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PM'S VISIT TO PEKING IS IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE SEES THE VISIT TO PEKING BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR, AS BEING VERY IMPORTANT IN HONG KONG TERMS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE IN THE U.K., SIR DAVID SAID THE VISIT WAS IMPORTANT NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE SIGNING OF THE AIRPORT AGREEMENT, BUT ALSO IT HELPED HONG KONG ESTABLISH THE RIGHT SORT OF PRACTICAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA THAT THE TERRITORY VERY MUCH NEEDED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD BE GOING ON MONDAY TO PEKING TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS HURD.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS STICKING TO HIS PLAN TO GO TO PEKING AND THEN COME TO HONG KONG DESPITE ALL THE THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND ALL HIS PREOCCUPATIONS, FOR INSTANCE, HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WOULD BE SEEING THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR LU PING, WHEN HE VISITED PEKING.

"I HOPE I WILL GO OVER WITH HIM THE USUAL RANGE OF THINGS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO US HERE IN HONG KONG.

"I EXPECT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY. I HOPE THAT AT SOME STAGE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THIS MEETING, THERE IS NO TREMENDOUS URGENCY ABOUT IT, BUT AT SOME STAGE, I WILL GET SUGGESTIONS FROM HIM ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE APPOINTED BY ME ONTO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY," HE SAID.

"I WILL COVER OTHER ASPECTS I SHOULD THINK OF THE AIRPORT, THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND SO ON, BUT THE WHOLE RANGE OF MATTERS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO US OR CHINESE SIDE," HE ADDED.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND MR LU PING IN SHENZHEN, SIR DAVID SAID: "KEEPING THE CHINESE SIDE INFORMED OF MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HERE IS SOMETHING WHICH WE'VE GOT TO GRADUALLY BUILD UP OVER THE YEARS, I SEE THAT IS A POSITIVE THING TO DO, NOT AS A NEGATIVE ONE."

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING VERY CLOSELY WHAT HAD BEEN HAPPENING WITH BCCI IN HONG KONG AND AROUND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"AND ONE POINT WHICH I WOULD MAKE IS THAT THIS IS NOT A HONG KONG ISSUE, IT'S SOMETHING WHICH HAS BEEN A WORLDWIDE ISSUE.

"WE'VE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE BACKWASH OF THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO BCCI ELSEWHERE BUT I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING IT VERY CLOSELY OF COURSE, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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HK'S RE-EXPORT TRADE IN 1ST HALF OF  
1991 BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 AMOUNTED TO \$233,113 MILLION, REPRESENTING A 27% INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN RELEASING THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 ANALYSED BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET  
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CHINA AND THE U.S.A., THE TWO LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTED FOR 29% AND 19% RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

THE SHARES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN AND TAIWAN WERE 7%, 6% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1990, RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+78%), FRANCE (+49%), ITALY (+44%), CHINA (+34%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+28%) AND JAPAN (+23%).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN, THE U.S.A. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED BY 17%, 15% AND 10% RESPECTIVELY WHEREAS THAT TO SINGAPORE DECREASED BY 11%.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY \$17,317 MILLION OR 34% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY FOR THIS MARKET, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$3,616 MILLION OR 29%); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$2,216 MILLION OR 65%); AND ROAD VEHICLES INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1,382 MILLION OR 134%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$805 MILLION OR 62%); AND CORK AND WOOD MANUFACTURES (BY \$124 MILLION OR 14%).

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO CHINA (INCLUDING RE-EXPORTS AS WELL AS DOMESTIC EXPORTS) ARE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, AS RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS WERE EXPORTED TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING AND THE FINAL PRODUCTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO HONG KONG.

RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 INCREASED BY \$5,659 MILLION OR 15% OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

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COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE TO THIS MARKET INCLUDED FOOTWEAR (BY \$2,363 MILLION OR 61%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1,084 MILLION OR 12%); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$729 MILLION OR 21%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$172 MILLION OR 12%); AND POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$80 MILLION OR 28%).

COMPARING WITH A YEAR EARLIER, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RECORDED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF \$6,890 MILLION OR 78% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$2,550 MILLION OR 109%); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1,047 MILLION OR 66%).

HOWEVER, A NOTABLE DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN CHEMICAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS (BY \$43 MILLION OR 65%).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY \$2,467 MILLION OR 23% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$329 MILLION OR 28%); AND CLOTHING (BY \$321 MILLION OR 14%).

A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$173 MILLION OR 16%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN GREW BY \$1,679 MILLION OR 17%.

THE RE-EXPORT VALUE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES INCREASED DRASTICALLY BY \$1,358 MILLION OR 110% WHEREAS THAT OF TEXTILES INCREASED BY \$262 MILLION OR 79%.

A DECREASE WAS HOWEVER REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$713 MILLION OR 20%).

#### RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

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GOODS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE U.S.A. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTED 57%, 11%, 8%, 5% AND 3% RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, RE-EXPORTS FROM MOST OF THE MAJOR ORIGIN COUNTRIES REGISTERED INCREASES IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+35%), TAIWAN (+35%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+33%) AND JAPAN (+33%).

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CHINA CONTINUED TO BE THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

A GROWTH OF 31% IN VALUE OR \$31,450 MILLION OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WAS RECORDED IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA.

AMONGST GOODS ORIGINATING IN CHINA, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$6,883 MILLION OR 35%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$4,951 MILLION OR 25%); AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$4,011 MILLION OR 70%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$282 MILLION OR 21%); AND ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS; TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANING PREPARATION (BY \$82 MILLION OR 24%).

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1990, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF \$6,298 MILLION OR 33% IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1,084 MILLION OR 102%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$675 MILLION OR 20%); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$656 MILLION OR 28%).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$13 MILLION OR 50%); AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$11 MILLION OR 19%).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN INCREASED BY \$4,783 MILLION OR 35% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991 OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMODITIES, RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN ABSOLUTE TERM (BY \$1,658 MILLION OR 34%).

THIS IS FOLLOWED BY ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$791 MILLION OR 69%). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMALS AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$18 MILLION OR 51%).

COMPARING WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY \$43 MILLION OR 0.3% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1991.

COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE INCLUDED ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$364 MILLION OR 55%); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$321 MILLION OR 17%).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,330 MILLION OR 42%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY \$1,815 MILLION OR 35%, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF TEXTILES (BY \$726 MILLION OR 39%); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$200 MILLION OR 90%).

HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$30 MILLION OR 37%).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE RE-EXPORT STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1991" WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$33.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4915.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES SHOWED THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS AND RE-EXPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
CHINA	67,530	50,212	+17,317	+34
U.S.A.	43,688	38,029	+ 5,659	+15
F.R.OF GERMANY	15,770	8,879	+ 6,890	+78
JAPAN	12,976	10,509	+ 2,467	+23
TAIWAN	11,800	10,121	+ 1,679	+17
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	7,113	6,493	+ 621	+10
UNITED KINGDOM	5,987	4,672	+ 1,316	+28
SINGAPORE	5,530	6,230	- 699	-11
FRANCE	4,207	2,820	+ 1,387	+49
ITALY	3,753	2,601	+ 1,152	+44

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TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JAN-JUN 1991 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUN 1990 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
CHINA	133,843	102,393	+31,450	+31
JAPAN	25,487	19,189	+ 6,298	+33
TAIWAN	18,547	13,764	+ 4,783	+35
U.S.A.	12,472	12,429	+ 43	*
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,970	5,155	+ 1,815	+35
F. R. OF GERMANY	3,094	2,502	+ 592	+24
UNITED KINGDOM	2,813	2,112	+ 701	+33
SINGAPORE	2,708	2,346	+ 362	+15
SWITZERLAND	2,658	2,226	+ 432	+19
FRANCE	2,646	2,265	+ 381	+17

\* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMPANY LAW REFORM PUBLISHED

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM HAS SUBMITTED ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1990 TO THE GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AMONG THE SUBJECTS ANSWERED BY THE COMMITTEE WAS THE ISSUE OF COMPANIES PURCHASING THEIR OWN SHARES.

IN ITS SIXTH REPORT, THE STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW COMPANIES TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN SHARES, SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT CREDITORS AND NON-SELLING SHAREHOLDERS.

IN JUNE 1990, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ENDORSED DETAILED PROPOSALS BY THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO REGULATE SHARE REPURCHASES.

"THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INCLUDED IN THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991 WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IN THE LIGHT OF A UK COURT CASE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THE COMMON PRACTICE OF BANKS SECURING LOANS OR LINES OF CREDIT BY TAKING CHARGES OVER CASH DEPOSITS PLACED WITH THEM BY BORROWERS.

"PROPOSALS WERE INCORPORATED IN THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991 ENACTED IN JULY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL TO EXPAND THE PRESENT LIMITED INDEX OF COMPANY DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE ALL DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED COMPANIES.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS SHOULD PROCEED.

A FURTHER RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE INVOLVES AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 290 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

"THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR A TWO-YEAR TIME LIMIT FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE COURT TO DECLARE THE DISSOLUTION OF A COMPANY VOID," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE STANDING COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT THIS WAS TOO SHORT A PERIOD AND MIGHT CAUSE INJUSTICES," HE SAID.

IT RECOMMENDED THAT SECTION 290 BE AMENDED SO THAT THE COURT MAY EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT "IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES", AND THAT AN APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

OTHER ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR RELATED TO THE AUDIT OF COMPANY ACCOUNTS, THE PROPOSED NEW CENTRAL CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND THE DISQUALIFICATION OF COMPANY DIRECTORS.

"THESE ISSUES ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT CAN WRITE TO THE SECRETARY TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL DIVISION, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 12TH FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 24TH FLOOR, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR SCHOOLS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED EDUCATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK OF ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS TO COVER INITIALLY THE CORE SUBJECTS CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS UP TO SECONDARY 3 LEVEL, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM HAS MOVED FROM A SELECTIVE ONE TO ONE IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE NINE YEARS OF FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

"ASSESSMENT THUS NO LONGER NEEDS TO PLAY THE PRIMARILY SELECTIVE ROLE WHICH IT HAS PLAYED IN THE PAST," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION SAW THE NEED FOR A NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE STUDENTS' STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES TO ENABLE TEACHERS TO PLAN THEIR FUTURE TEACHING.

"THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS AND PARENTS WITH A CLEAR STATEMENT OF STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS; AND ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, TO SET AND MONITOR EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS," HE SAID.

SUBJECT TO RESEARCH, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRAMEWORK OF TARGETS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE THREE CORE SUBJECTS OF CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS CAN BE COMPLETED BY 1994, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ALSO ENDORSED OTHER MEASURES RELATED TO THE NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM. THESE MEASURES ARE:

- (A) AT THE PRESENT STAGE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AT SECONDARY 5 LEVEL BY THE NEW FORM OF ASSESSMENT SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED;
- (B) THE APPROPRIATE ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND LEVELS BE DRAWN UP AND TRIED OUT, THE RELATED ASSESSMENTS BASED ON CRITERION-REFERENCING PRINCIPLES INVOLVING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMPONENTS BE DESIGNED AND TESTED, THE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES AND MATERIALS BE PRODUCED, AND THE MEANS TO ENABLE TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK BE DEVELOPED;
- (C) TEACHERS BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK RELATING TO THE FRAMEWORK;
- (D) INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH TEACHER EDUCATION SHOULD DESIGN COURSES TO ENABLE NEW AND EXISTING TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK;
- (E) THE NEW TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENTS BASED ON CRITERION-REFERENCING PRINCIPLES AT PRIMARY 3, PRIMARY 6 AND SECONDARY 3 SHOULD REPLACE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE EXISTING ASSESSMENTS;

- (F) SCHOOLS SHOULD WORK TOWARDS MAKING THEIR INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS TARGET-RELATED AND BASED ON CRITERION-REFERENCING PRINCIPLES AT BOTH PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVELS;
- (G) TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENTS BASED ON CRITERION-REFERENCING PRINCIPLES SHOULD GRADUALLY REPLACE HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TESTS;
- (H) FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM, THE ASSESSMENTS FOR CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RESULTS OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS FOR OTHER SUBJECTS;
- (I) RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM SHOULD INCLUDE THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IN THE LONG RUN; AND
- (J) IN THE LONGER TERM AND SUBJECT TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENTS IN CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS, TARGETS AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS IN OTHER SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

THIS REFORM PROPOSAL IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A TWO-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW MEMBER TO JOIN EDUCATION COMMISSION  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR REMUEL AU YEUNG YING-CHEONG AS A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION TO REPLACE MR DAVID CHEUNG CHI-KONG WHO HAS RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE COMMISSION.

MR AU YEUNG IS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ISLAMIC COLLEGE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS. HE IS ALSO AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MANY EDUCATIONAL, ART AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

MR AU YEUNG'S TERM OF APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WILL LAST FROM SEPTEMBER 1 UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR WHEN THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE WHOLE COMMISSION WILL EXPIRE.

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE HIGH COURT

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THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENTS OF THREE HIGH COURT JUDGES. THEY ARE MR BRIAN RICHARD KEITH, QC, JUDGE DAVID JOHN LEONARD AND JUDGE ARTHUR LEONG SHIU-CHUNG.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF MR KEITH AND JUDGE LEONARD WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 1991 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 1991 RESPECTIVELY. THAT OF JUDGE LEONG WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM A LATER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

MR KEITH WAS BORN IN APRIL 1944. HE WAS EDUCATED AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, LONDON, AND LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD. HE WAS A JOHN F. KENNEDY FELLOW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL FROM 1966 TO 1967. HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR AT INNER TEMPLE IN 1968.

FROM 1969 TO PRESENT, MR KEITH HAS BEEN IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN LONDON WHERE HIS WORK HAS BEEN MAINLY CIVIL. HE WAS APPOINTED SILK IN 1989 AND HAS SAT AS ASSISTANT RECORDER SINCE 1988.

JUDGE LEONARD WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1937 AND ATTENDED MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS DEGREE IN 1959. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN 1967 AND THEN WORKED AS LEGAL ASSISTANT IN NEW SCOTLAND YARD.

IN 1971 HE ENTERED PRIVATE PRACTICE AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1977 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED MAGISTRATE IN HONG KONG. IN 1981 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT.

JUDGE LEONG WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1936 AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN ENGLAND IN 1965. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG AS ASSISTANT CROWN COUNSEL.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO CROWN COUNSEL IN 1969 AND REMAINED IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT UNTIL 1973 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED MAGISTRATE. IN 1978 HE WAS APPOINTED PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL AND IN 1982 AS A DISTRICT JUDGE.

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NEW MTRC BOARD DIRECTOR APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR DAVID W. GAIRNS TO THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

MR GAIRNS IS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT AND WAS FORMERLY THE SENIOR PARTNER OF KPMG PEAT MARWICK.

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HE CURRENTLY SERVES ON A NUMBER OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COUNCILS, INCLUDING THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS FOR THE INSTITUTE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION AND THE APPOINTMENTS BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR GAIRNS IS ALSO A DIRECTOR OF THE PROVISIONAL HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CO. LTD.

IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE MTRC BOARD IS CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, MR HAMISH MATHERS.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE MR GORDON MACWHINNIE, MR CHENG HON-KWAN, MR HO SAI-CHU, MR JOHN STRICKLAND, MR DAVID GLEDHILL, THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS MR DAVID NENDICK, AND THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT MR MICHAEL LEUNG.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS WILL RETIRE FROM THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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#### BUNTING TO PUBLICISE LEGCO ELECTIONS

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OVER 8,000 COLOURFUL BUNTING HAVE BEEN MOUNTED ON LAMPPOSTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO PUBLICISE HONG KONG'S FIRST DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 15.

THE TWO-METRE HIGH BUNTING FEATURE THE ALL IMPORTANT POLLING DATE, THE "LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS -- OUR ELECTION" SLOGAN AND A "VOTE 91" LOGO.

A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY EFFORT WAS DESIGNED AS A FURTHER REMINDER TO RESIDENTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 15 ELECTION DATE.

"IN ADDITION, THE CNTA HAS PUT UP WINDOW DISPLAYS AT ALL ITS DISTRICT OFFICES, AS WELL AS BANNERS AND BILLBOARDS AT CONSPICUOUS SPOTS TO BOOST THE ELECTION ATMOSPHERE," HE SAID.

"TO ADD MOMENTUM TO THE ELECTION PUBLICITY, THE CNTA WILL PUBLISH SUPPLEMENTS IN DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS AND ORGANISE OTHER DISTRICT-BASED PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES NEARER THE POLLING DAY," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT A SERIES OF MEET-THE-CANDIDATES FORUMS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND RTHK, HAD JUST BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE LAST ONE FOR THE ISLAND WEST CONSTITUENCY HELD YESTERDAY.

HE TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY.

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BUS PARADE TO PUBLICISE LEGCO POLLS  
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A "PUBLICITY BUS" DECORATED WITH BANNERS WILL TOUR THE ISLAND EAST CONSTITUENCY ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) TO REMIND AND ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S POLLING DAY ON SEPTEMBER 15.

THE BUS PARADE WILL START AT 10.15 AM FROM THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION. IT WILL PROCEED TO THE SHAU KEI WAN TRAM TERMINUS, NORTH POINT FERRY PIER AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD TRAM TERMINUS BEFORE FINISHING AT THE JUNCTION OF WUN SHA STREET AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD AROUND 2.30 PM.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, AND ABOUT 20 STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL JOIN THE TOUR AND DISTRIBUTE SOUVENIRS TO PEDESTRIANS AT THE VARIOUS STOPS.

THE BUS PARADE IS PART OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLICITY PACKAGE FOR THE FORTHCOMING LEGCO DIRECT ELECTIONS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE BUS PARADE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE KUT SHING STREET EXIT OF THE CHAI WAN MTR STATION BEFORE 10.15 AM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

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GOVT INVESTS HEAVILY IN QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES  
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THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S HEAVY INVESTMENT IN PROVIDING QUALITY SUPPORT SERVICES IS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG Q-MARK COUNCIL LICENCE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ALL THESE FACILITIES IN LINE WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

"IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT THE HONG KONG Q-MARK COUNCIL IS ALSO OF THE VIEW THAT IN ORDER FOR OUR MANUFACTURERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR COMPETITIVE EDGE VIS-A-VIS THE EMERGING ECONOMIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE NEED TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO THE QUALITY OF THE GOODS WE PRODUCE, AND TO MOVE INTO HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE 11 RECIPIENT COMPANIES OF THE Q-MARK LICENCES HAD PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BE WORTHY OF THE Q-MARK DESIGNATION ON THEIR PRODUCTS.

/"THE PRODUCTS .....

"THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED RIGOROUSLY BY THE HONG KONG Q-MARK COUNCIL BEFORE THE RIGHT TO BEAR THE HONG KONG Q-MARK LABEL IS GRANTED. THESE COMPANIES CAN NOW PROUDLY DISPLAY THE Q-MARK ON THEIR LICENCED PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE FACT THAT THESE MANUFACTURERS HAD INVESTED MONEY AND MANPOWER IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A QUALITY LABEL FOR THEIR PRODUCTS WAS TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT THE LEVEL OF QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG OUR MANUFACTURERS WAS RISING.

"HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN ARE GENERALLY WELL INFORMED OF WHAT THEIR BUYERS WANT.

"THEY SEE THE DEMAND FOR QUALITY PRODUCTS AND THE NEED TO SHOW CLEARLY TO THEIR CUSTOMERS THAT THEIR PRODUCTS ARE QUALITY PRODUCTS.

"ONE WAY OF DOING THIS IS BY MAKING PRODUCTS WHICH CAN CARRY THE Q-MARK," HE SAID.

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IRD'S INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY STUDY CONTRACT SIGNING

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON ANOTHER MAJOR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY STUDY (ISSS) IN A CONCERTED MOVE TO ALIGN DEPARTMENTAL CORPORATE PLANS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ("IT") STRATEGIES.

THIS IS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY AND COHERENT INTEGRATION OF "IT" IN THE FAST EVOLVING BUSINESSES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON GOAL OF MORE EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ITSD), DR COLIN GREENFIELD, TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE KPMG PEAT MARWICK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR A.K. GILL, FOR CONDUCTING AN ISSS FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (IRD).

THE STUDY WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE SEVEN MONTHS.

AN ITSD SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSULTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RECOMMEND, IN THE LIGHT OF THE POLICY AND OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF IRD AND THE LIKELY TECHNOLOGICAL OPTIONS AND RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A FIVE-YEAR INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY PLAN TO MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION NEEDS.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PLAN SHOULD COVER:

\* A PORTFOLIO OF STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS WITH PRIORITIES;

/\* A BLUEPRINT .....

- \* A BLUEPRINT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE AND CORPORATE DATA ARCHITECTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS;
- \* PROFILES OF RESOURCES, CASH FLOW REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS;
- \* STRATEGIES FOR HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE BASED ON THE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE;
- \* "IT" RELATED MANAGEMENT, STAFFING, AND TRAINING IMPLICATIONS; AND
- \* A PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, MONITORING AND REVIEW MECHANISM FOR THE STRATEGY PLAN.

"THE IRD STRATEGY STUDY UNDERLINES THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM COMMITMENT IN MOVING AWAY FROM THE PROJECT-BY-PROJECT APPROACH TRADITIONALLY USED TO IMPLEMENT COMPUTERISATION AND REPLACING IT BY A STRATEGIC PLANNING APPROACH," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT IS ONE OF SIX SIMILAR STUDIES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED FOR DEPARTMENTS DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

"THE CONDUCT OF THE STUDY WILL BE OVERSEEN BY A DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRD, ITSD, AND THE FINANCE BRANCH."

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#### ROAD WORKS TO RELIEVE MONG KOK TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CARRYING OUT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN MONG KOK TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE DISTRICT ESPECIALLY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE 4 PHASE I PROJECT.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE 4 PHASE I PROJECT INVOLVES MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-LANE SOUTHBOUND ELEVATED ROAD ALONG TONG MI ROAD AND FERRY STREET FROM THE END OF THE EXISTING STAGE 3 OF THE CORRIDOR AT TUNG CHAU STREET.

THE ELEVATED ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHWARDS AND ENDS AT A DOWN RAMP TO FERRY STREET NEAR SOY STREET.

CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN MAY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC PRESSURE TO BE CAUSED BY THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR STAGE 4 PHASE I PROJECT, THE WORKS MENTIONED IN THE TENDER NOTICE WILL START THIS NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR'S TIME.

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THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING WORKS UNDER THE MONG KOK WEST IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, THE MAIN FEATURES OF WHICH INCLUDE:

- \* RE-ROUTING ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND RECLAMATION STREET TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND;
- \* RE-ROUTING MONG KOK ROAD BETWEEN TONG MI ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND;
- \* RE-ROUTING SHANGHAI STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND PUBLIC SQUARE STREET TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- \* OTHER MINOR RE-ROUTINGS AT SECTIONS OF ARRAN STREET, BUTE STREET AND PORTLAND STREET;
- \* WIDENING EXISTING FOOTWAYS ALONG SECTIONS OF SHANGHAI STREET, ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK ROAD AND DUNDAS STREET; AND
- \* MODIFICATIONS TO LAYOUT AND TRAFFIC SIGNALLING AT VARIOUS JUNCTIONS WITHIN MONG KOK WEST.

THE WORKS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CARRIAGEWAYS ALONG SECTIONS OF ARRAN STREET, PORTLAND STREET AND SHANTUNG STREET.

BOTH THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

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FLEMING ROAD FOOTBRIDGE EXTENSION PROPOSED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES AT THE JUNCTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD IN WAN CHAI TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT AT THE ROAD JUNCTION.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE PROVISION OF COVERS TO THE FOOTBRIDGES, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SPANS ACROSS THE GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND SERVICE ROAD AND AT THE JUNCTION OF FLEMING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND

\* WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE,  
GROUND FLOOR, 2 O'BRIEN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE SHOULD  
WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 29 THIS YEAR.

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PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR KOWLOON WALLED CITY DEMOLITION

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING  
APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF  
KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

THE EXISTING KOWLOON WALLED CITY IS LOCATED SOUTH OF TUNG TAU  
TSUEN ROAD AND ADJACENT TO THE CARPENTER ROAD PARK IN THE KOWLOON  
CITY DISTRICT.

IT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.8 HECTARES WITH BUILDINGS AND  
STRUCTURES VARYING FROM SINGLE TO 14 STOREYS.

THE PROJECT WILL COMPRISE THE DEMOLITION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND  
STRUCTURES IN THE WALLED CITY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE "YAMEN"  
BUILDINGS WHICH ARE LOCATED AT THE CENTRE OF THE WALLED CITY, AND THE  
REMOVAL OF THE BUILDING DEBRIS ARISING THEREFROM.

THE CLEARED SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC PARK UNDER A  
SUBSEQUENT CONTRACT.

DEMOLITION IS SCHEDULED TO START BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND BE  
COMPLETED IN EARLY 1994.

DEMOLITION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT  
DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS  
DEPARTMENT.

THE PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE IS OPEN FOR CONTRACTORS ON THE  
LIST OF APPROVED SUPPLIERS OF MATERIALS AND SPECIALIST CONTRACTORS  
FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR DEMOLITION OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES, AND LARGE  
LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES WITH PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN  
LARGE-SCALE DEMOLITION PROJECTS TO APPLY.

PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF  
ENGINEER/DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI  
EAST.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION  
DOCUMENTS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 1.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LANDFILL PROJECT

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO UNDERTAKE WORK FOR THE STAGE III, PHASE I CONTRACT FOR THE TSEUNG KWAN O LANDFILL.

WORKS UNDER THE CONTRACT COMPRISE THE PLACING AND COMPACTION OF 5.5 MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE IN THE LANDFILL AT TAI CHIK SHA VALLEY IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE WORKS WILL REQUIRE THE EXCAVATION OF EARTH FROM THE NEARBY BORROW AREA FOR COVERING THE COMPACTED REFUSE.

LANDFILLING CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF SPREADING AND COMPACTING REFUSE IN LAYERS AND THEN COVERING EACH LAYER WITH EARTH AS LANDFILLING PROCEEDS.

A COVER LAYER OF ONE METRE OF COMPACTED EARTH WILL BE PLACED OVER THE COMPLETED LANDFILL TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 30 MONTHS AND THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 20.

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REPROVISIONING OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AT CHA KWO LING TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE KOWLOON BAY PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA, A MARINE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT LANDING AREA.

THE PROJECT, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 720-METRE VERTICAL SEAWALL AND THE RECLAMATION OF FOUR HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED, WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NOVEMBER 1993.

ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 19.65 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TA PANG PO IN NORTH LANTAU.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LANDFALLS TO RECEIVE SUBMARINE GAS AND WATER PIPELINES FROM TAI LAM KOK. THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN MID-NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1995.

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 29, THIS YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN TWO SEPARATE NOTICES IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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TENDERS FOR TAP MUN POLICE POST INVITED  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARINE POLICE POST ON TAP MUN ISLAND.

THE POLICE POST WILL BE A TWO-STOREY CONCRETE STRUCTURE CONTAINING BARRACKS, OFFICES, TOILETS, PANTRY ACCOMMODATION AND AN ANCILLARY UNDERGROUND SEPTIC TANK WITH SOAKAWAY SYSTEM.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN EXTERNAL ANEMOMETER STEEL STRUCTURE TO BE USED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND COMPLETE BY JULY NEXT YEAR.

A TENDER NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 20 THIS YEAR.

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

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CARNIVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS TOMORROW

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE HO MAN TIN ESTATE PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 1 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HO MAN TIN NORTH AREA COMMITTEE, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A BAND PARADE, A CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION, AN EXHIBITION, GROUP PERFORMANCES AND GAME STALLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS DONNA WONG; SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER (KOWLOON SOUTH), MR LAM WAI-KEUNG; POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), MR TONY FUNG; AND HO MAN TIN NORTH AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MAK HON-KAI.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HO MAN TIN NORTH AREA CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 1 PM AT THE HO MAN TIN ESTATE PLAYGROUND.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR JUVENILES BORN IN 1975 OR 1976

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT JUVENILES BORN IN 1975 OR 1976 WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPLACE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS FROM SEPTEMBER 9 TO OCTOBER 19.

"PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD ACCOMPANY THEM TO ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES TO APPLY FOR NEW JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS DURING THIS PERIOD," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG: BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070

/EAST KOWLOON: .....

- EAST KOWLOON: AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON: CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN: EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN: SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG: HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN: CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI: TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BRING ALONG.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1915 WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 7.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

"ALL NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES WILL CEASE TO PROVIDE SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 2 THIS YEAR, EXCEPT FOR THE TSUEN WAN ISSUE OFFICE WHICH WILL BE CLOSED AS FROM OCTOBER 21 THIS YEAR.

"APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TYPES OF IDENTITY CARDS THEREAFTER WILL BE PROCESSED AT REGULAR REGISTRATION OFFICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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POSTAL SERVICES TO LIBERIA BACK TO NORMAL

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SURFACE MAIL SERVICES TO LIBERIA HAS RESUMED TODAY (FRIDAY), THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MISS ELLE SHUM, ANNOUNCED.

WITH THE RESUMPTION OF AIRMAIL SERVICES EARLIER IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND OF SURFACE MAIL TODAY, ALL POSTAL SERVICES TO LIBERIA HAVE NOW RETURNED TO NORMAL.

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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	29.8.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	30.8.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.1 \*+0.1\* 30.8.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	29.8.91	30.8.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	5.57 PCT	5.23 PCT
1 MONTH	5.25 PCT	5.15 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.46 PCT	5.39 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.96 PCT	5.90 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.39 PCT	6.39 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	4,290 MN	5,951 MN

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