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AIRPORT COMMITTEE TO MEET ON FRIDAY

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THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT A MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY PROJECTS.

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GOVT WELCOMES AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

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IN ANSWER TO MEDIA QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY (MAY 20), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID:

"WE WELCOME THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE IS TO MEET ON MAY 20. WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES REGARDING THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT RAILWAY.

"IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, FOLLOWING THE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING AT EXPERT LEVEL WITH THE CHINESE SIDE SINCE EARLY MARCH," HE SAID.

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GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTION REGULATION GOES TO LEGCO

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A NEW REGULATION THAT SETS OUT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL BE GAZETTED ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) AND WILL BE TABLED IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 25.

THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION (ELECTORAL PROCEDURE) (GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES) REGULATION SETS OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS, THE POLLING AND COUNTING ARRANGEMENTS.

THE REGULATION ALSO REPEALS THE CORRESPONDING REGULATIONS OF THE EXISTING ELECTORAL PROVISIONS (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, WHICH DEAL WITH THE ELECTORAL PROCEDURES.

"THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION HAS TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNISE THE LANGUAGE AND INTRODUCED IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED OPENLY, HONESTLY AND FAIRLY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMISSION SAID.

THE REGULATION PROVIDES FOR THE PROCEDURE BEFORE THE CONDUCT OF A POLL: THE PROCEDURE FOR A VALID NOMINATION, WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION AGENTS.

/IT CONTAINS .....

IT CONTAINS DETAILED PROVISIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE AT CONTESTED ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE PROCEDURE RELATING TO THE VOTING, THE COUNTING OF VOTES AND THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTION RESULT BY THE RETURNING OFFICER; AND THE DISPOSAL OF BALLOT PAPERS AND OTHER ELECTION MATERIALS AFTERWARDS.

PROVISION IS ALSO MADE IN THE REGULATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW DATES BY THE COMMISSION TO HOLD AN ELECTION, A POLL OR A COUNT IN PLACE OF THE POSTPONED ELECTION OR ADJOURNED POLL OR COUNT.

IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS INCLUDING PENALTIES FOR PERSONS ACTING AS AGENTS OF CANDIDATES WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO DO SO, MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT OF DECLARATION FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER THE REGULATION.

IT ALSO INCLUDES POWERS OF DELEGATION BY THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, RETURNING OFFICERS, PRESIDING OFFICERS, DECLARATION OF SECRECY BY ANY PERSON ENTERING A POLLING STATION, ENFORCEMENT OF SECRECY IN MATTERS RELATING TO A POLL, STEPS TO BE TAKEN WHEN AN ELECTION IS COUNTERMANDED, AND REPORTING OF ANY ELECTION IRREGULARITIES.

THE REGULATION WAS MADE BY THE THREE-MEMBER BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION WHICH WAS SET UP IN JULY LAST YEAR TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION OF ELECTIONS.

THE COMMISSION IS CHAIRED BY MR JUSTICE WOO KWOK-HING. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS ARE PROFESSOR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG AND MR NORMAN LEUNG NAI-PANG.

THE REGULATION WAS MADE ON THE ADVICE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW EXISTING ELECTORAL SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

THE WORKING GROUP IS HEADED BY MR JUSTICE WOO AS CONVENOR AND COMPRISES THE OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH AND THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER.

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HK NEEDS A FRAMEWORK OF PRACTICAL LAW

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG HAD THE FRAMEWORK OF PRACTICAL LAW THAT IT NEEDED TO MATCH ITS PORT AND BUSINESS SYSTEM.

"I DO VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IN THE THREE YEARS REMAINING BEFORE 1997, A LINE CAN BE DRAWN ON THE WHATEVER DISAGREEMENTS BRITAIN AND CHINA MAY HAVE HAD ON POLITICAL ISSUES.

"I HAVE BEEN, AND REMAIN, WHOLLY COMMITTED TO THAT.

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"IT IS FRANKLY ESSENTIAL IF HONG KONG IS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE CHINA AND THE WORLD IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS AS WELL AS IT HAS FOR THE PAST 50," HE TOLD THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MARITIME ARBITRATORS.

HONG KONG HAS STEPPED INTO A LEADING POSITION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARBITRATION LAW BY ADOPTING THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT'S MODEL LAW IN 1990.

"THIS IMPORTANT STEP HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER CHANGES, NOTABLY BY EFFORTS TO LOCALISE LAWS," HE SAID.

MR PATTEN ADDED THAT HONG KONG HAD MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS ON MARITIME LAW, FOR EXAMPLE IT HAS LAWS ON AN INDEPENDENT SHIPPING REGISTER, LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION, SAFETY AND MARINE POLLUTION.

"BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, NOT LEAST TO WORK OUT WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, THE CONTINUED APPLICATION TO HONG KONG OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS TO WHICH CHINA IS STILL NOT A PARTY," HE SAID.

"IN OTHER FIELDS, SADLY, THE LOCALISATION OF LAW HAS PROGRESSED ALL TOO LITTLE," HE ADDED.

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW TO THE ECONOMY, HE SAID: "WITHOUT INVESTMENT IN LAW, WITHOUT FIRM GROUNDING FOR THE SYSTEM THAT MAKES AND UPHOLDS THE LAW, INVESTMENT IN THOSE OTHER THINGS WILL GIVE LESS RETURN."

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#### CONSULTANCY STUDY ON NUMBER PORTABILITY

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THE OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (OFTA) ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE CONSULTANT OVUM ENGAGED BY THE AUTHORITY TO STUDY TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY HAD COMPLETED ITS REPORT.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS COMPARED TO THE COSTS INVOLVED IN INTRODUCING NUMBER PORTABILITY IN HONG KONG AND RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH A SERVICE SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS FROM JULY 1995.

IT ALSO SUGGESTS A NUMBER OF OPTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD PAY FOR THE SERVICE.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MR ALEX ARENA, SAID NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN YET ON THE CONSULTANT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE AUTHORITY WOULD CONSIDER THE OVUM REPORT TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS FROM THE INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISIONS ON NUMBER PORTABILITY.

OFTA HAS SCHEDULED AN INDUSTRY WORKSHOP ON MAY 30 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

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IT WILL RECEIVE AND CONSIDER WRITTEN COMMENTS AFTER THE WORKSHOP AND FINALISE ITS OWN REPORT LATER THIS YEAR.

THE OVUM REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATER THIS MONTH.

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY ON 29TH FLOOR, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMMENTS ON THE REPORT SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING AND SHOULD REACH OFTA ON THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEFORE JUNE 30. THE AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED AND THE SOURCE OF THE COMMENTS.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JANUARY - MARCH

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY TO MARCH THIS YEAR WAS 2.2%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.7%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY TO APRIL 1994 WAS 2.1%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.5%.

THE LATEST FIGURES SUGGEST THAT THE LABOUR MARKET TIGHTENED UP SLIGHTLY IN RECENT MONTHS.

DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO MARCH 1994, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 63,200, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 50,100.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1994 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 12,100 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,900 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

RELEVANT DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1994 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE BY THE END OF JUNE AT \$24 A COPY.

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MEDICAL POLICY EXPLAINED

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GOVERNMENT HAS DISMISSED CLAIMS BY THE COALITION OF MEDICAL SERVICES THAT IT WANTED TO INCREASE HOSPITAL FEES TO RECOVER THE FULL ACTUAL COST OF MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR PATIENTS IN GENERAL WARDS.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR DEREK GOULD, TODAY (TUESDAY) STATED THAT GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER HAD ANY SUCH PLANS.

THIS WAS NOT ONE OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT "TOWARDS BETTER HEALTH", NOR WAS ANY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE CONSIDERING SUCH PLANS, HE ADDED.

"GOVERNMENT'S PARAMOUNT POLICY IS THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE DENIED ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT THROUGH LACK OF MEANS," MR GOULD SAID.

"THE PUBLIC SECTOR PROVIDES A SAFETY NET. FEES ARE HEAVILY SUBSIDISED TO ENSURE THAT SERVICES REMAIN AFFORDABLE BY NEEDY PATIENTS. WHERE NEEDY PATIENTS CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY, THEY CAN APPLY FOR WAIVER OF FEES," HE ADDED.

MR GOULD POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT PROPOSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE THREE TYPES OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL BEDS IN FUTURE:

- \* THE EXISTING PRIVATE ROOMS WHERE FULL COSTS WERE ALREADY RECOVERED;
- \* THE EXISTING GENERAL WARDS WHERE A LOW PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE COSTS WERE RECOVERED; AND
- \* THE PROPOSED SEMI-PRIVATE ROOMS WHERE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE OPERATING COSTS WOULD BE RECOVERED.

THE EXISTING POLICY FOR GENERAL WARD BEDS WAS TO RECOVER A SMALL, AFFORDABLE PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE OPERATING COSTS. THIS POLICY WOULD CONTINUE. THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO REQUIRE GENERAL WARD PATIENTS TO PAY THE FULL COST OF THEIR TREATMENT, HE SAID.

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TRANSFER OF MS EVENA CHAN

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL MS EVENA CHAN TO THE POST OF LEGAL ADVISER TO THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PCC), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE MOVE WAS A NORMAL TRANSFER.

HE SAID THE POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PCC) WOULD FROM JUNE START INTERVIEWING WITNESSES AND THE POST OF THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PCC WOULD REQUIRE:-

- \* SUBSTANTIAL CRIMINAL LAW EXPERIENCE;
- \* GOOD CANTONESE AND WRITTEN CHINESE; AND

\* THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH MINIMUM SUPERVISION.

MS CHAN HAD BEEN SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF HER ABILITY IN EACH OF THOSE AREAS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT MS CHAN'S CAREER PROSPECT WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY HER NEW JOB.

"IT IS THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF COUNSEL THAT DETERMINES THEIR SUITABILITY FOR PROMOTION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID MS CHAN'S ACTIVITIES IN UNION MATTERS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

HE SAID THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED LEGITIMATE UNION ACTIVITIES AND UNION LEADERS WOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN ANY WAY.

"ALL COUNSEL, BE THEY UNION LEADERS OR NOT, ARE EQUALLY TREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND ARE SUBJECT TO POSTINGS FOR OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE TRANSFER WAS NOT A "DEMOTION" AS SOME PEOPLE SUGGESTED.

"THE POST OF LEGAL ADVISER TO PCC IS PITCHED AT SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL RANK, AND MS CHAN IS A SUBSTANTIVE SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL," HE SAID.

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PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION CALL BY SHA

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE ORGANISATION'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MR SUEN ALSO URGED ITS MEMBERS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AND ENCOURAGE THOSE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

HE SAID THE SOCIETY, APART FROM PROVIDING CHARITY AND WELFARE SERVICES, HAD ALSO MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THESE INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF AN INFORMATION KIT ON CIVIC EDUCATION TO HELP YOUNGSTERS KNOW MORE ABOUT ELECTIONS.

"THIS WOULD HELP OUR YOUNGER GENERATION TO BETTER PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY IN FUTURE," MR SUEN SAID.

AS TO RECREATION ACTIVITIES, THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY KOWLOON ALSO SPONSORED INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION AND ORGANISED CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION EVERY YEAR, HE ADDED.

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100 CAR MARKS UP FOR AUCTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL PUT UP 100 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS FOR AUCTION ON SATURDAY (MAY 21) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

FIFTY OF THEM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT 9.30 AM. THEY ARE:

FX910	FX278	AW372	FW813
FW238	DW330	FX338	FX786
*FW303	*DK29	*DD24	*4278
FX8131	FX1118	DY118	FX230
AB104	FW625	BE1608	FX8808
FW826	FX108	FW721	CB206
FW1984	FX3811	FX6628	FX6133
*BC98	*AU696	*XX7	*ER666
FX926	ES1638	FX1312	FW8399
BB3156	FW2313	FX3363	FX779
CF269	FW9111	*DL6767	FX369
FW3278	FX6610	BJ8094	*CC515
FW7351	FX6693		

IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM, THE OTHER 50 MARKS WILL BE AUCTIONED. THEY ARE:

AW370	FX1388	FX210	FX1988
FX328	CX340	HK286	DW311
*FW383	*EX2828	*ER33	*6898
FX7178	FX1121	FX238	FX220
CT310	FW3882	FX932	AA801
FW9444	AA104	DY288	FX169
FX102	FW8889	FW8333	FX1238
*FY898	*DK27	*FC8	*CC17
FW3233	FW668	FX778	FX8886
BW1638	FX6368	FX2382	FX1218
CT923	FX9998	*FX123	FW3999
CT896	EC5001	FX3878	*CK9000
FW8082	FX8690		

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

/THE CERTIFICATE .....

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 226TH AND 227TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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150 ELDERLY PEOPLE ADD MOMENTUM TO VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE  
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ABOUT 150 CIVIC-MINDED ELDERLY PEOPLE ADDED MOMENTUM TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT BY SIGNING UP AS VOTERS TODAY (TUESDAY).

THESE SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE FONG WONG WUN TEI ELDERLY CENTRE AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASION, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER MRS ROSANNA URE CALLED ON HER AUDIENCE TO ENCOURAGE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL EXERCISE AS WELL.

SHE SAID: "A LARGE SCALE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE THE ELECTORAL MESSAGE.

"THOSE WHO ARE PERMANENT HONG KONG RESIDENTS OR HAVE LIVED HERE FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AND HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

"BEING A VOTER, YOU ARE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR," SHE ADDED.

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POLLUTION CASES FOR APRIL RELEASED  
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A TOTAL OF 56 CONVICTIONS WERE MADE IN THE COURTS LAST MONTH FOR BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION ENFORCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THEM, NINE WERE CONVICTIONS MADE UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (WPCO), 16 UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (APCO), 27 UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE (NCO), THREE UNDER THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975 (DASO) AND ONE UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE (OLPO), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FINES IMPOSED RANGED FROM \$2,000 TO \$100,000. UNIVERSAL DOCKYARD LTD WAS FINED \$100,000 UPON ITS 13TH CONVICTION FOR PERMITTING DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF THE STONECUTTERS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION UNDER THE DASO.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	17 MAY 94	17 MAY 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q420	Y489
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$5,370 MN	HK\$2,210 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,500 MN	HK\$500 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	4.48 PCT	5.42 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.49 PCT	5.42 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 66 PCT	ABOUT 90 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.51 PCT	5.46 PCT

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 23 MAY 1994-

TENDER DATE	24 MAY 94	24 MAY 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q421	H465
ISSUE DATE	25 MAY 94	25 MAY 94
MATURITY DATE	24 AUG 94	23 NOV 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,500 + 300 MN	HK\$800 + 160 MN

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,495	0930	+5
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,576	1000	+5
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+203
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+202	1200	+202
LAF TODAY	-1121	1500	+202
		1600	+202

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER      TWI 125.0    \*-0.1\*    17.5.94

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EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.34	18 MONTHS	2511	4.15	97.56	5.94
1 MONTH	3.86	24 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.13	6.38
3 MONTHS	4.48	29 MONTHS	3610	4.20	94.76	6.66
6 MONTHS	4.99	32 MONTHS	3701	4.60	94.88	6.82
12 MONTHS	5.41	35 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.23	6.94

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 29,210 MN

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