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GOVERNMENT CONTINUES DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL SERVANTS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO TALK TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS AND WOULD TRY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO LOCALISATION POLICY AMICABLY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE ON TSING YI, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THAT WAS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH.

"IT'S A PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH. WE COULDN'T IGNORE IT. WE HAD TO TAKE ACTION," HE SAID.

"I HOPE THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE GENERALLY WILL FOLLOW THE TRADITION WHICH WE'VE HAD IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OF SITTING DOWN TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS.

"I DON'T THINK TAKING ANY FORM OF DRAMATIC ACTION WILL HELP CARRY US AS FURTHER FORWARD," HE NOTED.

HE SAID THAT NO DOUBT DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD IN A RATIONAL AND COOL WAY.

ASKED IF THE CHINESE SIDE HAD SUGGESTED TO PUT THE ISSUE ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT JOINT LIAISON GROUP MEETING, SIR DAVID SAID THEY HAD NOT YET DISCUSSED THE AGENDA.

"IF THE CHINESE SIDE WISH TO PUT FORWARD THAT PROPOSAL, IT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER," HE SAID.

"BUT AS WE MADE THE POINT BEFORE, THIS IS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS AFTER 1997." HE ADDED.

"WHAT WE REALLY LIKE TO DISCUSS IN THE JLG ARE THE PERMANENT, LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG AND HOW THAT WILL APPLY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"THAT'S THE SUBJECT THAT WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE," HE EXPLAINED.

SIR DAVID ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS THAT EXTENDED BEYOND 1997.

"WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHINESE SIDE AS TO WHO WILL BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT AFTER 1997, HOW THAT WILL BE SET ABOUT, AND ALSO THEN HOW WE CAN APPLY THAT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE SO THAT WE CAN MOVE TOWARDS A SITUATION IN WHICH WE HAVE COMMON TERMS OF SERVICE.

"THAT'S SOMETHING WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO DO AND WE ARE ANXIOUS TO START THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN," HE SAID.

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PROPOSAL TO SET UP LEGCO SELECT COMMITTEE ON CLP CASE

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID SINCE THERE WERE SEVERAL COURT CASES PENDING AT THE MOMENT, ALL CONCERNING THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION'S EXPLOSION IN AUGUST 1992, IT WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ANY PROPOSAL FOR THE SETTING UP OF A LEGCO SELECT COMMITTEE TO BE CONSIDERED ONCE THESE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE CONCLUDED.

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED SOME WASTE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE TERRITORY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR ROB LAW, AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY COOPER, SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED THE TSING YI CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE (CWTC) WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

SIR DAVID WAS BRIEFED BY MR WILLIAM GRUBE, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF ENVIROPACE, THE SPECIALIST CWTC CONTRACTOR, ON VARIOUS WASTE TREATMENT PROCESSES OF THE CENTRE.

HE TOURED THE CENTRE'S INCINERATION SYSTEM, PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL TREATMENT AREA, STABILISATION AREA, COMPUTERISED CONTROL ROOM AND LABORATORY.

EXPLAINING HONG KONG'S WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ON CHEMICAL WASTE, MR ROB LAW TOLD SIR DAVID THAT THE CWTC PROVIDED AN ESSENTIAL DISPOSAL FACILITY FOR THE ESTIMATED 100,000 TONNES OF CHEMICAL WASTES GENERATED IN THE TERRITORY EACH YEAR.

THE FACILITY ENABLED CHEMICAL WASTE PRODUCERS TO COMPLY WITH THE CHEMICAL WASTE REGULATIONS WHICH HAS BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED SINCE MAY THIS YEAR.

MR LAW SAID THE CWTC HAD BEEN STEADILY INCREASING THROUGHPUT SO THAT ITS WASTE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT WOULD BE AT FULL CAPACITY IN 1994, WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE USUAL FOUR TO FIVE YEARS PERIODS TO ACHIEVE FULL PRODUCTION OF SIMILAR FACILITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, CWTC'S PERFORMANCE WAS VERY ENCOURAGING.

LATER, SIR DAVID INSPECTED THE OPERATIONS ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND OF THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

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ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES, MR SIU CHUEN AND TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, MR LEUNG CHAM-TIM (ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL) AND MR TSE HON-SUM (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT), SIR DAVID TOURED THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT OF THE SCHEME TO SEE HOW SEWAGE WERE TREATED BEFORE DISPOSAL.

SIR DAVID LEARNED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE \$1.3 BILLION SCHEME WAS TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY OFF THE COAST OF NORTH WEST KOWLOON BY COLLECTING SEWAGE FROM TAI KOK TSUI, SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK AREAS, INCLUDING THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, AND PUMPING THE SEWAGE TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND FOR TREATMENT BEFORE DISPOSAL TO DEEP WATER TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE ISLAND VIA A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT THIS OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AS THE WATER QUALITY OFF THE COAST OF NORTH WEST KOWLOON HAD BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE THE SCHEME CAME INTO FULL OPERATION LATE LAST YEAR.

APART FROM THE TREATMENT PLANT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND, THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME ALSO COMPRISES NINE KILOMETRES OF INTERCEPTOR SEWERS, TWO COARSE SCREENING PLANTS (ONE AT SHAM SHUI PO AND ONE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN), ONE CENTRALISED PUMPING STATION AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, TWIN PUMPING MAINS OF TWO METRES IN DIAMETER ACROSS THE HARBOUR, AND A COASTAL SEWER AND SUBMARINE OUTFALL TO DISCHARGE THE TREATED EFFLUENT.

IT IS PLANNED THAT THE FLOWS FROM THE SCHEME WILL EVENTUALLY BE CONNECTED TO THE PROPOSED DEEP TUNNEL SYSTEM OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME FOR THE TERRITORY.

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## STATEMENT ON POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS

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COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS ON THE MEETING OF THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR CANICE MAK, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TSING YI CONCERN GROUP YESTERDAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THERE WERE NEITHER ANY FIRM PLANS NOR ANY TIMETABLE AT THE MOMENT FOR MOVING POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS INSTALLATIONS TO THE SOKO ISLANDS ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR THESE FACILITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APART FROM THE MOBIL, CONCORD OIL AND THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY'S NGA YING CHAU DEPOTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLAN TO RELOCATE THE OTHER LPG OR OIL DEPOTS ON TSING YI.

MR MAK ASSURED THE REPRESENTATIVES AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING THAT ALL THESE INSTALLATIONS COMPLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RISK GUIDELINES AND STRINGENT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

"THERE IS THEREFORE NO NEED TO RELOCATE THEM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE STRINGENT CONTROL OVER THE OPERATIONS OF THESE OIL DEPOTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SYMPOSIUM ON TECHNOLOGIES TO REPLACE OZONE-DEPLETING CHEMICALS

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A SYMPOSIUM DRIVING HOME TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON ALTERNATIVE TECHNIQUES TO REPLACE PROCESSES INVOLVING OZONE-DEPLETING CHEMICALS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE "NON-OZONE-DEPLETING CHEMICALS SYMPOSIUM: CFC ALTERNATIVES AND SOLUTIONS" SAID: "FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, ALL IMPORTS OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC) WILL BE BANNED IN HONG KONG BY JANUARY 1, 1996."

"THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, WHICH IS A HEAVY USER OF CFC IN THE CLEANING PROCESS OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD ASSEMBLY, HAS TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVES TO REPLACE PROCESSES INVOLVING OZONE-DEPLETING CHEMICALS," HE ADDED.

THE SYMPOSIUM, TO BE HELD AT THE LECTURE THEATRE OF HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL (HKPC), IS JOINTLY ORGAINSED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE HKPC AND THE HONG KONG ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION.

IT WILL COMPRISE TWO SESSIONS. IN THE MORNING SESSION, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL TALK ABOUT THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL AND THE CFC PHASING-OUT PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG AND A SENIOR CONSULTANT FROM THE HKPC WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

MOREOVER, USERS OF NON-CFC CLEANING METHOD WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH PARTICIPANTS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, SELECTED CHEMICALS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS WILL SPEAK ON THEIR TECHNOLOGIES AND DISPLAY PRODUCT INFORMATION ON SUBSTITUTION TECHNOLOGIES AND EQUIPMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SYMPOSIUM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL BY PHONE ON 788 5756 OR 788 5757 OR BY FAX - 788 5770.

EXPLAINING THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROTOCOL WAS CONCLUDED IN 1987 TO ESTABLISH A SCHEME TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION TO THE OZONE LAYER.

"A PHASED PROGRAMME OF REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION WAS AGREED FOR VARIOUS OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING CFC, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETELY PHASED OUT BY JANUARY 1, 1996.

"THE PROTOCOL HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY OVER 80 SIGNATORIES, INCLUDING THE USA AND EEC MEMBER STATES, AND HONG KONG IS INCLUDED IN THE UK'S RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL.

"TO GIVE EFFECT TO ITS OBLIGATIONS, HONG KONG HAS ENACTED THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1989," HE SAID.

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STATISTICS ON TRADE INVOLVING  
OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA, FIRST QUARTER

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IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993, 47% OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING; THE FIGURE WAS 73% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND 41% FOR RE-EXPORTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, 71% OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, 77% OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA WERE PRODUCED THROUGH OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA.

THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTIONS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992 WERE 51% FOR TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA, 72% FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA, 45% FOR RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, 72% FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA AND 78% FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA.

THE DECREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AS RECORDED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 REFLECTS THAT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS FOR MEETING DOMESTIC DEMAND IN CHINA, VIZ. EXPORTS TO CHINA NOT DESTINED FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING, INCREASED AT A FASTER PACE THAN OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE DURING THE PERIOD.

THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE SUSTAINED INCREASE IN DOMESTIC DEMAND IN CHINA FOR IMPORTED GOODS.

TO PROVIDE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA INITIATED BY HONG KONG FIRMS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SAMPLE SURVEY AS FROM THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988 TO DISTINGUISH HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO CHINA INTO THOSE WHICH ARE FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY HAS BEEN EXTENDED AS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1989 SO AS TO SEGREGATE HONG KONG'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA INTO THOSE WHICH ARE RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

STARTING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991, THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY HAS FURTHER BEEN EXTENDED SO AS TO SEGREGATE HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA WHICH ARE PRODUCED THROUGH OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA AND THOSE WHICH ARE NOT.

THE RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

IN VALUE TERMS, \$33,672 MILLION OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 WERE FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 27% OVER THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1992.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING GREW BY 20% TO \$9,861 MILLION AND BY 30% TO \$23,811 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING INCREASED BY 13% TO \$58,587 MILLION.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, \$70,645 MILLION OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA WERE PRODUCED THROUGH OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 18%.

THE ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 AND THE CORRESPONDING CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992 ARE SUMMARISED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

ESTIMATED VALUE AND PROPORTION OF TRADE INVOLVING OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA, 1ST QUARTER OF 1993

	1ST QTR. 1993 ----- (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER 1ST QTR. 1992 ----- (%)
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TOTAL TRADE VALUE * :		
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TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	71,389	+36.6
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	13,422	+17.6
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	57,967	+41.9
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	82,339	+14.7
RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA	92,218	+19.5

ESTIMATED VALUE INVOLVING OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA :

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TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	33,672	+27.1
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	9,861	+19.7
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	23,811	+30.4
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	58,587	+13.4
RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA	70,645	+18.0

ESTIMATED PROPORTION INVOLVING OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA :

	1ST QTR. 1993 ----- (%)	1ST QTR. 1992 ----- (%)
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TOTAL EXPORTS TO CHINA	47.2	50.7
DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA	73.5	72.2
RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA	41.1	44.7
IMPORTS FROM CHINA	71.2	72.0
RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA	76.6	77.6

\* THE VALUE EXCLUDES COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, EXPORTS (DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE EXPORTATION OF RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING WITH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT RE-IMPORTATION OF THE PROCESSED GOODS INTO HONG KONG.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING REFER TO THE IMPORTATION OF PROCESSED GOODS FROM CHINA OF WHICH ALL OR PART OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES HAVE BEEN UNDER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT EXPORTED FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING.

RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA PRODUCED THROUGH OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA REFER TO THOSE RE-EXPORTS OF WHICH ALL OR PART OF THEIR RAW MATERIALS OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES HAVE BEEN EXPORTED FROM OR THROUGH HONG KONG TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING WITH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT RE-IMPORTATION OF THE PROCESSED GOODS INTO HONG KONG.

IN INTERPRETING THE STATISTICS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE VALUE AND PROPORTION OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA AND RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA INVOLVING OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA REFER TO THOSE OF THE ENTIRE GOODS INSTEAD OF JUST THE VALUE ADDED CONTRIBUTED BY OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA.

A SAMPLE OF TRADE DECLARATIONS IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA (DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, AND IMPORTS FROM CHINA) AS WELL AS HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO ALL COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHINA IS SELECTED FOR ENUMERATION TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED SYSTEM OF RECORDING TRADE FLOWS, ALL MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ACROSS THE BORDER, FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE, ARE RECORDED AS EXTERNAL TRADE.

THUS THE MOVEMENTS OF GOODS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTWARD PROCESSING ARE CORRECTLY INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, HOWEVER, FACILITATE A MORE INFORMED ANALYSIS OF THE NATURE OF HONG KONG-CHINA TRADE. IN THIS RESPECT, THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE A USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS."

THE ABOVE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE".

THIS REPORT WILL BE ON SALE BY THE END OF AUGUST AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AT \$52 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRADE SURVEYS AND RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 582 5037.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND OF MANUFACTURERS IN JUNE  
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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN JUNE THIS YEAR OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THAT MANUFACTURERS WILL REQUIRE TO COMPLETE THE ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ORDERS POSITION IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED MODERATELY BY 8% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY (5%), THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY (2%) AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (2%).

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, ORDERS FOR ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

ORDERS POSITION IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 2% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES DECREASED MODERATELY BY 7% AND 5% RESPECTIVELY. A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 1% WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE FULLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECTOR, HE SAID.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JUNE 1993 AT \$5.50 A COPY, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6441.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND:

INDUSTRY -----	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	JUNE 1993 ----- (MONTHS)	MAY 1993 ----- (%)	JUNE 1992 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.48	*	*
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WEARING APPAREL	4.69	-1	-2
TEXTILES	2.14	-5	-5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.85	-7	+8
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.44	+2	-2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.88	+1	+5
OTHERS	3.85	*	-4

\* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

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#### MARINE DEPARTMENT REVISES FEES AND CHARGES

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A VARIETY OF FEES AND CHARGES OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REVISED FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 23).

FEES AND CHARGES FOR PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE REVISED FROM NOVEMBER 4.

ANNOUNCING THE REVISION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN DALE, SAID THE INCREASES STEMMED FROM A REGULAR ANNUAL REVIEW WHICH SOUGHT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION, AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE RECOVERED THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES.

THE LAST FEE REVISION WAS MADE IN JULY LAST YEAR.

"THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED THE PORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, WHICH ADVISES THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO PORT OPERATIONS, AND VARIOUS OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, OPERATORS AND USERS OF THE PORT ABOUT THE PROPOSED REVISION OF FEES AND CHARGES," MR DALE SAID.

SOME 96 PER CENT OF THE FEE ITEMS WILL BE INCREASED BY 10 TO 30 PER CENT. THEY INCLUDE PORT DUES AND CONNECTED FEES, VESSEL LICENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

"THE CLIENTELE OF THIS GROUP OF SERVICES ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED, AND GIVEN THE COMMERCIAL NATURE OF MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE RECOVERED IN FULL," MR DALE SAID.

PORT DUES AND A VARIETY OF RELATED FEES ARE PAID BY VESSELS WHICH ENTER THE WATERS OF HONG KONG OR USE PORT FACILITIES.

THESE INCLUDE ANCHORAGE, BUOY, AND PORT AND LIGHT DUES, MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE FEES.

PORT DUES AND A NUMBER OF RELATED FEES WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT.

"EVEN WITH THIS FEE INCREASE, PORT DUES LEVIED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ARE STILL COMPETITIVE IN RELATION TO THOSE CHARGED BY OTHER MAJOR PORTS IN THE REGION," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE MAJORITY OF THE VESSEL LICENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES WOULD BE INCREASED BY 15 TO 30 PER CENT.

THESE FEES FALL INTO TWO MAIN CATEGORIES:

- \* VESSEL LICENCE FEES AND RELATED FEES (INCLUDING SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS); AND
- \* FEES FOR OTHER SERVICES INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS, ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES, AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICE.

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS (PCWA'S) ARE FENCED-OFF AREAS OF WATERFRONT MANAGED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HANDLE CARGO TO AND FROM LIGHTERS AND RIVER TRADE VESSELS.

FEES FOR PCWA'S WILL BE INCREASED BY 45 PER CENT FROM NOVEMBER 4 THIS YEAR. THIS WILL BE ABOVE THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR OTHER FEES AND CHARGES.

MR DALE SAID: "THIS IS NECESSARY TO PHASE IN FULL COST RECOVERY OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FOR A SERVICE WHICH IS FULLY COMMERCIAL IN NATURE, COMPETES WITH SIMILAR PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICES, AND SHOULD NOT THEREFORE BE SUBSIDISED BY THE PUBLIC PURSE."

"EVEN WITH THIS YEAR'S INCREASE, THERE WILL STILL BE AN UNDER-RECOVERY OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT."

TWO MAIN CATEGORIES OF FEES FOR PCWA'S ARE LORRY-PARKING AND BERTHING. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THE INCREASES WOULD BE, IN THE CASE OF A LORRY MAKING THREE TRIPS A DAY TO A PCWA, FROM \$81 TO \$117 PER DAY (THAT IS, \$216 PER WEEK).

FOR A BARGE OF 1,000 TONS, THE DAILY BERTHING FEE WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$250 TO \$350.

MR DALE SAID DESPITE THE INCREASES IN FEES AND CHARGES THIS YEAR, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT YET REACHED FULL COST RECOVERY FOR ITS SERVICES, AND THERE WAS STILL A SMALL GAP WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO BE NARROWED IN COMING YEARS.

DETAILS OF THE REVISION OF FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS REAPPOINTED MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

ALSO REAPPOINTED ARE SIX INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE: MR J O EDWARDS, MR J V G MITCHELL, MR CHEUNG WING-IN, MR J A FORTUNE, DR CHAN PING-CHEUNG, AND DR WONG HONG-HIN.

THE REAPPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

THE COMMITTEE ADVISES THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ORDINANCE AND ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE STATUS OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

DEPENDING ON THE PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT, A MONTHLY SINGLE ADULT PENSION OF \$3,719 OR A MONTHLY MARRIED COUPLE PENSION OF \$6,249 WILL BE AWARDED.

A SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE OF \$900 WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO ELIGIBLE WAR VETERANS WHO ARE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT IN BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT.

AS AT JULY 12, THERE WERE 712 BENEFICIARIES, OF WHICH 220 ARE LOCALS AND 492 ARE FROM OVERSEAS.

THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A PENSION IS SET OUT IN SECTION 7(2) OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ORDINANCE. THE MAIN CONDITIONS ARE:

\* THE APPLICANT WAS A BENEFICIARY OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND OR THE FAR EASTERN RELIEF FUND;

\* THE APPLICANT WAS A MEMBER OF A UNIT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE BETWEEN DECEMBER 7, 1941 AND DECEMBER 25, 1941 AND SUSTAINED AN INJURY;

\* THE APPLICANT WAS A MEMBER OF A UNIT INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE BETWEEN DECEMBER 7, 1941 AND DECEMBER 25, 1941 AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE AND HELD IN CAPTIVITY;

\* THE APPLICANT IS THE WIDOW OR WIDOWER OF A PERSON KILLED IN ACTION OR EXECUTED BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITY;

\* THE APPLICANT WAS TORTURED BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITY DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG; AND

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\* THE APPLICANT IS A WIDOW OR WIDOWER OF AN ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY OR A PERSON WHO WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED AS AN ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR ANDREW SO, WILL MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE PRESS ROOM OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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#### NEW STAMPS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MRS DORIS HO, ANNOUNCES TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 8 ON THE THEME OF "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY".

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

THE STAMPS FEATURE THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM, THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY.

THEY WERE DESIGNED BY MR ARDE LAM AND PRINTED BY LEIGH-MARDON PTY LTD OF AUSTRALIA.

THE STAMPS WILL BE PUT UP FOR DISPLAY AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHATIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE FROM AUGUST 25.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES, EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE, FROM AUGUST 25 AT \$1 EACH.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 1. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COVERS PER ORDER IS FIVE.

EACH PERSON MAY BUY NOT MORE THAN TWO SHEETS OF STAMPS AT EACH DENOMINATION (100 SETS) ON THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE.

FIRST DAY COVERS AFFIXED WITH A SET OF THE SPECIAL STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT \$12.90 AT THE FOLLOWING PHILATELIC OFFICES:

/GENERAL POST .....

GENERAL POST OFFICE  
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE  
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE  
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE  
SHATIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE  
PEAK POST OFFICE

A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY MADE COVERS BEARING THE "FIRST DAY" INDICATION ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT ALL POST OFFICES EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE OFFERED UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, NEW ZEALAND AND NIGERIA.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ON THEIR RETURN.

THEY ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES OF THE COUNTRIES NORMALLY FOR TWO ACADEMIC YEARS STARTING FROM 1994/95.

THE AWARDS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE:

- \* PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG;
- \* NORMALLY NOT OLDER THAN 35 WHEN THE SCHOLARSHIP BEGINS. THE UNITED KINGDOM IS, HOWEVER, KEEN TO ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS FROM OLDER CANDIDATES WHO CAN PROVE THEIR ABILITY FOR ADVANCED STUDY OR RESEARCH; AND
- \* GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES WITH AT LEAST UPPER SECOND CLASS HONOURS DEGREES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS. CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY, NINTH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN ROOM 206, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30, LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTERS IN ALL THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY NO LATER THAN THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 802 1636.

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POST OFFICE STOPS FAX SERVICE  
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POSTFAX SERVICE PROVIDED AT SELECTED BRANCH POST OFFICES WILL CEASE FROM SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT DROP IN DEMAND OVER THE YEARS.

THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MRS DORIS HO, ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF FAX SERVICES OPERATED BY LICENSED PRIVATE OPERATORS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,400
REVERSAL OF LAF	+600
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-845
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,155
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.0 *+0.0* 19.8.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/ HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.06 PCT	15 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.25	3.62
1 MONTH	2.90 PCT	18 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.38	3.82
3 MONTHS	2.95 PCT	21 MONTHS	2505	4.75	99.42	4.14
6 MONTHS	3.06 PCT	24 MONTHS	2508	4.625	100.70	4.30
12 MONTHS	3.37 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 26,950MN

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