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GOVERNOR MET LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR'S MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATS OF HONG KONG (UDHK) WAS THE FIRST MEETING OF HIS THIRD ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARTIES.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ALSO BE MEETING LEADERS OF FIVE OTHER GROUPS DURING THE NEXT 10 DAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR AND THE UDHK LEADERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE FINAL FORM OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE 1995 ELECTIONS WHICH WILL BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY.

MR PATTEN EXPLAINED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, HE WILL PRESENT MEMBERS WITH A COMPENDIUM LISTING THE MANY OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN PRESENTED.

HE HOPES THAT THIS WILL HELP MEMBERS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

IN RESPONDING TO THE UDHK'S RENEWED CALL FOR A REFERENDUM, MR PATTEN SAID HE REMAINED OF THE VIEW THAT A REFERENDUM WOULD BE DIVISIVE AND THAT IT WOULD NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS IS A MATTER FOR LEGCO.

MR PATTEN SAID:

"I VALUE THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH GROUPS REPRESENTING THE FULL RANGE OF POLITICAL OPINION IN HONG KONG. THIS PROCESS OF CONSULTATION IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO ASSESS CORRECTLY THE POINT OF BALANCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

"THE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE COMMUNITY WILL HELP US GET THE PACKAGE RIGHT. IT IS A DIALOGUE WHICH I HOPE WILL SOON BENEFIT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRC OFFICIALS."

LATER, THE GOVERNOR MET LEADERS OF THE HONG KONG DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF COMMON GROUND AND THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN VALUABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

THE MAIN ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION WAS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1995 ELECTIONS BUT OTHER ISSUES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

ON THE 1995 ELECTIONS, MR PATTEN EXPLAINED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD YET TO DECIDE ON THE FINAL FORM OF THE PROPOSALS TO BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY.

BEFORE FINALISING THE PACKAGE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE LATEST VIEWS OF ALL THE MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARTIES.

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THIS PROCESS OF DIALOGUE WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGCO TO JUDGE THE POINT OF BALANCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

MR PATTEN ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE HKDF, AS HE DID TO THE UDHK LEADERS EARLIER IN THE DAY, THAT HE WOULD PUBLISH A COMPENDIUM OF ALL THE OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY VARIOUS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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CALL FOR INFORMATION ON LAN KWAI FONG EVENT

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MR JUSTICE BOKHARY TODAY (MONDAY) APPEALED TO PERSONS OR ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE INFORMATION ON THE LAN KWAI FONG INCIDENT TO COME FORWARD TO HELP IN THE INQUIRY.

THEY MAY CALL 825 4610 OR 825 4410 OR WRITE TO "LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY", C/O SUPREME COURT, 38 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS MAY ALSO TELEPHONE OR WRITE TO THE OFFICE.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO BE CONDUCTED BY MR JUSTICE BOKHARY INTO THE EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 1 IN LAN KWAI FONG.

MR JUSTICE BOKHARY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

- \* TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE TRAGIC DEATHS AND INJURIES WHICH OCCURRED AROUND MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 31, 1992 IN THE AREA KNOWN AS LAN KWAI FONG;
- \* TO CONSIDER THE CROWD-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS (INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF POLICE MANPOWER DEPLOYED) IN THE LAN KWAI FONG AREA AT THE TIME, AND THE RESPONSE OF THE POLICE, MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE TRAGEDY; AND TO ADVISE ON THE ADEQUACY OF THOSE ARRANGEMENTS AND RESPONSES;
- \* TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED TO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT SUCH A TRAGEDY DOES NOT OCCUR AGAIN; AND
- \* TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR WITH PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY JANUARY 18, 1993, AND WITH A FINAL REPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.

/MR JUSTICE .....

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MR JUSTICE BOKHARY BEGINS HIS INQUIRY TODAY.

MR PAUL WONG PO-WAH, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE MR JUSTICE BOKHARY WITH THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE INQUIRY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY THAT BOTH THE INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

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CONTRACTS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES SIGNED

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED TWO CONTRACTS TOTTALLING ABOUT \$44.1 MILLION FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TERRITORY'S SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

THE CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED AT A CEREMONY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT), MR CHUNG KWOK-LEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTORS, RYODEN ENGINEERING COMPANY AND KWAN TANG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

ONE OF THE CONTRACTS, VALUED AT \$35.8 MILLION, IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR TAI PO SEWAGE PUMPING STATION UNDER STAGE II OF THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF FOUR CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS, SWITCHGEAR, TELEMETRY AND INSTRUMENTATION EQUIPMENT, AND ALL ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW FOR COMPLETION IN MAY 1995.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE TAI PO SEWAGE PUMPING STATION WILL PUMP TREATED SEWAGE EFFLUENT FROM TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS THROUGH A SUBMARINE PIPELINE TO SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE COMBINED TREATED SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN AND TAI PO WILL THEN BE PUMPED THROUGH A TWIN PUMPING MAIN AND A 7.4 KILOMETRES LONG TUNNEL TO KAI TAK NULLAH BEFORE FINALLY DISCHARGED INTO VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE TOLO HARBOUR EFFLUENT EXPORT SCHEME IS PART OF THE TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN WHICH IS AIMED AT REDUCING POLLUTION CAUSED BY RED TIDES IN THE HARBOUR.

THE OTHER CONTRACT, WORTHS ABOUT \$8.3 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 900-METRE GRAVITY SEWER, A PUMPING STATION AND A 350-METRE RISING MAIN TO PROVIDE A NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO CATER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED LAUNDRY AS WELL AS OTHER EXISTING AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS ALONG SHUM WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

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THE NEW LAUNDRY IN SHUM WAN ROAD WILL SERVE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND ALL CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

WORKS OF THIS CONTRACT WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK FOR COMPLETION IN MARCH 1994.

UPON COMPLETION, THE GRAVITY SEWER WILL COLLECT AND CONVEY SEWAGE FROM THE NEW LAUNDRY AND DEVELOPMENTS ALONG SHUM WAN ROAD TO THE PUMPING STATION.

BY MEANS OF CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS, THE PUMPING STATION WILL THEN PUMP THE SEWAGE THROUGH THE RISING MAIN TO AN EXISTING MANHOLE AT THE JUNCTION OF NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND SHUM WAN ROAD.

THE SEWAGE WILL DISCHARGE INTO THE EXISTING SEWERS LEADING TO THE ABERDEEN SCREENING PLANT FOR TREATMENT BEFORE FINALLY DISCHARGED TO THE EAST LAMMA CHANNEL THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

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#### RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FIGURES FOR THIRD QUARTER

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF LAST YEAR, ESTIMATED AT \$12 BILLION, INCREASED BY 21% WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1991, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 9%.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL PURCHASES BY RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992, ESTIMATED AT \$4.3 BILLION, WAS 15% HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1991.

THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS CONTINUED TO INCREASE RAPIDLY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992, BY 50% IN VALUE AND 35% IN VOLUME AS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO.

THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS ALSO INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, BY 25% IN VALUE AND 16% IN VOLUME.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CHINESE RESTAURANTS AND NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS WENT UP BY 20% AND 18% RESPECTIVELY. IN VOLUME TERMS, BOTH TYPES OF RESTAURANTS REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 8%.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1992 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1991, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 20% IN VALUE AND 8% IN VOLUME.

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COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF 8% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992 IS ON SALE AT \$1.5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1258.

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TABLE 1: TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		2nd qtr. 1992 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1992 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	11 053.9	11 952.0
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	4 171.6	4 285.9

TABLE 2: VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2ND QUARTER 1992 AND 3RD QUARTER 1992

(Quarterly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter 1992	3rd quarter 1992	3rd qtr. 1992 compared with 2nd qtr. 1992		3rd qtr. 1992 compared with 3rd qtr. 1991		1st-3rd qtr. 1992 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1991	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	points	%	points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	121.8	129.7	+7.9	+6.4	+21.9	+20.3	+18.9	+17.7
	Volume	94.8	98.5	+3.8	+4.0	+7.4	+8.1	+5.3	+5.8
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	125.4	140.2	+14.8	+11.8	+21.7	+18.3	+18.2	+16.6
	Volume	98.2	108.0	+9.8	+10.0	+7.5	+7.5	+5.2	+5.5
Fast food shops	Value	175.7	191.2	+15.6	+8.9	+38.3	+25.0	+44.0	+33.5
	Volume	142.4	153.7	+11.3	+7.9	+20.8	+15.7	+26.4	+22.7
Bars	Value	164.1	203.3	+39.3	+23.9	+67.7	+49.9	+60.5	+52.8
	Volume	125.0	153.9	+28.9	+23.1	+40.1	+35.2	+34.9	+35.0
Other eating and drinking places	Value	154.6	149.0	-5.6	-3.6	+8.1	+5.7	+23.1	+17.9
	Volume	125.6	120.0	-5.7	-4.5	-2.7	-2.2	+9.6	+8.3
All restaurant types	Value	128.6	139.1	+10.5	+8.1	+24.1	+21.0	+21.9	+19.9
	Volume	100.7	106.8	+6.1	+6.0	+9.2	+9.4	+7.9	+8.3

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 314.991 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 177.089 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 30.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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