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USA FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW RESULTS DRAW CONCERN

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR PETER S T PANG, EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW IN THE ANTI-DUMPING CASE AGAINST MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS FROM HONG KONG.

"THE FINAL DETERMINATION IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT," SAID MR PANG. "ALTHOUGH THE DUTY RATE FOR THE 14 COMPANIES IN THE SAMPLE GROUP HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 31.72% TO 20.64%, IT IS STILL MUCH HIGHER THAN THE 5.86% PAID BY THESE COMPANIES UP TO NOW. THE CURRENT RATE IS ALREADY THE SUBJECT OF AN APPEAL BY HONG KONG COMPANIES.

"WE DO FEEL THAT THE CALCULATIONS AND METHODOLOGY UNDER THE U.S. ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS HAVE PRODUCED RESULTS WHICH ARE UNREALISTIC AND UNFAIR. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE SAMPLE GROUP RATE DETERMINED IN THE REVIEW INCLUDES THE DUMPING MARGIN OF ONE COMPANY WHICH IS ARRIVED AT ON THE BASIS OF UNVERIFIED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PETITIONER, THE U.S. NATIONAL KNITWEAR AND SPORTSWEARS ASSOCIATION (NKSA).

"THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE DESPITE DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER THE U.S. DOMESTIC INDUSTRY HAS SUFFERED ANY INJURY. THE U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE HAS RULED THAT THE CASE REMAINS UNPROVEN, ALTHOUGH THE U.S. PETITIONER HAS APPEALED. IN OUR VIEW, THE DUTIES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE APPEAL IS HEARD.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRY, AND WILL ENCOURAGE THE HONG KONG SWEATER INDUSTRY TO CHALLENGE THIS LATEST DETERMINATION," HE SAID. "WE WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERING OUR OPTIONS UNDER GATT RULES."

UNDER THE U.S. ANTI-DUMPING REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE ANTI-DUMPING ORDER IF A REQUEST FOR SUCH A REVIEW HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

IN 1991, A NUMBER OF HONG KONG COMPANIES WERE NAMED BY THE U.S. PETITIONER SEEKING A FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (COVERING THE PERIOD APRIL 27, 1990 - AUGUST 31, 1991) AND EVENTUALLY FOUR HONG KONG COMPANIES WERE SELECTED FOR INVESTIGATION.

THREE OF THE FOUR COMPANIES SUBMITTED THEIR RESPONSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S QUESTIONNAIRE. ANOTHER COMPANY DID NOT RESPOND.

ON NOVEMBER 24, 1993, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW IN WHICH IT ASSIGNED NEW RATES TO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF HONG KONG COMPANIES.

THE FOUR COMPANIES SELECTED FOR INVESTIGATION IN THE REVIEW WERE ASSIGNED THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL RATES.

OF THESE, THE THREE COMPANIES WHICH CO-OPERATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RECEIVED A NIL RATE IN ONE CASE AND 5.86% FOR THE TWO OTHER.

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THE COMPANY WHICH DID NOT RESPOND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S QUESTIONNAIRE RECEIVED A PUNITIVE 115.15% RATE.

FOURTEEN OF THE OTHER 22 COMPANIES NAMED BY THE NKSA BUT NOT SELECTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WERE ASSIGNED A NEW "SAMPLE GROUP RATE" OF 31.72%, A SHARP INCREASE FROM THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.86%.

THIS WAS CALCULATED AS A SIMPLE AVERAGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL RATES ASSIGNED TO THE FOUR COMPANIES INVESTIGATED, INCLUDING THE UNVERIFIED PUNITIVE RATE ON THE COMPANY WHICH DID NOT RESPOND IN THE REVIEW.

FOUR OTHER COMPANIES IN THE SAMPLE GROUP WHICH HAD NOT RETURNED A SAMPLING QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WERE ALSO ASSIGNED THE PUNITIVE 115.15% RATE.

THE REMAINING FOUR COMPANIES IN THE SAMPLE GROUP THAT DID NOT EXPORT SWEATERS TO THE U.S. DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD RETAINED THE CURRENT RATE OF 5.86%.

OTHER COMPANIES NOT IN THE SAMPLE GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THE CURRENT ANTI-DUMPING DUTY RATE OF 5.86%.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND HONG KONG KNITWEAR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES RAISED SERIOUS CONCERNS AND CHALLENGED U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S CALCULATION ON THE DIFFERENT RATES FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRELIMINARY REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 1993.

ON MARCH 18, 1994, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.

THE PRINCIPAL CHANGE FROM THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IS THAT THE "SAMPLE GROUP RATE" (AFFECTING 14 HONG KONG COMPANIES) HAS CHANGED FROM 31.72% IN THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO 20.64% IN THE FINAL DETERMINATION.

THE CHANGE IS MADE ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS BUT THE CALCULATION OF THE 20.64% RATE CONTINUES TO INCLUDE THE PUNITIVE DUMPING MARGIN OF ONE COMPANY (115.15%) WHICH IS ARRIVED AT ON THE BASIS OF UNVERIFIED INFORMATION.

BOTH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND HONG KONG KNITWEAR INDUSTRY HAVE CONSISTENTLY ARGUED AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF SUCH PUNITIVE RATES.

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GFS LOOKS FOR LOCAL CADET PILOTS

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LOCAL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO LOVE FLYING MAY HAVE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE NOW THAT A LOCALISATION SCHEME OF THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE IS IN FULL SWING.

THREE LOCAL CADET PILOTS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25 WILL BE RECRUITED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME TRAINING IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE SAID SINCE 1990, A LONG-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN LAUNCHED, AIMING TO TRAIN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF LOCAL PILOTS TO TAKE OVER THESE CHALLENGING DUTIES IN THE FUTURE.

"NEW BLOOD IS REQUIRED IN THE FACE OF HEAVIER DUTIES PLACED ON OUR SHOULDERS AS THE GARRISON IS WITHDRAWING FROM HONG KONG," HE SAID.

SO FAR 18 CADET PILOTS HAVE JOINED THE TEAM.

OF THEM, 10 HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO PILOT II AND ARE SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN AREAS RANGING FROM SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS TO AERIAL SURVEYS AND THE FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE.

THE FLEET ALSO PROVIDES SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE A PASS IN TWO SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION TOGETHER WITH THREE OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AND MATHEMATICS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT.

GOOD PHYSIQUE AND EYESIGHT IS A MUST TOO.

THOSE UP TO THE AGE OF 30 WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED IF THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE FLYING TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WOULD BE ASSESSED THROUGH A FLYING APTITUDE TEST, A STRICT MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND OTHER TESTS.

ON CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, HE SAID A CADET PILOT UNDER TRAINING WOULD RECEIVE A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$12,820 IN THE FIRST YEAR AND \$13,395 IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

THEY WILL ALSO ENJOY STANDARD GOVERNMENT FRINGE BENEFITS.

REFERRING TO PROMOTION PROSPECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A CADET PILOT WOULD BE PROMOTED TO PILOT II AFTER GOING THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS AND OBTAINING A COMMERCIAL PILOT'S LICENCE.

WITH FURTHER ADVANCED TRAINING, A LOCAL PILOT MAY BE PROMOTED TO PILOT I, SENIOR PILOT AND CHIEF PILOT IN SEQUENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED INTERESTED PARTIES TO LOOK OUT FOR GOVERNMENT VACANCIES ADVERTISEMENT IN SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, SING TAO DAILY AND SING TAO EVENING POST IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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INTEGRATED APPROACH TO SERVICES FOR YOUNG AND OLD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG AS WELL AS THE OLD, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE.

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IN MARCH 1992, A WORKING PARTY WAS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE TO REVIEW THE POLICY OBJECTIVES, PROGRAMMES AND DELIVERY SYSTEM OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES TO ENSURE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BE MAXIMISED.

THE WORKING PARTY HAS COMPLETED THE REVIEW. ONE OF ITS MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS IS THE ADOPTING OF A "HOLISTIC" OR "TOTAL PERSON" APPROACH IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, AN INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL WILL BE INTRODUCED," MR STRACHAN SAID.

"EXISTING RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNITS WOULD BE POOLED, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO FORM INTEGRATED TEAMS WHICH WOULD ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN SERVICE DELIVERY," HE ELABORATED.

IN ADDITION, THE WORKING PARTY PROPOSES THE INTEGRATED TEAMS AS WELL AS OTHER INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES OFFER FOUR CORE PROGRAMMES - PERSONAL GUIDANCE, SUPPORTIVE SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN DISADVANTAGED CIRCUMSTANCES, SOCIALISATION PROGRAMMES AND DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PERSONAL GROWTH AND IN COPING WITH THEIR PROBLEMS.

THE REVIEW REPORT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE YOUTH COMMISSION. IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY APRIL AND IMPLEMENTATION WILL FOLLOW. THE REPORT WILL PROVIDE DIRECTION AND FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES.

TO RESPOND TO THE AGING POPULATION, MR STRACHAN SAID THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN DIRECTING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY OVER THE PAST YEARS.

"IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME, THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RAISED.

"AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES HAVE BEEN INCREASED."

MR STRACHAN STRESSED THAT INTEGRATION OF SERVICES IS REQUIRED NOT ONLY IN YOUTH WORK, BUT ALSO IN SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"TO THIS END, A WORKING GROUP ON CARE FOR THE ELDERLY HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

"THIS WORKING GROUP WILL EXAMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WAYS TO INTEGRATE AND CO-ORDINATE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY. IT WILL CONCLUDE ITS DELIBERATIONS IN AUGUST.

"I AM SURE VARIOUS TYPES OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, INCLUDING HOUSING, WELFARE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL BE FURTHER INTEGRATED AND ENHANCED," HE SAID.

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CAR MARK AUCTION FETCHES \$31M

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EIGHTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$ 31,610,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 9 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$13 MILLION.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK 161 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1.02 MILLION WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$10,000 FOR FT266.

FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF THE MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
FT228	200,000	FT1997	25,000	FU668	105,000	HK883	550,000
*FY13	75,000	*AL3	450,000	*BC28	220,000	*386	400,000
FT163	60,000	FT266	10,000	FS6333	15,000	FV288	70,000
*785	125,000	*FX3333	300,000	*FW999	70,000	*FW800	80,000
FT8838	54,000	AW380	37,000	AA193	100,000	FV911	200,000
BD180	45,000	FT883	60,000	FT328	110,000	AG1118	70,000
*FC7	150,000	*711	465,000	*DL26	100,000	*8141	45,000
FU698	12,000	AR298	80,000	FU899	30,000	FU8988	45,000
*CC29	245,000	*ER15	70,000	*AS6	270,000	*CK11	180,000
FU1328	62,000	FS8788	15,000	FT813	35,000	FF8883	40,000
FT1628	35,000	*AL92	400,000	*FX2	210,000	*DK21	100,000
*FX600	60,000	ES1668	60,000	FT633	30,000	FT3288	55,000
CD908	25,000	FS130	30,000				

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$	
992	310,000	XX888	320,000	1389	320,000
AA90	180,000	HK30	600,000	HK98	650,000
228	770,000	231	280,000	9	13,000,000
1991	340,000	AA39	200,000	3999	220,000
HK82	410,000	383	560,000	161	1,020,000
209	310,000	HK2222	800,000	266	400,000
XX5	360,000	3223	450,000	1122	320,000
2328	410,000	AV2	500,000	220	350,000
AR8	300,000	2800	310,000	142	300,000
3366	480,000	306	340,000	922	520,000

ALL THE 30 REGISTRATION MARKS SOLD IN THE AFTERNOON ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

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

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THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 218TH AND 219TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$306,332,905.

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COMBINATION OF KMB ROUTE 30 AND 46A
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE EXISTING KMB ROUTE 30 AND 46A WOULD BE COMBINED INTO ONE NEW ROUTE TO OPERATE BETWEEN ALLWAYS GARDENS AND CHEUNG SHA WAN VIA LAI YIU ESTATE WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (MARCH 21).

THE NEW SERVICE WILL BE NUMBERED AS "KMB ROUTE 30". IT WOULD COVER MOST OF THE PREVIOUS CATCHMENTS OF ROUTES 30 AND 46A.

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LATEST ISSUE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT GUIDE ON SALE
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THE PUBLIC CAN GET COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON HONG KONG'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN A GUIDEBOOK COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

ENTITLED "PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG - A GUIDE TO SERVICES 1993", THE GUIDEBOOK IS NOW OBTAINABLE IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$40 A COPY.

THE FIRST PART OF THE GUIDEBOOK CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE ROUTES, FARES, JOURNEY DISTANCES, FIRST AND LAST DEPARTURE TIMES, FREQUENCY RANGE AND JOURNEY TIME OF ALL SCHEDULED PUBLIC TRANSPORT, INCLUDING TRAM, RAIL, FRANCHISED BUS, GREEN MINIBUS, FERRY AND KAITO SERVICES.

FOR FERRY OR BUS SERVICES WITH A FREQUENCY OF OVER 60 MINUTES, THE WHOLE TIMETABLES ARE GIVEN.

THE SECOND PART PROVIDES AN INDEX OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES BY AREA FOR EASY REFERENCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT BY CROSS-REFERENCING THE TWO PARTS, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE MOST CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES FOR ANY PARTICULAR JOURNEY.

"ALTHOUGH THE SERVICES OF TAXIS AND RED PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE NOT COVERED IN THE GUIDE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT OPERATE ON FIXED ROUTES AND SCHEDULES, A TABLE ON URBAN, NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU TAXI FARES IS INCLUDED," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE GUIDE GENERALLY INDICATED THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

"AS THE NETWORK IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING TO MEET PASSENGER DEMAND, A LIST OF ENQUIRY HOTLINES OF MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS IS PROVIDED IN THE GUIDE TO ENABLE COMMUTERS TO DIRECTLY OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION," HE SAID.

THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GUIDE IS THE 11TH EDITION OF THE SERIES SINCE 1983.

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GOVT DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN PROSPERITY OF HK

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THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY THROUGH SENSIBLY CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, MAINTAINING ADEQUATE RESERVES AND AVOIDING THE CREATION OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BART IRELAND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF CHINESE CALLIGRAPHISTS AND PAINTERS, MR IRELAND ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S GENEROUS TAX CONCESSIONS.

HE ADDED THAT MR MACLEOD ALSO PROPOSED REAL INCREASES IN EXPENDITURE ON A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING 8.4 PER CENT FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, 6.9 PER CENT FOR HEALTH AND 6.5 PER CENT FOR EDUCATION.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THESE POSITIVE AND CAREFULLY THOUGHT-OUT CHANGES WILL HELP TO BUILD AN EVEN BETTER COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE," HE SAID.

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RETIRING SENIOR LAUNCH MECHANIC AWARDED IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

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BEFORE GOING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE NEXT WEEK, SENIOR LAUNCH MECHANIC OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR LEE CHIN-CHAI, WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT HE WAS AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR 36 YEARS' LOYAL AND INDUSTRIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY YESTERDAY (FRIDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, PRESENTED A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TO MR LEE.

MR PYRKE CONVEYED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE SERVICE THAT MR LEE HAD RENDERED.

MR LEE FELT THAT THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL WAS A GREAT HONOUR FOR HIM.

AGED 60, HE FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A STOKER CLASS II IN JANUARY 1958 AND WAS PROMOTED TO STOKER CLASS I IN OCTOBER 1959 AND THEN TO LAUNCH MECHANIC CLASS III IN APRIL 1974.

HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SENIOR LAUNCH MECHANIC IN AUGUST 1981.

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THROUGHOUT THE LONG PERIOD OF HIS SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT, MR LEE HAD AT ALL TIMES PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN A CONSCIENTIOUS AND SATISFACTORY MANNER, AND IN SO DOING, EARNED THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

IN MAY 1979, MR LEE WAS COMMENDED BY THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR A J LACK, FOR THE PART HE PLAYED IN SUPPORTING THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM WHICH CAME TO HONG KONG TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE INTRODUCTION THE SARUS TOWERS TYPE BUOYS INTO THE TERRITORY.

IN AUGUST 1992, THE CHIEF SECRETARY COMMENDED MR LEE FOR HIS EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL OF THE OUTGOING AND THE NEW GOVERNORS RESPECTIVELY.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE OVER THE YEARS, MR LEE WAS AWARDED THE LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND A GOLD PIN IN 1991 AS WELL AS A LONG SERVICE TRAVEL AWARD IN 1992.

MR LEE SAID HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLAN AFTER HIS RETIREMENT.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN APRIL

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 13 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE ARE:

DATE		TIME
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APRIL 7	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 8	(FRIDAY)	0.01 AM - 11.59 PM
APRIL 9	(SATURDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 11	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 12	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 13	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 14	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 18	(MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 19	(TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 20	(WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 21	(THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 22	(FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,516	0930	+465
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,233	1000	+465
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+465
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+465	1200	
LAF TODAY	-748	1500	
		1600	
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 125.8	**+0.1*	19.3.94

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