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GOVERNOR WELCOMES HURD'S VISIT TO HK AND CHINA

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD, WAS COMING TO HONG KONG AND THAT HE WAS TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO CHINA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE PO LEUNG KUK PERSHING TSANG PRIMARY SCHOOL, SIR DAVID SAID: "THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO DISCUSS; IT WON'T JUST BE HONG KONG. I HOPE HE WILL DEAL WITH SOME HONG KONG ISSUES, BUT OF COURSE HE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS AS WELL BECAUSE CHINA, LIKE BRITAIN, IS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (OF THE UNITED NATIONS)."

"SO THEY'LL HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT, QUITE APART FROM HONG KONG ISSUES," HE ADDED.

"TO HAVE THIS SORT OF CONTACT WITH THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP IS A GOOD THING. IT IS GOOD FOR HONG KONG, AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS AT THAT SORT OF HIGH LEVEL IS REALLY WHAT MATTERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED HOW CONFIDENT HE WAS ABOUT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY GETTING A FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE PADS PROJECT FROM PEKING, SIR DAVID SAID: "NOBODY COULD TELL AT THIS STAGE WHEN WE WILL MANAGE TO DEAL WITH ALL THE ISSUES THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING ABOUT THE AIRPORT."

"I DON'T WANT TO PREDICT EXACT DATES OF DOING THAT, BUT OF COURSE IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN HAVING," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR PRAISED PO LEUNG KUK'S COMMITMENT TO HK

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THE PO LEUNG KUK STANDS FOR THOSE TRADITIONAL CHINESE VALUES OF GENEROSITY, AND EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION, WHICH GIVE HONG KONG SOCIETY A SPECIAL STRENGTH, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PERSHING TSANG PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW DEDICATION CEREMONY, SIR DAVID SAID THE SCHOOL WAS A BLEND OF THE OLD AND THE NEW.

HE NOTED THAT IT HAD THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF TRADITION AND EXPERIENCE BUT BRANDED NEW FACILITIES AND A NEW NAME; A COMBINATION THAT SHOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

/SIR DAVID .....

SIR DAVID SAID PERSHING TSANG WAS A TEACHER WHOM HE GREATLY ADMIRERD THAT HIS NAME SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO A PO LEUNG KUK PRIMARY SCHOOL WAS SOMETHING THAT PERSHING TSANG WOULD HAVE APPROVED OF AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE WHO HAD WORKED SO HARD TO BRING THE PROJECT TO FRUITION AND WHOSE GENEROSITY MADE IT POSSIBLE.

HE SAID IT WOULD BENEFIT MANY HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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65 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR UC/RC ELECTIONS

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A TOTAL OF 65 NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY.

THIRTY-NINE WERE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND 26 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED WAS IN THE YAU TSIM CONSTITUENCY WITH FOUR CANDIDATES.

NINETEEN NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD TODAY (MONDAY). NINE WERE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND 10 FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTESTING IN 27 SINGLE SEAT CONSTITUENCIES - 15 IN THE URBAN COUNCIL AREA AND 12 IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA - ON THE ELECTION DAY ON MAY 5.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATION FORMS WERE RECEIVED TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT	CHAN TAK-CHOR	M	45	COMPANY DIRECTOR	819 8623
NORTH POINT	WONG TAK-LUN	M	45	PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER	567 0308 116 3883 A/C 7980
	AU YUK-LUN	M	40	SOLICITOR	561 0541 (RES)
SOUTHERN	HO CHUN-YAN	M	39	SOLICITOR	522 7721

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KOWLOON CITY EAST	TSANG KIN-SHING	M	35	INTERIOR DESIGN	555 3256 111 8172 CALL 8063
MONG KOK	KUNG PO-CHUK, ELAINE	F	40	MANAGER	397 3778
SHAM SHUI PO EAST	LI YAU-WAI	M	34	METER READER	727 0544
SHAM SHUI PO WEST	WONG KUEN-WAI	M	43	LECTURER	729 3228
WONG TAI SIN NORTH	PAK SUM, STEVEN	M	25	BUSINESS EXECUTIVE	897 4105
REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
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SAI KUNG	LEUNG KAM-HO, GILBERT	M	37	ESTATE SURVEYOR	719 8708
SHA TIN EAST	WONG HONG-CHUNG	M	36	LECTURER	649 6196 637 4180
	KAN CHUNG-NIN, TONY	M	41	LAWYER	606 1880 692 2200
SHA TIN WEST	WAI HING-CHEUNG	M	31	OFFICER EXCT.	601 6177
TAI PO	FUNG CHI-WOOD	M	34	CHURCH WORKER	650 4808
TSUEN WAN	IP YEUNG FUK-LAN	F	35	SOLICITOR	416 1611 493 8068
TUEN MUN EAST	YEUNG SHUCK-CHUEN	M	38	LINESMAN	450 2234 112 8251- 8310
	NG WAI-CHO	M	39	BUSINESS	459 9024
TUEN MUN WEST	LI KOI-HOP, PHILIP	M	42	CO. EXECUTIVE	451 0661
	WONG KIN-HONG	M	42	COMMUNITY WORKER	466 1761

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

/URBAN COUNCIL .....

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URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT	WONG SHUI-LAI	M	44	AIRLINE CARGO SUPERINTENDENT	747 8042 (DAY) 819 4448 (EVENING)
	CHAN TAK-CHOR	M	45	COMPANY DIRECTOR	819 8623
WAN CHAI	WONG HON-CHING, SAN STEPHEN	M	39	COST ENGINEER	554 6519 838 3823
	YEUNG WAN-KING, SUSANNA	F	32	HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR	576 8231 702 8484
NORTH POINT	MAN SAI-CHEONG	M	46	SOLICITOR	526 5775 (OFFICE) 566 7888 (RES)
	WONG TAK-LUN	M	45	PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER	567 0308 116 3883 A/C 7980
	AU YUK-LUN	M	40	SOLICITOR	561 0541 (RES)
SHAU KEI WAN	BERNACCHI, BROOK ANTONY	M	69	BARRISTER-AT-LAW (QUEEN'S COUNSEL)	522 0066 890 8650
	LAI CHI-KEONG, JOSEPH	M	43	TEACHER	346 9621 896 0899 112 8051 CALL 9031
SOUTHERN	CHIU KIN-MAN	M	36	CONSTRUCTION CO. ENGINEERING MANAGER	558 5068 (RES) 116 9339 A/C 261
	YEUNG CHUI-CHUN, HARLANNA	F	42	KINDERGARTEN HEADMISTRESS	553 8864 555 9731
	CHAN YUEK-SUT, JOSEPH	M	56	PRINCIPAL	555 8620
	HO CHUN-YAN	M	39	SOLICITOR	522 7721
KOWLOON CITY WEST	CHIANG SAI-CHEONG	M	35	TEACHER	715 6144
	CHAN CHI-KWAN, PETER	M	55	BARRISTER-AT-LAW	336 0839 525 2105

/KOWLOON CITY .....

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KOWLOON CITY EAST	PAO PING-WING	M	43	SOCIAL SERVICE CONSULTANT	765 6362
	WONG HOU-KEI	M	29	TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR	309 1977 (OFFICE) 362 9825 (RES)
	TSANG KIN-SHING	M	35	INTERIOR DESIGN	555 3256 111 8172 CALL 8063
KWUN TONG WEST	TU ELSIE	F	76	SCHOOL SUPERVISOR	341 2932 342 2414 112 8255 CALL 2900
	LEE CHUN-MING	M	33	RESTAURANT CAPTAIN, POET	322 9313 382 2081
	CHAN KAM-LAM	M	42	MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A SHIPPING COMPANY	520 2218
KWUN TONG EAST	LI WAH-MING	M	35	LECTURER	797 3259
	WONG PING-KUEN	M	47	SENIOR MONITOR	345 3966
MONG KOK	CHAN KWOK-MING	M	43	SCHOOL HEADMASTER	395 2521
	LAW WING-CHEUNG	M	31	CHEMIST	112 8073 CALL 1608
	KUNG PO-CHUK, ELAINE	F	40	MANAGER	397 3772
SHAM SHUI PO EAST	FUNG KIN-KEE, FREDERICK	M	38	POST-GRADUATE STUDENT	778 1577
	LI YAU-WAI	M	34	METER READER	727 0544
SHAM SHUI PO WEST	MA LEE-WO	M	30	SOCIAL WORKER	360 0161
	WONG KUEN-WAI	M	43	LECTURER	729 3228
WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	MOK YING-FAN	M	40	CHINESE HERBALIST	383 0866 323 6255
	YEUNG CHIU-MING	M	43	MERCHANT	795 5252
	WONG KAM-CHI	M	43	COMPANY DIRECTOR	350 1082 116 1166 CALL 1000

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REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NAME	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
WONG TAI SIN NORTH	YEUNG LAI-YIN, CECILIA	F	60	COLLEGE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTEN'S SUPERVISOR	322 1163
	PAK SUM, STEVEN	M	25	BUSINESS EXECUTIVE	897 4105
YAU TSIM	WONG KWOK-TUNG	M	41	SOLICITOR	523 6934
	TONG CHOR-YIN	M	35	SOLICITOR	521 1175 112 8741 CALL 87
	YU HON-BIU	M	49	DOCTOR	385 5464 (OFFICE) 713 9248 (RES) 384 4853 (BEFORE 1030)
	WOO YAN-YUE	F	49	PRINCIPAL	802 2131 893 1213 396 3432
ISLANDS	KWONG KWOK-KAM	M	44	MERCHANT	981 0219
	FUNG PAK-TAI	M	74		981 8759
NORTH	CHEUNG HON-CHUNG	M	32	COMPANY EXECUTIVE	679 6232 675 5277 673 4802
SAI KUNG	WONG SHUI-SANG	M	53	BUSINESSMAN	792 7354
	LEUNG KAM-HO, GILBERT	M	37	ESTATE SURVEYOR	719 8708
SHA TIN EAST	LEE YORK-FAI	M	24	CLINICAL MEDICAL UNDERGRADUATE	116 8999 CALL 5599
	WONG HONG-CHUNG	M	36	LECTURER	649 6196 637 4180
	KAN CHUNG-NIN, TONY	M	41	LAWYER	606 1880 692 2200

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SHA TIN WEST	LAU KONG-WAH	M	34	LECTURER	694 8333 112 8666 CALL 1995
	WAI HING-CHEUNG	M	31	OFFICER EXCT.	601 6177
TAI PO	CHENG CHUN-PING	M	44	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	656 5599
	FUNG CHI-WOOD	M	34	CHURCH WORKER	650 4808
TSUEN WAN	CHAN WAI-YIP, ALBERT	M	36	SOCIAL WORKER	411 3107
	IP YEUNG FUK-LAN	F	35	SOLICITOR	416 1611 493 8068
TUEN MUN EAST	TSO SHIU-WAI	M	39	COMPANY DIRECTOR	459 7667
	YEUNG SHUCK-CHUEN	M	38	LINESMAN	450 2234 112 8251 CALL 8310
	NG WAI-CHO	M	39	BUSINESS	459 9024
TUEN MUN WEST	NG MING-YUM	M	34	TEACHER	463 0399
	LI KOI-HOP	M	42	CO. EXECUTIVE	451 0661
	WONG KIN-HONG	M	42	COMMUNITY WORKER	466 1761
YUEN LONG	NGAN KAM-CHUEN	M	43	BANKING MANAGER	474 9982
	CHAN YAT-TUNG	M	52	EDUCATION (HEADMASTER)	475 0010 478 2740
KWAI CHUNG EAST	CHOW YICK-HAY	M	33	UNIVERSITY STAFF	116 3300 CALL 2267
	LEE WING-KIN	M	37	BARRISTER	799 5525 (RES) 116 3339 CALL 162
KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	TING YIN-WAH	M	36	DRIVER	495 5180 433 8144
	YEUNG FOK-KI	F	29	SOLICITOR	411 2228 (RES) 94835997 (ELECTION AGENT)

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## FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NOMINATIONS:

URBAN COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
1. CENTRAL AND WESTERN	2
2. WAN CHAI	2
3. NORTH POINT	3
4. SHAU KEI WAN	3
5. SOUTHERN	3
6. KOWLOON CITY WEST	2
7. KOWLOON CITY EAST	3
8. KWUN TONG WEST	3
9. KWUN TONG EAST	2
10. MONG KOK	3
11. SHAM SHUI PO EAST	2
12. SHAM SHUI PO WEST	2
13. WONG TAI SIN SOUTH	3
14. WONG TAI SIN NORTH	2
15. YAU TSIM	4
SUB-TOTAL:	39

REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY AREA	NO. OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
1. ISLANDS	2
2. NORTH	1
3. SAI KUNG	2
4. SHA TIN EAST	3
5. SHA TIN WEST	2
6. TAI PO	2
7. TSUEN WAN	2
8. TUEN MUN EAST	3
9. TUEN MUN WEST	3
10. YUEN LONG	2
11. KWAI CHUNG EAST	2
12. KWAI CHUNG WEST AND TSING YI	2
SUB-TOTAL:	26

GOVT AIMS TO TACKLE SELF-REGULATION BY INSURANCE INTERMEDIARIES  
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TACKLING SELF-REGULATION BY INSURANCE INTERMEDIARIES IS AN IMPORTANT ITEM ON THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA SINCE THE BULK OF INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG IS CONDUCTED THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

SIR PIERS NOTED THAT THE INDUSTRY IS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND HE HOPED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE COMING YEAR.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG, SIR PIERS SAID HE WAS PLEASED AT THE WAY THE INDUSTRY HAD BEEN DEVELOPING IN THE DIRECTION OF SELF-REGULATION.

"STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. IN 1989, THE LIFE INSURANCE INDUSTRY ADOPTED THE STATEMENT OF PRACTICES FOR LONG TERM INSURANCE," SIR PIERS SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME THE GENERAL INSURANCE INDUSTRY ADOPTED THEIR OWN STATEMENT OF INSURANCE PRACTICES," HE SAID.

"AS A RESULT, WE NOW HAVE A NUMBER OF AGREED STANDARDS. THIS MUST BE THE RIGHT APPROACH," HE ADDED.

HE NOTED THAT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, THE INSURANCE CLAIMS COMPLAINTS BUREAU WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF COMPLAINTS RELATING TO PERSONAL INSURANCE.

"NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE BUREAU IS FUNDED BY THE INDUSTRY, IT WILL OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY THROUGH ITS INSURANCE CLAIMS COMPLAINTS BOARD," HE SAID.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE WELL RECEIVED BY THE INSURING PUBLIC," HE STRESSED.

SIR PIERS WENT ON TO COMMEND THE LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL FOR WORKING JOINTLY WITH THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING THE CODE ON INVESTMENT-LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE CONTRACTS AND POOLED PROVIDENT FUNDS.

"THE CODE, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT THIS FEBRUARY, WILL INCREASE INVESTOR PROTECTION BY SETTING THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MARKETING OF INVESTMENT-LINKED PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

SIR PIERS STRESSED THAT IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH IN INSURANCE INDUSTRY, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF THE INDUSTRY ARE MAINTAINED AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE, UPGRADED.

"THIS MUST BE THE LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE OF THE INSURANCE SECTOR," HE STRESSED.

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NOTING THAT THE PREMIA FOR LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS HAVE GROWN FROM LESS THAN \$1 BILLION IN THE EARLY 1980S TO OVER \$5 BILLION IN 1990, SIR PIERS SAID THIS SUCCESS HAD BEEN DUE TO THE FAR-SIGHTEDNESS, DYNAMISM AND DRIVE OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE MIGHT ALSO HAVE HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE GROWTH OF THE MARKET, HE ADDED.

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EIGHT SURVEYS PART OF PLANNING  
FOR STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON AN ARTICLE IN AN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER TODAY (MONDAY) CONCERNING APPROVAL FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR SURVEYS IN CHINESE WATERS AS PART OF THE PLANNING FOR THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID THERE ARE CURRENTLY ALTOGETHER EIGHT SURVEYS UNDER THE PROPOSAL, FIVE OCEANOGRAPHIC AND THREE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS.

THE OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEYS ARE TO COLLECT DATA TO EXTEND WHAMO (A COMPLEX COMPUTER MODEL OF WATER MOVEMENT AND WATER QUALITY IN AND AROUND HONG KONG HARBOUR), THE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS ARE TO DETECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE SEABED FOR DRILLING THE TUNNEL FOR THE LONG SEA OUTFALL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SURVEYS ARE MADE WITH THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES. REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT STAFF AND THE AUTHORITIES ENSURE CO-OPERATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEYS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID NOT ALL SURVEYS HAD YET STARTED. THOSE SURVEYS IN OPERATION WERE PROCEEDING NORMALLY UNTIL DECEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE FULL EXTENT AND SCOPE OF THE SURVEYS.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN HELD RECENTLY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. FORMAL CONFIRMATION THAT THE SURVEYS MAY CONTINUE IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CLARIFIED SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE. FOR EXAMPLE,

- \* THE DISPOSAL PROJECT EMPHASISED IN THE ARTICLE WILL NOT COST \$15 BILLION, BUT APPROXIMATELY \$7.5 BILLION. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OCEANIC OUTFALL WILL COST ABOUT \$3.5 BILLION;
- \* THE ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS REPORTED TO BE \$350 MILLION, OR EVEN "AT LEAST \$700 MILLION", ARE IN FACT ESTIMATED TO BE NO MORE THAN \$90 MILLION;

/\* THE STATEMENTS .....

- \* THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES, THAT INITIAL SURVEYS OF THE SEABED HAD PROVED FAR FROM SATISFACTORY, ARE INCORRECT AS NO SUCH SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH TO SUGGEST THAT THE SEABED IS UNSTABLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE MANNER SET OUT IN THE ARTICLE. THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS FAR TOO EARLY TO REACH SUCH SPECULATIVE CONCLUSIONS UNTIL MORE DETAILED SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES; AND
- \* IT IS WRONG TO INDICATE A LOCATION OF OCEANIC OUTFALL AS SHOWN ON THE SKETCH FEATURED IN THE ARTICLE; THIS CANNOT BE POSITIONED UNTIL ALL SURVEYS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE SURVEY DATA ANALYSED.

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#### TRIPARTITE DIALOGUE ON LABOUR MATTERS STRESSED

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HONG KONG PLACES A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON TRIPARTITE DIALOGUE ON LABOUR MATTERS AND THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FORUM FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE "INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION/JAPAN EAST ASIAN TRIPARTITE SEMINAR ON SOUND LABOUR RELATIONS", MR CHEN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENACTED 134 ITEMS OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AFTER CONSULTING THE LAB IN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

"LAST YEAR, THE LAB LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION SUB-COMMITTEE JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT A LARGE-SCALE LABOUR RELATIONS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 700 EMPLOYERS, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS, MEMBERS OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES, TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES AND ACADEMICS," HE SAID.

"JUDGING FROM THE RESPONSE FROM BOTH THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE GUEST SPEAKERS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES SHARE A COMMON CONCERN TO BRING ABOUT LASTING INDUSTRIAL HARMONY FIRMLY BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT.

"I AM PLEASED TO ADD HERE THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED EFFORT TO IMPROVE LABOUR RELATIONS THROUGH TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION IS NOW COMPLEMENTED BY THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE INDUSTRIES THEMSELVES," HE ADDED.

MR CHEN POINTED OUT THAT INDUSTRY-BASED TRIPARTITE DIALOGUE WAS HELD TO DISCUSS WAYS OF IMPROVING LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, WITH TRIPARTITE LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEES SET UP IN THE CATERING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

/NOTING THAT .....

NOTING THAT THE TRIPARTITE EFFORTS WENT A LONG WAY TO PROMOTE SOUND LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, MR CHEN SAID THE LABOUR RELATIONS SCENE IN HONG KONG REMAINED HARMONIOUS LAST YEAR.

"WITH A TOTAL WORKING POPULATION OF MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION, WE ONLY HAD 15 WORK STOPPAGES RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF 3,496 WORKING DAYS," MR CHEN SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WAS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD.

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CFPA CHAMPIONS ARTS DEVELOPMENT

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) HAD PROGRESSED FROM BEING AN ADVISORY BODY MAINLY RESPONDING TO GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES, TO AN ORGANISATION CHAMPIONING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CFPA, DR WANG GUNGWU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DR WANG WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE COUNCIL'S FIRST REPORT WHICH SUMMARISED ITS WORK FROM 1989 TO 1991.

DR WANG SAID THE COUNCIL'S MAIN OBJECTIVES WERE TO HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS AND TO BROADEN THE APPEAL OF THE ARTS, ESPECIALLY TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE SAID A RECENT INITIATIVE BY THE COUNCIL WAS THE OUTSTANDING ORIGINAL SCRIPT WRITING SCHEME, UNDER WHICH AWARDS WERE MADE TO OUTSTANDING YOUNG WRITERS SELECTED FROM PRIZE WINNERS OF RECENT COMPETITIONS.

THE RESPONSE WAS MOST ENCOURAGING, HE SAID, THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OTHER COMPETITION ORGANISERS. HE ADDED THAT THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING MAKING THIS SCHEME A REGULAR EVENT.

A SECOND MEASURE TO PROMOTE ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT IS THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHINESE OPERA UNDER THE COUNCIL NEXT MONTH.

"THIS TRADITIONAL ART FORM HAS A CONSIDERABLE FOLLOWING HERE AND HAS GREAT POTENTIAL IF GIVEN THE RIGHT SUPPORT. THE COUNCIL WILL BE PLAYING ITS PART TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE AND STANDARDS OF CHINESE OPERA IN HONG KONG," DR WANG ADDED.

HE SAID THE THIRD INITIATIVE TAKEN WITH AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT IN MIND WAS THE LAUNCHING OF A MAJOR SURVEY OF THE POPULATION TO DETERMINE HOW PEOPLE'S PREFERENCES FOR THE ARTS WERE FORMED.

"THE RESULTS WILL BE USED TO HELP THE COUNCIL AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS TO PLAN AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT MEASURES ON A RATIONAL BASIS," HE SAID.

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"THE ARTS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO MANAGE THE SURVEY WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSIONAL POLLSTERS.

"THE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, AND THE RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN EARLY 1992," HE ADDED.

DR WANG SAID THE COUNCIL WAS SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY PERFORMING GROUPS TO WIN MORE BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP WITH ITS MATCHING GRANT SCHEME, UNDER WHICH FUNDS PLEDGED BY SPONSORS ARE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR WITH A COUNCIL GRANT.

DR WANG REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR THE COUNCIL DURING THE PRESENT TERM WAS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT FROM \$29.3 MILLION IN 1989-90 TO \$35.14 MILLION IN 1990-91.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FUNDING IN 1991-92 WOULD REMAIN AT THE SAME LEVEL.

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APPROPRIATION BILL TO BE DEBATED ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

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SOME 44 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1991 AT THE COUNCIL MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (MARCH 27 AND 28) WHEN IT IS INTRODUCED FOR THE SECOND READING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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MARCH 1991 SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STARTED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE MARCH 1991 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

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THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON MARCH 28, 1991 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JANUARY-MARCH 1991.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 823 5076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THIS DEPARTMENT DURING JANUARY-MARCH 1991, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 823 4770.

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EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOK MAY HAVE THEIR WELFARE PAYMENT ADVANCED IF THEIR PAY DAY FALLS ON THE COMING EASTER HOLIDAYS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT PAYMENTS WHICH FALL ON MARCH 29, 30, 31 AND APRIL 1 WILL BE ADVANCED TO MARCH 25, 26, 27 AND 28 RESPECTIVELY.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR RECIPIENTS TO COLLECT THEIR PAYMENTS IN RESPECTIVE POST OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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FACELIFT IN RENNIE'S MILL AFTER CLEAN-UP OPERATION

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RENNIE'S MILL WAS GIVEN A FACELIFT AFTER A CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN THE AREA THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, THE OPERATION WAS AN ANNUAL EXERCISE TO KEEP LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPERATION'S LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT TIU KENG LENG SECONDARY SCHOOL, CONVENER OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR EDWARD PONG, SAID RENNIE'S MILL WAS A WELL-ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY WITH RESIDENTS CLOSELY TIED WITH EACH OTHER.

HE URGED THE RESIDENTS TO HELP SPREAD THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE TO THEIR NEIGHBOURS TO MAKE THE AREA A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

"RESIDENTS' SUPPORT IS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN, I THEREFORE URGE ALL OF YOU NOT ONLY TO KEEP YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT CLEAN, BUT ALSO TO TRY TO DRAW THE SUPPORT FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURS," MR PONG SAID.

THE OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED BY 40 INMATES OF THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME AND ABOUT 20 RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG.

WITH THE HELP FROM STAFF OF REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THEY SPENT ALMOST TWO HOURS COLLECTING RUBBISH FROM NARROW PATHS.

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YAU TSIM RESIDENTS TO BE COMMENDED FOR FIGHTING CRIME

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FIFTY-SEVEN PUBLIC-SPIRITED PEOPLE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE AWARDEES, COMPRISING 51 MEN AND SIX WOMEN, HAVE HELPED THE POLICE IN COMBATING CRIMES IN THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR.

ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CLARA TANG, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER FERRY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 5.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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NEW MUI WO CLINIC STARTS OPERATION ON APRIL 1

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THE NEW MUI WO CLINIC ON LANTAU WILL BEGIN OPERATION ON MONDAY, APRIL 1.

THIS CLINIC AT 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MUI WO DISPENSARY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE CLINIC WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, AND WILL OPERATE A TRAVELLING DISPENSARY AND A ROUND-THE-CLOCK ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE.

AS APRIL 1 IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, ONLY ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC ON THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC FROM APRIL 2, TRAVELLING DISPENSARY AND ANTE-NATAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 3, FAMILY PLANNING AND POST-NATAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 4 AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FROM APRIL 6.

TO FACILITATE THE REPROVISIONING EXERCISE, THE EXISTING MUI WO DISPENSARY AND ITS MATERNITY HOME WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 29).

ALL ANTE-NATAL CLIENTS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE MATERNITY HOME WILL BE DIRECTED TO TSAN YUK HOSPITAL OR TAI O MATERNITY HOME FOR DELIVERY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOUTH LANTAO HOSPITAL WHICH NOW PROVIDES ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL 10 AM ON APRIL 1 WHEN THE HOSPITAL WILL FORMALLY CLOSE AND THE SERVICE BE TAKEN OVER BY THE NEW MUI WO CLINIC.

UPON THE CLOSURE OF THE HOSPITAL, THE DENTAL SERVICE CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY THE DENTAL CLINIC IN THE HOSPITAL, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI O DENTAL CLINIC ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10.30 AM TO 1 PM.

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SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE ON HK EDUCATION

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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS ON HONG KONG EDUCATION WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 18, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS SET OF STAMPS DEPICTS THE VARIOUS STAGES OF EDUCATION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO TERTIARY LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

THERE WILL BE FOUR DENOMINATIONS: 80-CENT, \$1.80, \$2.30 AND \$5.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM APRIL 3 AT 70-CENT EACH. ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS MAY ALSO BE PLACED UP TO APRIL 11.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR ARDE LAM AND WERE PRINTED BY ENSCHEDE OF HOLLAND.

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