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## MIXTURE OF FORCES POWER HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

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HONG KONG IS AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY OF INCREASINGLY WELL-EDUCATED, HARD-WORKING AND SOCIALLY SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG-AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON, MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG'S STABILITY IS DUE TO A MIXTURE OF FACTORS: THE BEDROCK STRENGTH OF THE CHINESE FAMILY; JUDICIOUS AND FORWARD-LOOKING GOVERNMENT AND, OF COURSE, ECONOMIC GROWTH.

HONG KONG'S EMERGING STATUS AS A LEADING CENTRE OF TRADE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, ITS RAPIDLY GROWING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH CHINA, AND ITS INCREASING PROMINENCE AS A CENTRE FOR CIVIL AVIATION, SHIPPING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM ARE ALL FORCES WHICH HAVE HELPED TO POWER ITS PHENOMENAL ECONOMIC GROWTH OF RECENT YEARS.

"A PROSPERING ECONOMY BRINGS WITH IT AN ENHANCED STANDARD OF LIVING. OUR PER CAPITA GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN 1990 IS ABOUT US\$12,200, WHICH IS THE THIRD HIGHEST IN EAST ASIA BEHIND JAPAN AND BRUNEI," SHE SAID.

"THE LOCAL WORKFORCE CONTINUES TO ENJOY VIRTUALLY FULL EMPLOYMENT WITH RISING WAGES," MRS CHAN ADDED.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS DONE MUCH TO CEMENT STABILITY BY MASSIVE INVESTMENT OVER THE YEARS IN SUBSIDISED HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

"AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS MAINTAINED A POLICY OF LOW TAXATION AND MINIMUM INTERFERENCE IN THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT - ALTHOUGH MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE HAVE NOT HESITATED TO STEP IN TO REGULATE WHEREVER THIS HAS BEEN NECESSARY.

"AS A RESULT WE HAVE CREATED IN HONG KONG A SOCIETY AND AN ETHOS WHICH ENCOURAGES ENTERPRISE AND REWARDS HARD WORK, WHILE STILL ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO CANNOT COPE BY THEMSELVES RECEIVE THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE THEY NEED," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT, MRS CHAN SAID FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS, HONG KONG COULD PROCEED AT FULL SPEED TOWARDS THE TARGET OF OPENING THE FIRST RUNWAY IN 1997.

"PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE (AIRPORT) AUTHORITY PROPER, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, A PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS TAKING FORWARD EARLY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION WORK.

"A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. THE AIRPORT MASTERPLAN STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. ADVANCE WORKS TO PREPARE A 30 HECTARE WORK SITE ON CHEK LAP KOK COMMENCED IN FEBRUARY AND TENDERS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE MAIN 1,270 HECTARE SITE WILL BE CALLED IN NOVEMBER.

"IN SEPTEMBER, THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ALSO CALLED FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN PREQUALIFYING FOR THE CONTRACT FOR DETAILED DESIGN OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WITH A VIEW TO LETTING A CONTRACT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"UNDERSTANDABLY, A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN THESE MAJOR CONTRACTS - THE SITE PREPARATION CONTRACT ALONE IS VALUED AT OVER A\$1.5 BILLION.

"THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE TO COME, AND THE AUTHORITY, LIKE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, HAS A TOTALLY OPEN AND FAIR TENDERING SYSTEM; BIDS ARE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS ALONE - IT IS A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

"WE WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION FROM AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS AND INVESTORS IN THIS EXCITING PROJECT," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS NOT JUST A MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN TAKING FORWARD THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, IT WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL OF THE COMMITMENT OF HONG KONG'S PRESENT AND FUTURE SOVEREIGN POWERS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

"IN OVERCOMING WHAT WERE MAJOR DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THE MANAGEMENT OF ISSUES STRADDLING THE TRANSITION IN 1997, I BELIEVE ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS: BRITISH, CHINESE AND HONG KONG HAVE EMERGED WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND THE NEED FOR PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION IN MEETING THEM," SHE SAID.

LOOKING INTO THE YEARS AHEAD, MRS CHAN SAID THERE REMAINED A GOOD DEAL OF HARD WORK TO BE DONE IN PAVING THE WAY FOR THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997.

"THE NEXT SIX YEARS WILL BE INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING TIMES FOR US IN HONG KONG. THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND PROSPER AND THAT WE MANAGE EFFECTIVELY THE POLITICS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND 1997," SHE SAID.

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#### LADY WILSON OPENS SHATIN CHESHIRE HOME

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THE CHESHIRE HOME'S NEW BUILDING IN SHA TIN IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY COMBINING PRIVATE INITIATIVE, PUBLIC GENEROSITY AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHATIN CHESHIRE HOME, LADY WILSON SAID THE BUILDING WAS THE RESULT OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE HOME AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CHESHIRE HOME, SHE SAID, HAD COME A LONG WAY SINCE IT BEGAN IN A DESERTED CAMP ON THE CONCRETE TERRACES OF CHUNG HOM KOK 30 YEARS AGO.

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT SINCE THE OPENING OF THE REBUILT HOME IN MARCH 1977 BY LADY MACLEHOSE, IT HAD DONE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF GOOD AND HAD HELPED MANY, MANY PEOPLE.

ITS ROLE HAD DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, AND IT NOW CONCENTRATED ITS EFFORTS ON THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED, SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON SAID THIS NEW BUILDING, WITH ITS MODERN FACILITIES AND COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION, WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS HELP IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK, ADDING THAT ITS SETTING IN THE BEAUTIFUL SITE OVERLOOKING THE SHING MUN RIVER HELPED CREATE A RELAXING, COMFORTING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL AND DISABLED.

LADY WILSON CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MAKING THE AMBITIOUS PROJECT A SUCCESS, AND PAID TRIBUTE TO GROUP CAPTAIN LEONARD CHESHIRE.

"I AM SORRY THAT HE CANNOT BE WITH US TODAY," SHE SAID. "BUT I FEEL SURE THAT THE ETHICS AND IDEALS THAT HE HAS MANAGED TO INSTILL IN HIS HOMES ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO BE UPHELD HERE."

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN REGIONAL COUNCIL BUILDING  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BUILDING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) AT 11 AM.

THE NEW HOME IN SHA TIN FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF PAI TAU STREET AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD, NEAR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SHA TIN STATION.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$200.6 MILLION, THE COMPOSITE STRUCTURE COMPRISES THE FIVE-LEVEL, PILLAR-MOUNTED COUNCIL CHAMBERS BLOCK AND A 20-STOREY OFFICE TOWER. IT CAN BE EASILY REACHED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 26). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING BY 10.45 AM. PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOULD BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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TWO MORE AIDS CASES CONFIRMED

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TWO MORE CASES OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) HAD BEEN CONFIRMED, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES IN HONG KONG TO 56, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 38 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY WHILE 18 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT HONG KONG.

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SIX MORE MEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV CARRIERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED AIDS TO 190.

OF THESE, 52 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 116 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FOUR WERE DRUG ABUSERS, THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND THE INFORMATION FOR THE OTHER 15 WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 204,101 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 942,947 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE TESTED AND 17 WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing  
病毒組 衛生署  
Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Jul 91		Aug 91		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	17526	91	358	3	17884	94
經由私家醫生及補助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	2257	46	15	1	2272	47
前線社會衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	174036	39	2256	2	176292	41
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	527	60	6	0	533	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	5777	1	142	0	5919	1
經由家庭計劃指導層轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	228	0	3	0	231	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	953	0	17	0	970	0

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TOTAL 201304 237 2797 6 204101 243

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\* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Jul 91		Aug 91		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	927182	16	15765	1	942947	17

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MILITARY BAND PERFORMS AT BORDER

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THE BAND OF THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF WALES WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) DEPLOYED TO TA KU LING TO GIVE A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TO ABOUT 200 VILLAGE STUDENTS IN THE BORDER DISTRICT.

THE PERFORMANCE FORMED PART OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE UNDER THE "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" (MFM) PROGRAMME TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCE.

UNDER THE BATON OF WARRANT OFFICER PHILIP SHANNON, THE MUSICAL TASKFORCE PERFORMED A NUMBER OF FAMOUS PIECES INCLUDING THEME SONGS FROM RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK AND STAR WARS, WHICH WERE FAMILIAR TO THE CHILDREN.

THE STUDENTS WERE ALSO INTRODUCED TO THE DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY THE INSTRUMENTS.

"IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING TO A NUMBER OF PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG," MR PHILIP SHANNON SAID.

MR SHANNON SAID PERFORMING IN SCHOOLS IS A MEANS OF GETTING MUSIC ACROSS TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT USUALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A BAND PERFORMANCE.

"WE TRY TO MAKE OUR CONCERT AS ENTERTAINING AND FUN-FILLED AS POSSIBLE, AND IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF THE YOUNG AUDIENCE," THE OFFICER SAID.

THE BAND IS STATIONED AT STANLEY FORT UNTIL 1993, AND IT WILL BE GIVING THREE MORE SCHOOL CONCERTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE FOR 'THE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES INDEXES'

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THE JULY 1991 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES INDEXES".

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF RETAIL SALES IS CONDUCTED TO PROVIDE DATA FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE RETAIL SALES INDEXES.

IT EMPLOYS A SAMPLE SELECTED FROM ALL RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS CONTAINED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTER MAINTAINED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

FOLLOWING THE COMPILATION OF THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SERIES HAS BEEN REBASED AS FROM APRIL 1991.

THE NEW BASE PERIOD IS OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 (MONTHLY AVERAGE IN THE PERIOD TAKEN AS 100).

CONCURRENT WITH THIS, THE RETAIL SALES INDEXES ARE ALSO SIMILARLY REBASED.

THE COVERAGE, SAMPLING METHOD AND ESTIMATION METHOD OF THE SURVEY ARE DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE, ALONG WITH THE METHOD OF COMPUTATION OF THE INDEX.

IN ADDITION, FEATURES OF THE REBASING, THE REFINEMENT IN DATA PRESENTATION AND THE EFFECT OF CHANGES ON INDEX COMPARISON, ARE ALSO DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 PER COPY.

PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 45.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 267.630 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 334.512 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 57.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	21.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	24.9.91	+207
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-207

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EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON

NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.9 \*-0.2\* 24.9.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	24.9.91	20.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.26 PCT	4.09 PCT
1 MONTH	4.29 PCT	4.29 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.58 PCT	4.60 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.07 PCT	5.13 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.80 PCT	5.84 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	7,200 MN	9,490 MN

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER RESULTS --- TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q139
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,202 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN
AVERAGE ACCEPTED YIELD	4.60 PCT
HIGHEST ACCEPTED YIELD	4.63 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 54 PCT

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NEXT TENDER OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS --- TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q140	H174
ISSUE DATE	2 OCT 91	2 OCT 91
MATURITY DATE	2 JAN 92	1 APR 92
TENOR	92 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 500 + 100 MN	HKD 200 + 60 MN

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