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EXECUTIVE-LED SYSTEM WOULD NOT CHANGE: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HE DID NOT SEE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGE TO THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE-LED GOVERNMENT SYSTEM.

"I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD CHANGE. THAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT WE HAVE HERE; IT'S ALSO THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT LAID DOWN IN THE BASIC LAW," HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT AT QUARRY BAY, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SYSTEM OPERATES AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

"WHEN THERE IS A NEED TO, FOR INSTANCE, EXPLAIN THINGS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; EXPLAIN THINGS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THEN WE MUST DO SO AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TO ADAPT TO A SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THEY WILL EXPLAIN THINGS AND SOMETIMES MORE QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED, THEN THE QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED AND THE MATERIAL MUST BE SUPPLIED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"BUT THE KEY THING IS THAT WE REMAIN AN EXECUTIVE-LED SYSTEM."

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAD ITS OWN VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY WHEN IT HAD TO PASS, DEBATE AND SOMETIMES AMEND LEGISLATION AS WELL AS TO PASS ALL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

"BUT THE SYSTEM WE HAVE HERE, LIKE MANY, MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND IT'S A SYSTEM WHICH HAS SERVED HONG KONG VERY WELL, IS ONE WHICH IS EXECUTIVE-LED," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS IT WORKING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY AND BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE PLAYING THEIR PROPER ROLES IN THAT SYSTEM," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE CHINESE STATE COUNCIL, MR LU PING, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WE COVERED A WHOLE RANGE OF TOPICS WITH MR LU PING, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG."

"ONE OF THE GREAT ADVANTAGES OF THESE MEETINGS IS WE CAN DISCUSS ANYTHING THAT EITHER SIDE WISHES TO RAISE AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY POINTS OF CONCERN THAT ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER SIDE CAN RAISE; AND IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO ANSWER ANY PARTICULAR QUESTIONS THAT HAPPEN TO BE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

"AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE DID TALK ABOUT WAS THE EVOLUTION OF THE SYSTEM HERE IN HONG KONG; IT'S A STEADY PROCESS OF EVOLUTION," HE SAID.

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"I EXPLAINED WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BOTH ON THAT AND ON VARIOUS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN HONG KONG. BUT HE ALSO HAS A CHANCE TO GO AROUND AND MEET MANY OTHER PEOPLE AND TALK TO THEM DIRECTLY HIMSELF," HE ADDED.

"I FOUND IT WAS A VERY USEFUL OCCASION, I WELCOME THESE CHANCES TO TALK TO MR LU PING," SIR DAVID SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS PRINTING DEPT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON, VISITED THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR K.Y. YEUNG AND THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MR HARRY MYERS.

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED ON THE FULL RANGE OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE PRODUCTION OF SIMPLE FORMS, TO THE PRINTING AND BINDING OF BOOKS.

HE WAS TOLD ABOUT THE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENTS MADE IN THE LATEST PRINTING TECHNOLOGY AND SAW FOR HIMSELF THE COMPUTERISED EQUIPMENT USED FOR BILINGUAL TYPESETTING WHICH HAS HELPED THE DEPARTMENT MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVITY.

SIR DAVID ALSO EXAMINED THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST ACQUISITION, A TWO-COLOURED PRINTING PRESS WITH INFRA-RED DRYING.

HE ALSO SAW THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PRINTING SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS LIKE THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE TECHNIQUES USED IN PRINTING THE NEW HK IDENTITY CARDS TO COMBAT FORGERY.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON THEN ATTENDED THE CELEBRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE DEPARTMENT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY. THE GOVERNOR UNVEILED A PLAQUE AND CONGRATULATED THE DEPARTMENT ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

"IT IS A PLEASURE TO VISIT A DEPARTMENT WHOSE STAFF TAKE SUCH OBVIOUS PRIDE IN DOING A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL JOB," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT INTO MAKING GOOD USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY. THE TREMENDOUS GAINS IN PRODUCTIVITY ACHIEVED ARE A MARK OF HOW SUCCESSFUL THOSE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN," HE ADDED.

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PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST HEPATITIS A

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HEPATITIS A AND OTHER GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES WITH THE APPROACH OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 307 CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS WERE REPORTED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN THREE-FOLD WHEN COMPARED WITH 83 CASES IN NOVEMBER.

SO FAR, 80 OF THE 307 CASES IN DECEMBER HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS HEPATITIS A CASES WHILE THE REST ARE STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.

OF THE 80 CASES OF HEPATITIS A, TWO-THIRDS HAVE A HISTORY OF TAKING BIVALVE SHELLFISH. MOST OF THEM HAVE TAKEN SUCH FOOD OUTSIDE HOMES. MANY HAVE PATRONISED STREET HAWKERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HEPATITIS A WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE CONSUMPTION OF CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINKS, IN PARTICULAR, THE CONSUMPTION OF POLLUTED SHELLFISH.

HE ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL FOOD, SEAFOOD IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY WASHED AND COOKED BEFORE CONSUMPTION AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNCOVERED IF NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY.

THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE METHOD TO PREVENT HEPATITIS A AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY IS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE BECAUSE THESE DISEASES ARE CONTRACTED VIA THE FAECAL-ORAL ROUTE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PEOPLE TRAVELLING DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD TO NEARBY COUNTRIES WHERE HEPATITIS A, TYPHOID AND OTHER GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES ARE ENDEMIC, ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN THE SELECTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS.

THEY ARE ADVISED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING HYGIENE RULES:

- * WASH HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITING THE TOILETS;
- * ENSURE ALL FOOD ARE PROPERLY WASHED AND COOKED BEFORE CONSUMPTION;
- * AVOID BUYING FOOD FROM UNLICENSED FOOD PLACES OR HAWKERS OR DOUBTFUL SOURCES, AND
- * ENSURE THAT DRINKING WATER IS BOILED.

A HEALTH HOTLINE (838 3232) IN CANTONESE HAS BEEN SET UP TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HEPATITIS A.

COPIES OF A LEAFLET ON "SHELLFISH HYGIENE" CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE HYGIENE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, FA YUEN STREET UC COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET, KOWLOON; THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, SEVENTH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

WALLED CITY PHASE I CLEARANCE COMPLETED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY TAKEN POSSESSION OF ALL STRUCTURES IN PHASE I OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE PROJECT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY AND THE 32 HOUSEHOLDS REMAINING ALL MOVED OUT THIS MORNING EITHER VOLUNTARILY OR AFTER PERSUASION BY THE CLEARANCE TEAMS.

ALL THE CLEAREES WERE HANDED PAMPHLETS INFORMING THEM THAT THEY HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 22 TO APPLY AND TO REMOVE THE BELONGINGS THEY LEFT BEHIND IN THEIR PREMISES.

MR CHOK ALSO REMINDED ALL PHASE I CLEAREES WHO HAVE NOT ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT'S COMPENSATION OFFERS THAT THEY HAVE UP TO JANUARY 28 EITHER TO APPEAL TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD OR TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIGHER CLAIMS.

AFTER THAT DATE, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO ADJUST ITS FINAL COMPENSATION OFFERS, HE ADDED.

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1,595 PEOPLE NETTED IN ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS LAST MONTH

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A TOTAL OF 1,595 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE DURING ANTI-CRIME OPERATIONS CONDUCTED LAST MONTH (DECEMBER) THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT NEARLY 400 HIGH RISE POLICING BY BOTH UNIFORM BRANCH AND CID OFFICERS.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING WAS ONE OF THE MAIN TARGETS HIT BY THE POLICE WITH 84 SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING DENS RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 696 PEOPLE AND THE SEIZURE OF OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLAR WORTH OF CASH AND BETTING SLIPS.

OVER 430 DRUG RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED AND 587 PEOPLE ARRESTED.

THERE WERE NEARLY 2,000 VICE RAIDS WITH THE KOWLOON REGION WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER (A TOTAL OF 1,551) OF RAIDS CONDUCTED. TWENTY-ONE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR KEEPING A VICE ESTABLISHMENT WHILE 38 PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR OPERATING AN UNLICENSED MASSAGE PARLOURS AND 29 PEOPLE FOR SOLICITING FOR AN IMMORAL PURPOSE. ANOTHER 116 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

POLICE CARRIED OUT STOP AND SEARCH OPERATIONS ON 9,163 PEOPLE RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 67 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

DURING THE SAME MONTH, POLICE RECORDED 20 FATAL ROAD MISHAPS AND 1,427 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURIES.

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COMPANIES BRIEFED ON ANTI-DUMPING PROCEDURES

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS MET THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON WITH FOUR LOCAL COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND PART OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES AGAINST MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATER IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG.

AT THE MEETING, TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BRIEFED THE FOUR COMPANIES ON THE PRESENT POSITION ON THE REVIEW, AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW.

A TOTAL OF 26 COMPANIES RECEIVED PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRES FROM DOC IN DECEMBER.

OF THESE, THE FOUR COMPANIES WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MET TODAY WERE SELECTED BY THE DOC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND PART OF THE REVIEW.

THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN 45 DAYS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO DOC.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE KNITWEAR ASSOCIATIONS AND THE SELECTED COMPANIES ON THE REVIEW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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GOVT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN SHA TIN.

THE SITE, LOCATED AT MAN LAM ROAD IN TAI WAI, AREA 25, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,750 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS DESIGNATED FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CARPARK FOR PRIVATE CARS, LIGHT VANS, LORRIES, BUSES, TRACTORS AND TRAILERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR 18 MONTHS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 24.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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FC MEETING ON FRIDAY

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 10) IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS FROM THE CHAMBER'S PUBLIC GALLERIES AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 869 9492.

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WAN CHAI BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

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RESIDENTS AND FLAT OWNERS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PREMISES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN WAN CHAI ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 11).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING A VENUE FOR MEMBERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TAIKOO ROYAL INSURANCE CO. LTD., MR ALEX WONG, WILL SPEAK ON "THE BEST WAYS TO ARRANGE INSURANCE", WHILE ASSISTANT MANAGERS FROM CHUBB SECURITY, MR PAUL TSUI AND MR CEDRIC LO, WILL OUTLINE NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN SECURITY SYSTEMS.

A CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN KWOK-KAN, WILL EXPLAIN MEASURES DEALING WITH WATER LEAKAGE IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

AFTER THE TALKS, QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TEA RECEPTION.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE HELD FROM 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 835 1970.

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UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ON A BUILDING IN TAI KOK TSUI, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OF CHERRY MANSION AT 17-39A OAK STREET AND 22-22A CHERRY STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 30 HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

THE DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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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	7.1.92	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	8.1.92	-247
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+247
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 109.3 *+0.0* 8.1.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.77 PCT	23 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.23	5.04
1 MONTH	4.30 PCT					
3 MONTHS	4.02 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.99 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.23 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,188 MN

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