU TUNG NORTH DPA PLAN TO PROVIDE LAND FOR OPEN STORAGE FOR MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN CONVENTIONAL GODOWN PREMISES.

ONLY THOSE OPEN STORAGE USES WHICH HAVE NO ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT WOULD BE PERMITTED IN THIS ZONE.

STORAGE USES WHICH MAY CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, SUCH AS FOR CAR-BREAKING AND DANGEROUS GOODS, WOULD REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION OF THE BOARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO PROTECT THE SCENERY OF THE AREA, ABOUT ONE HECTARE OF LAND AT YIM TSO HA BESIDE LUK KENG ROAD HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSSI) IN THE LUK KENG AND WO HANG DPA PLAN.

"PROVIDING A NESTING PLACE FOR DIFFERENT SPECIES OF EGRET AND HERON, THE SSSI SITE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EGRETRIES IN THE TERRITORY. WITHIN THIS SITE, ONLY USES RELATING TO PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED.

AGRICULTURAL USE, FIELD STUDY/EDUCATION/VISITOR CENTRE, GOVERNMENT USE (NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED), PUBLIC UTILITY INSTALLATION, SHRINE AND TREE PLANTATION MAY BE PERMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT CONDITIONS ON APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.

"USES OTHER THAN THESE ARE NOT PERMITTED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THERE ARE ON THE DPA PLANS MANY 'UNSPECIFIED USES' AREAS ON THE DPA PLANS WHERE PLANNING PERMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT OTHER THAN THE PERMITTED USES SET OUT IN THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THE PLANS.

ON THE DPA PLANS, AREAS SET ASIDE FOR SMALL HOUSE DEVELOPMENT ARE ZONED 'VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT' WHEREAS AREAS WITH ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES ARE ZONED FOR LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INITIATIVES IN UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ALSO 'GREEN BELT' ZONES DELINEATING AREAS WITH LANDSCAPE AND AMENITY VALUE, AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' ZONES RESERVING LAND TO MEET LOCAL AND DISTRICT DEMAND.

ALL THREE APPROVED DPA PLANS ARE BEING EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR ONE WEEK UNTIL MARCH 25 AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

THEY ARE ALSO ON DISPLAY AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING; AND THE SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, TAI WAI, SHA TIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE APPROVED DPA PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WATERFRONT PARK FOR TAI PO

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC PARK IN THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES WILL BEGIN IN JULY.

THE 13-HECTARE WATERFRONT PARK IS TO BE BUILT ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE LAM TSUEN RIVER AND ON THE WESTERN SHORE OF TOLO HARBOUR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES NORTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID WORK WAS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

MUCH OF THE PARK WOULD BE DEVOTED TO RECREATION WITH GARDENS, FOUNTAINS AND POOLS, EXTENSIVE GRASSY SLOPES, PROMENADES AND MEANDERING PATHS, ALL WITH A MAGNIFICENT VIEW ACROSS THE TOLO HARBOUR TOWARD MA ON SHAN AND TAI PO KAU.

A CYCLE TRACK, LINKING THE DEVELOPING NETWORK WITH SHA TIN, TAI PO AND TAI MEI TUK, WILL BE BUILT ALONG THE SEA WALL, AND A RESTAURANT WILL BE HOUSED BENEATH AN EYE-CATCHING LOOKOUT TOWER ON THE SEAFRONT.

A 600-SEAT AMPHITHEATRE WILL CROWN A 15-METRE-HIGH MAN-MADE HILL IN THE CENTRE OF THE PARK.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE TWO BOWLING GREENS, A MODEL BOATING POOL, A GATE BALL COURT AND THREE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS.

"THE MOST UNUSUAL FEATURE WILL BE AN ECO GARDEN WHERE TYPICAL HABITATS IN SOUTH CHINA - WOODLAND, GRASSLAND, FRESHWATER POOLS AND A MARSH - WILL BE RE-CREATED BOTH FOR THEIR INHERENT BEAUTY AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE.

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"AN INSECT HOUSE WITH LIVE EXHIBITS AND AN INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE ECO GARDEN TO HELP PARK USERS APPRECIATE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF INSECTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A NOTICE OF TENDER INVITATION FOR THE WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM EBC HASSEL LIMITED, 18TH FLOOR, PHOENIX TOWER, 8 CANAL ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON APRIL 8.

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LAND EASEMENT/RESUMPTION FOR POWER LINE WORKS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED CREATION OF LAND EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (CLP) FOR A TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF THE BLACK POINT POWER STATION.

THE BLACK POINT POWER STATION WILL BE BUILT TO MEET GROWING ELECTRICITY.

THE LAND EASEMENT WILL GIVE CLP THE RIGHT TO PLACE AND RETAIN ANY POWER LINE ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND TO GAIN ACCESS TO PRIVATE LAND FOR WORKS RELATING TO THE SYSTEM.

THE EASEMENT IS CREATED BY A GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ORDER TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTRICITY NETWORKS (STATUTORY EASEMENTS) ORDINANCE TO CLP'S TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, CLP MUST SERVE NOTICE ON THE OWNERS TO BE AFFECTED OF ITS INTENTION TO EXERCISE SUCH RIGHTS. THE OWNERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT.

AFFECTED LANDOWNERS MAY CLAIM COMPENSATION FROM CLP FOR ANY LOWERING OF THEIR LAND VALUE AS A RESULT OF THE ORDER. CLP IS ALSO LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE IN EXERCISING SUCH RIGHTS.

PARTICULARS OF THE LAND TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE PUBLISHED BY CLP IN NEWSPAPERS.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ALSO APPROVED THE RESUMPTION OF SOME PRIVATE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PYLONS FOR THE SYSTEM UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE.

THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER AN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE ROUTE ALIGNMENTS OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM BETWEEN JULY 1992 AND JULY 1993 WITH RELEVANT DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES, RURAL COMMITTEES, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROUTE ALIGNMENTS WERE MADE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS EXPRESSED DURING THE CONSULTATION.

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CLP HAS UNDERTAKEN TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO ALL NEIGHBOURING AREAS WHEN WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS.

THE COMPANY WILL ALSO IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO MINIMISE THE VISUAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF POWER LINES.

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LAYING OF GAS PIPE OFF BLACK POINT
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THE CASTLE PEAK POWER COMPANY LIMITED HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO CARRY OUT DREDGING WORK TO LAY A GAS PIPE WITHIN 256.83 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF BLACK POINT IN TUEN MUN.

THE PIPE WILL LINK UP WITH THE MAIN PIPE FROM HAINAN, CHINA TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR THE LARGE THERMAL POWER STATION NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED AT BLACK POINT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORK WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NOTICE AND THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE UNDERTAKING SHOULD DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 18, 1995.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM, AND SHOULD SUBMIT ALL PARTICULARS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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LAND REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF BUILDING UNITS, MAINLY FLATS, RECEIVED BY THE LAND REGISTRY LAST MONTH INCREASED BY 21.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH, AND INCREASED BY 49 PER CENT COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

IN ALL, 13,024 AGREEMENTS INVOLVING A TOTAL OF \$54.87 BILLION WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE MONTHLY STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE LAND REGISTRAR ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION AT THE URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES LAND REGISTRIES.

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FOUR BUILDING MORTGAGES AND 8,808 OTHER MORTGAGES WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION LAST MONTH, COMPARED WITH FIVE AND 10,509 RESPECTIVELY IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW BUILDING MORTGAGES LAST MONTH WAS \$0.07 BILLION COMPARED WITH \$0.2 BILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED UNDER NEW MORTGAGES OTHER THAN BUILDING MORTGAGES DECREASED BY 17.1 PER CENT, FROM \$7 BILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO \$5.81 BILLION IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

REPAYMENTS UNDER MORTGAGES OF ALL KINDS, AS EVIDENCED BY DISCHARGES AND MORTGAGEE'S RECEIPTS, DECREASED BY 6.4 PER CENT, FROM \$2.8 BILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR TO \$2.62 BILLION IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

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THE LAND REGISTRY
Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received for
registration in the Urban and New Territories District Land Registries

Month : February 1994

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (\$)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	7,439 (8,273)	5,585 (6,301)	13,024 (14,574)	39,592,347,148.32	15,275,604,728.00	54,867,951,876.32
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	60	351	411	7,775,323,000.00	1,411,056,947.00	9,186,379,947.00
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	7,499	5,936	13,435	47,367,670,148.32	16,686,661,675.00	64,054,331,823.32
3.	Assignments of Building Units	5,483 (5,719)	3,909 (4,025)	9,392 (9,744)	17,404,810,206.82	6,359,330,961.00	23,764,141,167.82
4.	Assignments of Land	32	633	665	2,346,725,000.00	1,282,146,896.00	3,628,871,896.00
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	5,515	4,542	10,057	19,751,535,206.82	7,641,477,857.00	27,393,013,063.82
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	2	2	4	52,800,000.00	19,500,000.00	72,300,000.00
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	4,927	3,881	8,808	3,584,618,913.77	2,221,451,253.47	5,806,070,167.24
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	4,929	3,883	8,812	3,637,418,913.77	2,240,951,253.47	5,878,370,167.24
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	4,205	2,488	6,693	2,049,227,758.96	574,033,170.08	2,623,260,929.04
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	328	236	564			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	2	2			
10.	Others	2,444	2,076	4,520			
	Total	24,920	19,163	44,083	72,805,852,027.87	27,143,123,955.55	99,948,975,983.42

Note : Figures in brackets denote number of units involved

THE LAND REGISTRY
Comparison of Monthly Statistics

Month : February 1994

Item	1994 February	1994 January	1993 February	February 1994 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				January 1994		February 1993	
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage
1. Agreements for Sales and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	13,024	10,749	8,739	+ 2,275	+ 21.2	- 4,285	- 49.0
(b) Consideration	\$54,867,951,876.32	\$40,529,124,484.65	\$17,347,430,325.82	- \$14,338,827,391.67	+ 35.4	+ \$37,520,521,550.50	+ 216.3
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	411	321	236	+ 90	+ 28.0	+ 175	+ 74.2
(b) Consideration	\$9,186,379,947.00	\$6,693,854,225.30	\$4,261,969,396.21	+ \$2,492,525,721.70	- 37.2	+ \$4,924,410,450.79	+ 115.5
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	13,435	11,070	8,975	- 2,365	+ 21.4	+ 4,460	+ 49.7
(b) Consideration	\$64,054,331,823.32	\$47,222,978,709.95	\$21,609,399,722.03	- \$16,831,353,113.37	+ 35.6	+ \$42,444,932,101.29	+ 196.4
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	9,392	9,581	10,185	- 189	- 2.0	- 793	- 7.8
(b) Consideration	\$23,764,141,167.82	\$28,120,965,129.98	\$26,502,436,333.57	- \$4,356,823,962.16	- 15.5	- \$2,738,295,165.75	- 10.3
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	665	637	727	+ 28	+ 4.4	- 62	- 8.5
(b) Consideration	\$3,628,871,896.00	\$5,759,427,739.74	\$3,876,109,259.92	- \$2,130,555,843.74	- 37.0	- \$247,237,363.92	- 6.4
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	10,057	10,218	10,912	- 161	- 1.6	- 855	- 7.8
(b) Consideration	\$27,393,013,063.82	\$33,880,392,869.72	\$30,378,545,593.49	- \$6,487,379,805.90	- 19.1	- \$2,985,532,529.67	- 9.8
5. Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges							
(a) No.	4	6	5	- 2	- 33.3	- 1	- 20.0
(b) Consideration	\$72,300,000.00	\$446,773,000.00	\$195,000,000.00	- \$374,473,000.00	- 83.8	- \$122,700,000.00	- 62.9
6. Other Mortgages/Legal Charges							
(a) No.	3,808	9,013	10,509	- 205	- 2.3	- 1,701	- 16.2
(b) Consideration	\$5,806,070,167.24	\$8,137,858,105.79	\$7,002,902,713.05	- \$2,331,787,938.55	- 28.7	- \$1,196,832,545.81	- 17.1
Sub-total of (5) + (6)							
(a) No.	8,812	9,019	10,514	- 207	- 2.3	- 1,702	- 16.2
(b) Consideration	\$5,878,370,167.24	\$8,584,631,105.79	\$7,197,902,713.05	- \$2,706,260,938.55	- 31.5	- \$1,319,532,545.81	- 18.3
7. Receipts/Discharges/Releases							
(a) No.	6,693	6,804	7,039	- 111	- 1.6	- 346	- 4.9
(b) Consideration	\$2,623,260,929.04	\$4,222,613,050.50	\$2,803,814,492.25	- \$1,599,352,121.46	- 37.9	- \$180,553,563.21	- 6.4

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PARKING METER MANAGEMENT TO BE CONTRACTED OUT

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THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE 13,000 PARKING METERS INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY SERCO GUARDIAN (FM) LIMITED FROM THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 20).

UNDER A THREE-YEAR MANAGEMENT CONTRACT SIGNED WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SERCO GUARDIAN WILL TAKE UP FOR THE GOVERNMENT THE COLLECTION OF PARKING METER REVENUE, THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF THE METERS, AND DEALING WITH TELEPHONE REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON DEFECTIVE METERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID STAFF OF THE COMPANY ON COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE DUTIES WOULD WEAR UNIFORM AND CARRY IDENTITY CARDS.

THE EXISTING TELEPHONE NUMBER (824 2111) FOR REPORTING DEFECTIVE METERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED, HE SAID.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, SERCO GUARDIAN WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKING SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS ASSOCIATED WITH METERED PARKING SPACES.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD, HOWEVER, RETAIN THE POWER TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION, CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF THE PARKING METERS, AS WELL AS THE METER TYPES TO BE INSTALLED.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING OFFENCES, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF FIXED PENALTY TICKETS AND PROSECUTION ON METER OFFENCES, REMAINS WITH THE POLICE.

OF THE 118 GOVERNMENT STAFF WORKING WITH PARKING METERS, 46 HAVE OPTED RETIREMENT AND 68 HAVE SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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YOUTHS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN SPORTS

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PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS HELPS TO BUILD A GENERATION OF DYNAMIC AND VIGOROUS YOUTHS WHO ARE READY BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY TO MEET THE FUTURE CHALLENGES IN LIFE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1993/94, MR SUEN SAID SUCH PARTICIPATION WAS IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE BECAUSE IT WAS THE TRAINING OF BOTH THE BODY AND THE MIND.

"SPORTS FOSTER YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHYSICAL FITNESS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN ANY SPORTS COMPETITION, WE ARE NOT SO MUCH COMPETING WITH OTHERS, THE CHALLENGE IS TO GIVE ONE'S BEST," HE SAID.

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STUDENTS HELP IMPROVE WORK SAFETY

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS BETTER WORK SAFETY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION ON SAFETY AT WORK.

TO RECOGNISE THEIR EFFORTS IN DESIGNING SLOGANS TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK SAFETY, WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WERE PRESENTED CASH PRIZES RANGING FROM \$300 TO \$3,000 AND SOUVENIRS DURING A CEREMONY HELD THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE THREE WINNING SLOGANS FROM EACH OF THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS WERE ALSO PRINTED ON HANDY CARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG STUDENTS.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR STUDENTS WHICH COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL (OSHC).

IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMER JOB SAFETY PUBLICITY DRIVE TO ENHANCE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS STUDENTS OFTEN TAKE UP TEMPORARY JOBS DURING THEIR SUMMER VACATION.

WITH A TOTAL OF 922 ENTRIES FROM 27 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 AND FORMS 4 TO 7 STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY.

BASING ON THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE, CONCISENESS AND INNOVATION OF THE ENTRIES, THE WINNERS WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS MADE UP OF SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF TODAY'S PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY INCLUDED CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN TAT-KING; CHAIRMAN OF THE OSHC, PROFESSOR LEUNG PING-CHUNG; MEMBER OF THE OSHC, MR CHEUNG LUN; SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MISS MONICA NG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, MR CHAN JOE-CHAK.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION ARE:

SENIOR SECTION:

FIRST PRIZE : SHUM KWOK-FUNG OF NG WAH COLLEGE

SECOND PRIZE : CHAN HOI-LING OF TWGHS MRS FUNG WONG FUNG TING COLLEGE

THIRD PRIZE : NG WAI-HAN OF PO LEUNG KUK YAO LING SUN COLLEGE

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JUNIOR SECTION:

- FIRST PRIZE : LAM LAP-FUNG OF CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE
- SECOND PRIZE : NG KA-PO OF BAPTIST LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY SCHOOL
- THIRD PRIZE : KAN WING-SZE OF TWGHS MRS FUNG WONG FUNG TING COLLEGE

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LEISURE POOL PLANNED FOR JORDAN VALLEY

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LEISURE POOL COMPLEX IN JORDAN VALLEY, KWUN TONG.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE FOUR INTEGRATED LEISURE POOLS, ONE PADDLING POOL, A SUN DECK, LANDSCAPED AREAS, A ONE-STOREY MAIN BUILDING, A TWO-STOREY SERVICE BUILDING, A ONE-STOREY TOILET BLOCK AND AN ANNEX BLOCK.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN NOVEMBER 1995.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON APRIL 8.

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MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FIGURES FOR JANUARY

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THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR DECREASED BY 6% OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

FROM JANUARY, A NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS ON MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN VALUE TERMS COMPILED IN THE FORM OF AN INDEX IS PRODUCED TO REPLACE THE OLD SERIES, WHICH IS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

THE NEW SERIES PROVIDES A MORE DIRECT MEASURE OF THE OVERALL VALUE OF ORDERS IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR THAT LEAD TO THE GENERATION OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT.

MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND REFER TO ORDERS AND PARTS OF ORDERS RECEIVED EARLIER BY MANUFACTURERS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION WHICH REMAIN UNFILLED AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ORDERS RECEIVED BY TRADERS NOT ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION ARE INCLUDED IF SUCH ORDERS ARE FURTHER PLACED TO MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION LOCALLY.

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HOWEVER, ORDERS PLACED TO MANUFACTURING FIRMS FOR PRODUCTION IN CHINA AND OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SERIES OF ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS.

COMPARING JANUARY 1994 WITH JANUARY 1993, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF OUTSTANDING ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+76%), AND PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY (+43%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-44%) AND WEARING APPAREL (-20%) INDUSTRIES.

MODERATE DECREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES (-8%, -3% AND -2% RESPECTIVELY).

COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1993, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND INCREASED BY 12%.

THE SURVEY COVERS A SAMPLE OF SOME 300 MANUFACTURING FIRMS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE WORKERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FIGURES IN A SINGLE MONTH.

"INSTEAD, THE TREND MOVEMENT OF THE SERIES AS DISPLAYED OVER A WIDER SPAN OF TIME POINTS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT," HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1994, AT \$4.5 A COPY, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6441.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE YEAR-ON-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES:

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF
ORDERS-ON-HAND IN JANUARY 1994
OVER JANUARY 1993

ALL INDUSTRIES COVERED
IN THE SURVEY

	-6
. WEARING APPAREL	-20
. TEXTILES	-8
. ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2
. ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	-3
. FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+76
. PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-44
. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	+43

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SEARCH FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY STUDY CONSULTANTS

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SUITABLY QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR CONDUCTING STUDIES RELATING TO THE MONITORING OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANIES IN THE TERRITORY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

A NOTICE OF THE PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A DOCUMENT SETTING OUT IN MORE DETAIL THE SCOPE OF THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACT SECTION, ROOM 811, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 15.

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PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS INVITED

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (CED) IS INVITING PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS FOR TENDERING FOR WORKS ON PHASE II OF THE JORDAN ROAD RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PASSENGER FERRY PIER AT WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION SOUTHERN AREA, THE GAZETTE NOTIFIED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WORKS INCLUDE A 4.1-HECTARE RECLAMATION AND REPROVISION OF A PUMPHOUSE IN MAN CHEONG STREET AND CONSTRUCTION OF BOX CULVERTS.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN JANUARY 1995 FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT 22 MONTHS.

CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED) OR ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST II FOR PORT WORKS (CONFIRMED) ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM CHIEF ENGINEER/WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

THE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 29, 1994 (FRIDAY).

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SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE

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THE 1994 SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS INVITING PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S SAI KUNG DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACES, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13 (MONDAY) OFF SAI KUNG TOWN SEAFRONT.

THE DRAGON BOAT RACE IS ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL BODIES.

/THE COMMITTEE

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THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR NG SZE-FUK, SAID SHARK PREVENTION NETS WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED IN THE RACING AREA TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE RACE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN DIVISIONS: MEN'S OPEN DIVISION, WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION, FISHERMEN'S OPEN DIVISION, COMMERCIAL SECTORS OPEN DIVISION, MEN'S MINI-BOAT DIVISION, WOMEN'S MINI-BOAT DIVISION AND ACADEMY MINI-BOAT DIVISION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SAI KUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AT SAI HA, SAI KUNG. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 18.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 792 1762.

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POLICE CATCH 170 IN OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED 170 PERSONS IN A TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

THEY HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE 24-HOUR OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 16), THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 12,325 PERSONS, 1,782 VEHICLES AND 429 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

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SUPPLIERS OF SEWAGE PUMPING EQUIPMENT WANTED

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR SEWAGE PUMPING STATIONS.

THEY ARE THE STONECUTTERS ISLAND MAIN PUMPING STATION, TSEUNG KWAN O PUMPING STATION, NORTHWEST KOWLOON PUMPING STATION AND KWUN TONG PUMPING STATION.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF STAGE I OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME TO COLLECT AND TREAT SEWAGE FROM KOWLOON BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TSEUNG KWAN O AND FROM THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

A NOTICE INVITING PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONLY CONTRACTORS WITH EXPERIENCE IN ERECTING SEWAGE OR RAW WATER PUMPING PLANT OF CAPACITY EXCEEDING 20 CUBIC METRES PER SECOND ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE PROJECT'S CONSULTANT, MONTGOMERY WATSON HONG KONG LIMITED, 1911 WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CONSULTANT NO LATER THAN NOON ON APRIL 22.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS FROM THE PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS LATER THIS YEAR.

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FORMATION OF PO LAM ROAD PLATFORM

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TENDERS WILL BE INVITED IN JUNE FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE FORMATION OF PO LAM ROAD PLATFORM AT SAU MAU PING TO BE USED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BE A DESIGN-AND-BUILD AND LUMP SUM CONTRACT. IT IS LOCATED TO THE EAST OF THE JUNCTION BETWEEN PO LAM ROAD AND SAU MAU PING ROAD.

AS FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE, APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE INVITED UNTIL MAY 13, 1994.

THE CONTRACT CALLS FOR THE FORMATION OF A PLATFORM WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6.5 HECTARES AND THE DIVERSION OF A 600 MM DIAMETER SALT WATER MAIN AWAY FROM THE SITE.

THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL INVOLVE BULK EXCAVATION IN SOIL AND ROCK, CUTTING AND FILLING OF SLOPES, IMPROVEMENT OF THE STABILITY OF EXISTING SLOPES, CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, LAYING OF A SALT WATER MAIN AND INSTALLATION OF STORM WATER DRAINS. CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.

/THE CONSTRUCTION

THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE ADVISORY DIVISION OF THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR SITE FORMATION WORKS OR ON THE LIST II FOR SITE FORMATION WORKS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM:

MR W C LEE
CHIEF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER/ADVISORY
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE
EIGHTH FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING
101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN
KOWLOON

TEL: 762 5300
FAX: 714 0214

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REVISED FEES FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL SERVICES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED REVISED FEES FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICES, FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANT (IMPORTATION AND PEST CONTROL) ORDINANCE AND THE POUNDS ORDINANCE.

TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 28, THE REVISED FEES ARE:

NATURE OF SERVICES	RANGE OF REVISED FEES
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	\$
* PHYTOSANITARY EXAMINATION OF PLANTS	80 - 1,200
* VISIT TO THE APPLICANT'S PREMISES FOR THE ABOVE SERVICE	85
* PLANT QUARANTINE MAINTENANCE	35
* TREATMENT OF PLANTS AND SOIL	26 - 60
* RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED STRAY ANIMALS EXCEPT DOGS	3.5 - 172

THE PLANT (IMPORTATION AND PEST CONTROL) (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994 AND THE POUNDS (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994, WHICH SPECIFY THE REVISED FEES, WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

EXPLAINING THE REVISION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEES WERE LAST REVIEWED IN 1988 AND 1989.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE REAL VALUE OF THESE FEES AGAINST INFLATION OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THEY SHOULD BE REVISED UPWARD BY AN AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF 71.5.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE REVISED FEES CAN BE MADE OF THE PLANT AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY UNIT ON TEL 733 2198 OR THE RABIES CONTROL UNIT ON TEL 733 2274.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,835	0930	+1,395
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,516	1000	+1,345
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+1,155
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+1,151	1200	+1,151
LAF TODAY	-470	1500	+1,151
		1600	+1,151
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 125.7	*+0.1*	18.3.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.12	18 MONTHS	2508	4.625	99.86	4.78
1 MONTH	3.39	21 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.75	4.99
3 MONTHS	3.69	24 MONTHS	2602	4.40	98.68	5.20
6 MONTHS	3.95	32 MONTHS	3610	4.20	96.92	5.55
12 MONTHS	4.36	35 MONTHS	3701	4.60	97.35	5.69

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,023 MN

CLOSED 18 MARCH 1994

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