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DEPARTURE OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS CONCLUDES SMOOTHLY

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A SECOND GROUP OF 33 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS LEFT FOR VIETNAM TODAY (FRIDAY), COMPLETING THE LATEST EXERCISE UNDER THE ORDERLY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

THE MAKE-UP OF THE GROUP OF RETURNEES IS SIMILAR TO THE 33 WHO LEFT YESTERDAY. THERE WERE 12 MEN, 12 WOMEN, FIVE BOYS AND FOUR GIRLS. THE OLDEST IS 45 AND THE YOUNGEST A 19-MONTH-OLD GIRL, WHO WAS BORN IN HONG KONG. THE RETURNEES HAD BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR FIVE TO SIX YEARS.

THE GROUP INCLUDED THE REMAINING THREE MEN AND ONE WOMAN OF THE 11 PEOPLE WHO WERE BROUGHT DOWN FROM THE ROOF OF A DORMITORY AT HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE DURING THE TWO-DAY OPERATION TO TRANSFER THEM FOR THE DEPARTURE FLIGHTS.

ALSO ON THE FLIGHT WAS A MAN FROM CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE WHO WAS AMONG THE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE ORIGINAL LIST OF RETURNEES WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE MOVED TO VICTORIA PRISON AHEAD OF THE TRANSFER EXERCISE.

THE PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKS AT THE AIRPORT AND THE BOARDING OF THE RETURNEES WERE CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY AND THEIR PLANE DEPARTED FOR HANOI AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

ABOUT 60 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF AND 60 POLICE OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN TODAY'S OPERATION.

THE RETURNEES WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THE PLANE BY AN ESCORT OF 56 PEOPLE. THEY COMPRISED 47 OF THE 60 POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION AND NINE OTHERS. THE OTHERS WERE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, INTERPRETERS, COUNSELLORS AND NURSING STAFF.

UPDATING FIGURES RELATING TO THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AT HIGH ISLAND ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 369 VIETNAMESE HAD SOUGHT TREATMENT SINCE THEN, AND 283 OF THEM REQUIRED TREATMENT.

HE ADDED THAT 217 COMPLAINTS OF ASSAULT HAD BEEN MADE TO DATE. THESE CASES HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE POLICE FOR INVESTIGATION.

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MONITORS' REPORTS ON ORDERLY
REPATRIATION OPERATION SUBMITTED TO CS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE INDEPENDENT MONITORS WHO OBSERVED THE ORDERLY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME (ORP) OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 22 AND 23 HAD SUBMITTED THEIR REPORTS TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THREE SEPARATE REPORTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE THREE PHASES OF THE OPERATION. ONE WAS SUBMITTED BY MR CHAN YING-LUNG, JP, MISS LEUNG WAI-TUNG, JP, MR JOHN SAYER (OXFAM) AND MR ADAM VOYSEY (CHRISTIAN ACTION), REPORTING ON THE TRANSFER OF THE RETURNEES FROM HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE TO VICTORIA PRISON ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20.

A SECOND REPORT WAS PREPARED BY MR DONALD YAP, JP, AND MISS CHAN MAY-LING (OXFAM) ON THE TRANSFER OF 31 RETURNEES FROM VICTORIA PRISON TO THE AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 22 (TWO OTHER RETURNEES WERE TRANSFERRED FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL).

THE LAST REPORT WAS COMPILED BY DR ALBERT LI, JP AND MR ADAM VOYSEY (CHRISTIAN ACTION) ON THE TRANSFER OF 33 RETURNEES FROM VICTORIA PRISON TO THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY EXPRESSED HER GRATITUDE TO ALL THE MONITORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN OBSERVING AND REPORTING ON THE ORP OPERATION WITHIN SUCH A TIGHT SCHEDULE.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE MONITORS FOR DEVOTING THEIR TIME TO THE MONITORING," SHE SAID. "THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO FOR THE MONITORS WHO OBSERVED THE OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, WHICH LASTED MUCH LONGER THAN EXPECTED."

THE REPORTS CONCLUDED THAT ALL PARTIES HAD EXERCISED RESTRAINT DURING THE OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, AND THAT THE OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23 WERE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT.

IN ALL THREE REPORTS, THE MONITORS MADE SUGGESTIONS ON AREAS WHICH WARRANT FURTHER THOUGHT WHEN PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE MONITORS' COMMENTS AND WILL STUDY THE REPORTS IN DETAIL, WITH A VIEW TO DRAWING LESSONS WHICH CAN BE LEARNED FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS."

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ROUNDUP OF THE AIR INCIDENT AT HK AIRPORT

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TWO PERSONS, AGED 34 AND 50, WERE KILLED AND SIX INJURED WHEN A HERCULES TRANSPORT PLANE PLUNGED INTO THE KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER SHORTLY AFTER IT TOOK OFF AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 7.14 PM YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

AMONG THE INJURED, A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN IS STILL IN POOR CONDITION AND THE OTHER FIVE, AGED BETWEEN 33 AND 53, ARE UNDER OBSERVATION AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

/THE PLANE

THE PLANE WAS CARRYING A CREW OF 12 INDONESIAN MEN WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. IT IS SUBMERGED AND BROKEN INTO SEVERAL PORTIONS IN THE KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER.

AT PRESENT, FOUR CREW MEMBERS ARE STILL MISSING.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS MOBILISED A TOTAL OF 110 PERSONNEL, INCLUDING 24 DIVERS, IN THE RESCUE. MORE THAN 60 AMBULANCEMEN ALSO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION.

IN ADDITION, THE MARINE POLICE, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE AND THE ROYAL NAVY HAVE ALSO DEPLOYED STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESCUE.

THE AIRPORT RUNWAY WAS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT 7.15 PM AND RE-OPENED AFTER TWO HOURS AT 9.15 PM.

A TOTAL OF 52 OUTWARD BOUND FLIGHTS AND 39 INWARD BOUND FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN DELAYED DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE RUNWAY. ALSO, ONE OUTWARD BOUND AND ONE INWARD BOUND FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

MEANWHILE, RESCUE OPERATION IS STILL CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE MISSING CREW.

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FS VISITS HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS FACTORY

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED ONE OF THE LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG, AND SAW FIRST HAND THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY-BASED INDUSTRY.

SIR HAMISH PAID A VISIT TO MOTOROLA SEMI-CONDUCTORS HONG KONG LIMITED'S PLANT IN THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR DOMINIC LAW.

"THE GROWTH OF THE SERVICE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY REMAINS AN IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.

"WITH A WORKFORCE OF OVER 500,000, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY MADE A 13 PER CENT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) IN 1992," SIR HAMISH SAID.

"OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ADJUST AND RENEW ITSELF IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS. IN PARTICULAR, IT HAS GIVEN GREATER EMPHASIS TO THE QUALITY OF ITS PRODUCTS, AND IS MOVING SUCCESSFULLY TOWARDS HIGH VALUE-ADDED AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY-BASED PRODUCTION," SIR HAMISH SAID.

"THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, IN PARTICULAR, IS A THRIVING INDUSTRY. THERE IS MUCH SCOPE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELDS," HE ADDED.

SIR HAMISH SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE PROMOTION OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

"WE ARE HELPING LOCAL INDUSTRIES THROUGH VARIOUS MEASURES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF \$180 MILLION IN 1994/95 TO SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL OR TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT; ANOTHER \$200 MILLION IN THE FORM OF LOANS OR EQUITY PARTICIPATION FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND A TRAINING GRANT SCHEME TO ASSIST INDUSTRIES IN TRAINING THEIR EMPLOYERS IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS," SIR HAMISH SAID.

SIR HAMISH WAS BRIEFED BY MOTOROLA'S SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER (ASIA PACIFIC), MR C D TAM, ON THE POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT OF MOTOROLA IN HONG KONG.

HE THEN TOURED ROUND THE 326,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACTORY BUILDING WHERE THE DESIGN, ASSEMBLY AND TESTING OF A FULL RANGE OF SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTS WERE CONDUCTED.

SIR HAMISH FIRST SAW THE COMPANY'S DESIGN TEAM AT WORK AT THE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (IC) DESIGN CENTRE. HE THEN VISITED THE IC AUTOMATIC ASSEMBLY AREA WHERE HE SAW DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE FRONT END, BACK END AND PLATING PROCESSES.

AFTER TOURING THE IC TEST CENTRE, SIR HAMISH CONCLUDED THE TOUR BY PAYING A VISIT TO THE CUSTOMER RESPONSIVENESS AREA WHERE HE SAW A DEMONSTRATION ON VIDEO CONFERENCING.

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FOUR DISTRICT JUDGES APPOINTED

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THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR DISTRICT JUDGES -- THREE OF THEM PROMOTED FROM WITHIN THE JUDICIARY AND ONE FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. THE APPOINTMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 3.

THE THREE JUDGES APPOINTED FROM WITHIN THE JUDICIARY ARE MR GERARD MUTTRIE, MR FERGAL SWEENEY AND MISS BETTY KWAN KA-CHING. THE APPOINTEE FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS MR MICHAEL ANTHONY MCMAHON.

MR MUTTRIE WAS BORN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1943. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN SCOTLAND IN 1966 AND AS A SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND IN 1979. BEFORE JOINING THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1983, HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN THE UK AND HAD ALSO WORKED WITH THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT AS A MAGISTRATE. IN 1989, HE BECAME PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE. HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF MAGISTRATE IN 1991.

MR SWEENEY WAS BORN IN IRELAND IN 1950. HE WAS CALLED TO THE IRISH BAR IN 1974, THE ENGLISH BAR IN 1985 AND THE HONG KONG BAR IN 1987. HE JOINED THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1985 AND BECAME PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1991. HE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE BEFORE JOINING THE JUDICIARY.

MISS KWAN WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1944. SHE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN 1981. BETWEEN 1983 AND 1987, SHE WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. SHE WAS APPOINTED A MAGISTRATE IN 1987 AND BECAME PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN 1993.

/MR MCMAHON

MR MCMAHON WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA IN 1948. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN NEW SOUTH WALES IN 1977 AND ADMITTED TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR IN 1978. HE CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1981 AS A CROWN COUNSEL WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN 1982. HE JOINED THE COMMERCIAL CRIMES UNIT IN 1984 AS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL. HE IS NOW DEPUTY CROWN PROSECUTOR IN THE SAME UNIT.

MEANWHILE, TWO NEWLY APPOINTED JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT, MR JUSTICE FINDLAY AND MR JUSTICE CHEUNG, TOOK THE JUDICIAL OATH BEFORE THE GOVERNOR TODAY.

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REAPPOINTMENTS TO HOTELS AND CLUBS APPEAL BOARDS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED 20 PERSONS TO SERVE ON BOTH THE HOTEL AND GUESTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION APPEAL BOARD AND THE CLUBS (SAFETY OF PREMISES) APPEAL BOARD.

INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN MR CHUNG PUI-LAM HAS ALSO BEEN REAPPOINTED TO HEAD THE BOARDS FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 15.

A NOTICE ON THE ANNOUNCEMENTS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS ARE:

MR POON CHO-YIU, RONALD

MR YUEN KING-YUK, JASON

MR CHEUNG HON-KAU, CARLOS

MISS CHIANG LILY

MR SHEN EDWARD

MR LUI LAI-CHEUNG, FREDERICK

MR TAM TAI-ON

MR LAM CHUN, DANIEL

MR WONG SAN, SAMSON

MR MICHAEL R MANN

MR LAU CHI-KEUNG

MR CHAN WAH-WAI, DAVID

MR CHEUNG KWOK-HO, RICHARD

MR WONG CHIK-WING, MIKE

MR KAN FOOK-YEE

/MR WONG

"AS A FREE TRADER, HONG KONG BELIEVES THAT TRADE LIBERALISATION IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF CONSERVING THE EARTH'S SCARCE RESOURCES. THUS WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF UNILATERAL TRADE MEASURES AS MEANS OF ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.

"THERE ARE, HOWEVER, INSTANCES WHERE TRADE MEASURES ARE AND WILL BE NEEDED AS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PREVENT DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, FOR EXAMPLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF OR TRADE IN SUBSTANCES THAT HARM THE OZONE LAYER.

"WE NEED TO WORK WITH ENVIRONMENTALISTS NOT SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES DO NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTING TRADE, RATHER WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT TRADE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE."

HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE DYNAMIC NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES. OTHERS INCLUDE SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, BRAZIL, CHILE AND ARGENTINA.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM HONG KONG INCLUDE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS MR TONY COOPER; AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY MR MICHAEL WONG.

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MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS CERTIFICATE OF HK ORIGIN

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THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN (CHKO) ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE FIVE GOVERNMENT-APPROVED CERTIFICATION ORGANISATIONS (GACOS) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ITS NEW CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 1.

"WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE POSITIVE RESPONSE OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE INTENSIVE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS," DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE MR THOMAS YIU SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS SHOULD REMOVE THE UNCERTAINTY THAT HAS BEEN AFFECTING HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO MEXICO SINCE MEXICO FIRST ANNOUNCED CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN MAY."

MR YIU RECALLED THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FIRST ANNOUNCED A SET OF NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN MAY.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED, AT HONG KONG'S REQUEST, BY CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH HONG KONG EXPLAINED ITS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CHKO BE ACCEPTED FOR THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSES.

ON AUGUST 30 THE MEXICANS ANNOUNCED MODIFICATIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

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"WE NOTICED IMPROVEMENTS IN SOME AREAS OF THE MODIFIED REQUIREMENTS, BUT WERE UNCLEAR ABOUT OTHERS," HE SAID. "WE THEREFORE WROTE TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO SEEK CLARIFICATION. THE MEXICAN REPLY WHICH WE RECEIVED YESTERDAY IS VERY USEFUL, AS IT PROVIDES THE CLARIFICATION WE WANTED."

MR YIU EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH MEXICO'S LATEST REQUIREMENTS, AS CLARIFIED IN THEIR LATEST CORRESPONDENCE, STILL ENTAILED CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PAPER WORK FOR EXPORTERS, THEY WERE MUCH MORE ACCEPTABLE IN COMPARISON WITH THOSE ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED ON MAY 31.

"ESSENTIALLY, EXPORTERS OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS NEED ONLY TO TAKE OUT A CHKO, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN A COMMON REQUIREMENT BY MEXICAN IMPORTERS IN THE PAST," HE SAID.

"FOR TEXTILES, APPAREL AND SHOES, THE CHKO WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADDITIONAL, SPECIFIED FORM PROVIDING CERTAIN INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT."

"THE FORM NEEDS ONLY BE COMPLETED BY TRADERS THEMSELVES WITHOUT INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OR THE GACOS."

MR YIU SAID A NUMBER OF REQUIREMENTS WITH WHICH HONG KONG HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE LATEST MEXICAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

"THESE INCLUDE THE OBLIGATIONS TO COMPLETE DOCUMENTS IN SPANISH OR WITH SPANISH TRANSLATION, OR TO SPECIFY THE MANUFACTURER'S INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENTS," HE ADDED.

ON MAY 31, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN A GAZETTE NEW CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE CLASSIFIED IN SUCH TARIFF ITEMS THAT WERE SUBJECT TO MEXICAN ANTI-DUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.

ORIGINALLY SET TO COME INTO FORCE ON JULY 15 BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DEFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS APPLY NOT ONLY TO SUCH IMPORTS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ATTRACTED MEXICAN ANTI-DUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, BUT ALSO SUCH IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. MODIFICATIONS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 30.

ON HONG KONG'S REQUEST, MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SENT A DELEGATION TO HONG KONG FOR CONSULTATIONS HELD ON JULY 26 THIS YEAR.

EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES CONTINUED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CONSULTATIONS. TRADE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 22 A LETTER FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT CONFIRMING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ITS ACCEPTANCES OF CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS TODAY ISSUED A CIRCULAR ADVISING THE TRADE OF PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN ORDER THAT EXPORTS TO MEXICO MEET THE NEW CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS.

REVISION OF VEHICLE EXAMINATION FEES

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FEES FOR EXAMINING PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES AT DESIGNATED PRIVATE TESTING CENTRES ARE BEING INCREASED TO REFLECT THE RISE IN THEIR OPERATING COSTS SINCE LAST FEE REVISION IN 1990.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 8) ORDER 1993, GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), SEEKS TO INCREASE THE INSPECTION FEES FROM \$310 TO \$485 FOR A PRIVATE CAR AND FROM \$370 TO \$580 FOR A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE, WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 3, 1994.

THE FEE FOR RE-EXAMINING WITHIN 14 DAYS A PRIVATE CAR WHICH HAS FAILED ITS TEST, WILL RISE FROM \$100 TO \$150 AND THAT FOR A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE FROM \$120 TO \$190.

THE FEE REVISION WILL BRING THE CHARGES AT PRIVATE CAR TESTING CENTRES TO THE SAME LEVEL AS FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES WHICH INCREASED THEIR FEES LAST JUNE.

FEE WILL ALSO BE REVISED FOR THE FOLLOWING RELATED SERVICES:

ITEM	CURRENT FEE (\$)	PROPOSED FEE (\$)
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ISSUE OF A DUPLICATE COPY OF A CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS		
A) PRIVATE CAR	100	150
B) LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE	120	190
FEE PAYABLE BY A CAR TESTING CENTRE FOR SUPPLY OF EACH CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS FORM		
A) PRIVATE CAR	31	48.5
B) LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE	37	58

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TWO LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON OCTOBER 20 (THURSDAY), IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED IN AREA 29B, FANLING, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 13,430 SQUARE METRES FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 6,447 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT, LOCATED IN CHIK FU STREET, AREA 3, SHA TIN, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 280.4 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE GROUND FLOOR TOGETHER WITH THE COCKLOFT WILL BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WHILE THE REMAINING FLOORS FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 706 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICES.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, SAI KUNG, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH AND ISLANDS.

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ROUTE 3 CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVISED

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THAT PHASE I OF THE ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK SECTION SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO A REVISED SCHEME.

THE REVISION SEEKS TO MODIFY THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL GAZETTED IN MARCH BY SHIFTING THE TOLL PLAZA FOR TAI LAM TUNNEL SOUTHWARDS.

THE ASSOCIATED ROAD LAYOUT WILL ALSO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SLIPS ROADS TO FACILITATE MORE DIRECT VEHICULAR ACCESS BETWEEN THE TOLL PLAZA AND KAM SHEUNG ROAD.

OTHER MODIFICATIONS NEAR THE TOLL PLAZA INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF BUS BAYS AND FOOTPATHS, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED STRUCTURE, REALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF THE PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN KAM SHEUNG ROAD AND THE TOLL PLAZA AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE WORKS AREA.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT AND APPROPRIATE MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS RECOMMENDED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDERS FOR THE "BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER" FRANCHISE FOR THE COUNTRY PARK SECTION OF ROUTE 3 WERE STILL BEING EVALUATED.

/THE ROUTE

THE ROUTE 3 COUNTRY PARK SECTION WILL PROVIDE A FAST LINK BETWEEN TING KAU AND YUEN LONG. UPON COMPLETION, IT WILL RELIEVE CONGESTION ON TUEN MUN ROAD AND IMPROVE ROAD LINKS BETWEEN THE BORDER AND THE CONTAINER PORT.

PLANS SHOWING THE MODIFIED WORKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE; TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE; YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE; TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL PLANNED FOR FANLING
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN AREA 49B, FANLING, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT STANDARD DESIGN, THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WILL CONTAIN 26 CLASSROOMS, A LIBRARY, A COMPUTER ROOM, STAFF ROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS.

THE BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS WILL HOUSE FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO HAVE A BASKETBALL COURT, A COVERED PLAY AREA, A CAR PARK AND A PLANTING AREA.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER FOR COMPLETION BY MARCH 1996.

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

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON OCTOBER 21.

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ROAD WORKS FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PROPOSED
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED ROAD WORKS FOR THE TSEUNG KWAN O INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE WORKS INCLUDE EXTENSION OF ROAD D6, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND AMENITY AREAS.

THE WORKS FOR ROAD D6 ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JULY 1996, TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1997.

OTHER WORKS WILL COMMENCE IN MARCH 1995, TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1996.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG, AND
- * THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 22, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF CHUN YEUNG STREET

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT CHUN YEUNG STREET IN NORTH POINT.

THE ROAD PAVEMENTS IN CHUN YEUNG STREET HAVE DETERIORATED QUICKLY AND ARE NOW BEYOND ECONOMIC REPAIRS.

IT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD PAVEMENTS AND TO INCORPORATE SURFACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS ACCORDING TO CURRENT HIGHWAY STANDARD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL, NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 22.

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REFUSE TRANSFER STATION FOR OUTLYING ISLANDS

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERTAKE A RANGE OF MARINE ENGINEERING WORKS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A PROPOSED REFUSE TRANSFER STATION AT HEI LING CHAU TO SERVE THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

IT WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTING ABOUT 100 METRES OF SEAWALL, DREDGING AND RECLAIMING ABOUT 2,000 SQUARE METRES OF LAND WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 10,000 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF HEI LING CHAU.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN JUNE NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23, 1995.

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

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REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE IN HONG KONG HAS COME A LONG WAY IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, MR STRACHAN SAID APART FROM MEDICAL TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, A RANGE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO CATER TO THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

"THE TREND IS TO MOVE FROM INSTITUTION TOWARDS COMMUNITY CARE AND TO LAY MORE EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION," HE SAID.

ON SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR EX-MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE, MR STRACHAN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT EX-MENTAL PATIENTS COULD RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AND LEAD AN INDEPENDENT LIFE.

"TO BE INDEPENDENT, ONE HAS TO MASTER CERTAIN LIFE SKILLS, INCLUDING VOCATIONAL SKILLS, AND IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT THAT ONE HAS THE MEANS TO MAINTAIN ONE'S LIFE.

"LIFE SKILLS CAN BE ACQUIRED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION WHICH STARTS IN HOSPITAL, AND CONTINUES IN VARIOUS FACILITIES AT DIFFERENT STAGES.

"SOME GO TO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, SOME GO TO ACTIVITY CENTRES, OTHERS GO TO HALF-WAY HOUSES OR LONG-STAY CARE HOMES," MR STRACHAN SAID.

TURNING TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES, HE SAID A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

"MY PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ARE THAT EXISTING FACILITIES LIKE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

"THESE FACILITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOB TRAINING AND WORK OF A HIGHER ORDER, IN PARTICULAR TO TRAIN PEOPLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICE INDUSTRIES. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO ENHANCE WORKERS' EARNING CAPACITY," HE ADDED.

MR STRACHAN NOTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME MECHANISM TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE TO PARENTS AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP STAFF TO MOTIVATE CLIENTS TO MOVE TOWARDS SUPPORTED OR OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

HE HOPED THAT WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN MARKETING AS WELL AS BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COULD BRING IN MODERN CONCEPTS AND IDEAS IN MAPPING OUT A STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE EX-MENTALLY ILL.

ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE CHIEF SAID ACCEPTANCE WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ENABLE THE RETURN AND INTEGRATION OF THE EX-MENTALLY ILL IN THE COMMUNITY.

"REJECTION WILL REVERSE THE EFFECT OF REHABILITATION. HOWEVER, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME MINORITY GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY STILL REJECT THE RETURN OF EX-MENTALLY ILL PERSONS, AT LEAST, NOT IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

"WHETHER THIS ATTITUDE IS DUE TO IGNORANCE OR VESTED INTERESTS, THIS PREJUDICE MUST BE CHANGED," MR STRACHAN SAID.

HE SAID WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION, THERE WOULD BE LEGAL PROTECTION OF DISABLED PEOPLE FROM DISCRIMINATION.

"TO FUNDAMENTALLY ELIMINATE BIAS AND PREJUDICE, PUBLIC EDUCATION MUST CONTINUE TO BE STEPPED UP," MR STRACHAN ADDED.

FIVE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES RAISE FARES

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FIVE KOWLOON GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL INCREASE FARES FROM SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

ROUTE 23, PLYING BETWEEN WAN HONG STREET IN KWUN TONG AND CHA KWO LING, WILL CHARGE \$2.5 PER TRIP.

THE NEW FARE FOR ROUTE 23B WHICH RUNS BETWEEN YAN OI COURT AND CHA KWO LING WILL ALSO BE \$2.5 PER TRIP. AS FOR THE SECTION TRIP BETWEEN YAN OI COURT AND SIN FAT ROAD OUTSIDE LAM TIN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION; OR BETWEEN THE LATTER AND CHA KWO LING, THE FARE WILL BE \$1.7.

FOR ROUTE 24M WHICH RUNS BETWEEN LAM TIN SOUTH AND SAM KA TSUEN FERRY PIER, THE NEW FARE WILL BE \$2.7 PER TRIP. THE SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICE OF THE ROUTE BETWEEN LAM TIN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND SAM KA TSUEN FERRY PIER WILL CHARGE \$2.5 PER TRIP.

ROUTE 54, SERVING BETWEEN SHUN TIN AND LOK FU, WILL ADJUST ITS FARE FROM \$4.5 TO \$5.5. ITS SECTION FARES WILL GO UP FROM \$2 TO \$2.5 AND FROM \$3 TO \$3.7 RESPECTIVELY.

THE FARE OF ROUTE 16 PLYING BETWEEN JAT'S INCLINE (CHOI WAN ESTATE) AND PING SHEK ESTATE WILL RISE FROM \$1.6 TO \$1.8. ITS SECTION FARE WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM \$1.4 TO \$1.6 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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PERFORMANCE PLEDGES STUDY GROUP DEPARTS FOR UK

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A STUDY GROUP, FORMED BY THE FIRST SEVEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE PERFORMANCE PLEDGES, WILL DEPART FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE GROUP IS SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

AT A RECEPTION TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP, THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MICHAEL SZE, SAID THE VISIT WOULD PROVIDE A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO SEE HOW ORGANISATIONS IN THE UK WERE TACKLING CUSTOMER SERVICES, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR ISSUES.

"THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT VISIT FOR HONG KONG, BECAUSE THE GROUP IS OUR FIRST OVERSEAS AMBASSADORS FOR THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PROGRAMME," MR SZE SAID.

"I AM SURE THE GROUP WILL USE THEIR UK EXPERIENCE TO HELP RAISE THE STANDARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN HONG KONG ON RETURN," HE ADDED.

MR SZE THANKED THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP AND AN IMAGINATIVE PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO A NUMBER OF UK GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MANAGEMENT INSTITUTES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE EIGHT-MEMBER STUDY GROUP INCLUDES MRS SUSAN MAK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE EFFICIENCY UNIT; MR WARNER CHEUK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH; MR HENRY HO, CHIEF INSPECTOR OF POLICE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TRADE, TRANSPORT, INLAND REVENUE, FIRE SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1994

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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	2,028	0930	+135
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,065	1000	+135
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+135
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+137	1200	+137
LAF TODAY	-100	1500	+137
		1600	+137
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.5	*+0.0*	23.9.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.08	17 MONTHS	2602	4.40	98.17	5.87
1 MONTH	4.21	23 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.90	6.30
3 MONTHS	4.40	28 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.82	6.66
6 MONTHS	4.75	31 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.69	6.82
12 MONTHS	5.39	34 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.19	6.99

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 13,477 MN

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