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PUBLIC TO BE FULLY CONSULTED ON TAXI POLICY

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY (TUESDAY) CONSIDERED A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF TAXI POLICY AND NOTED THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY'S (KMB) FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME FOR 1992-96.

MEMBERS ENDORSED THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER WHICH SET OUT, FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION, A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM, THE FARE POLICY AND THE QUALITY OF TAXI SERVICE.

THE PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 30. THE PUBLIC AND THE TAXI TRADE WILL HAVE FOUR MONTHS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS AND GIVE THEIR OPINIONS.

TO STIMULATE PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF PUBLICITY MEASURES DURING THE FOUR-MONTH PERIOD. THESE INCLUDE A PRESS CONFERENCE, POSTERS, INTERVIEWS AND RADIO AND TV ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CONSULTED AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ANY DECISION IS TAKEN ON ANY OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE CONSULTATION PAPER. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT EXPECTED TO TAKE A VIEW ON THE PROPOSALS BEFORE MID-1993.

ON KMB'S FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME FOR 1992-96, MEMBERS NOTED THAT KMB PLANNED TO INTRODUCE 26 NEW ROUTES INCLUDING SIX NEW CROSS-HARBOUR SERVICES AND 168 ITEMS OF SERVICE IMPROVEMENT TO SERVE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND TO MEET RISING DEMAND.

TO RELIEVE THE PEAK-HOUR CONGESTION ALONG THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR, KMB WILL CONTINUE TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL AIR-CONDITIONED SERVICES ACROSS THE HARBOUR AND FROM THE NEW TOWNS TO SOUTH KOWLOON.

A TOTAL OF 24 SUCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED SINCE 1991 AND ABOUT 10 MORE WILL BE ADDED OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT ITEMS ADDED TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD DEMANDS AND THE RETENTION OF SOME LOSS-MAKING BUT SOCIALLY DESIRABLE ROUTES.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS NOTED THAT KMB HAS COMMISSIONED AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE MARKET RESEARCH, INCLUDING PASSENGER SURVEYS, TO HELP GUIDE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ITS AIR-CONDITIONED SERVICES.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS REVIEWED THE SERVICE DISRUPTIONS OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IN 1991 AND NOTED VARIOUS FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AND MEASURES TO IMPROVE CO-ORDINATION OF TRANSPORT EMERGENCIES.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING VARIOUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES AND THE POSSIBLE CAUSES.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

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THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1992 IN HONG KONG.

THE TWO TEAMS WILL BE LED BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP, MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY AND AMBASSADOR GUO FENGMIN.

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STI COMMENTS ON SENATE VOTE

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO BE UNDULY ALARMED BY THE VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE ON THE MITCHELL BILL, WHICH SOUGHT TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION (MFN) TRADING STATUS IN 1993.

"THE BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MITCHELL WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO ROLL CALL TO RECORD WHETHER THE VOTE FALLS SHORT OF THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE A PRESIDENTIAL VETO, THERE IS STILL A GOOD PROSPECT THAT THE BILL WILL NOT BECOME LAW," MR CHAU SAID.

"THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE BILL AND THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE QUITE CLEAR HIS INTENTION TO VETO IT. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND ITS ALLIES IN CONGRESS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THIS LEGISLATION IS UPHELD."

"WE COULD ALSO DRAW SOME COMFORT FROM SENATOR MITCHELL'S OWN PREDICTION THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO."

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT OUR CONCERN OVER THE BILL IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IN THE UNITED STATES," HE ADDED.

THE MITCHELL BILL IS SIMILAR TO THE PEASE/PELOSI BILL PASSED IN THE HOUSE IN JULY, AND WOULD DENY MFN TREATMENT FOR EXPORTS FROM PREDOMINATELY STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES UNLESS CHINA HAS MET CONDITIONS RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, TRADE PRACTICES AND WEAPONS NON-PROLIFERATION.

UNDER NORMAL U.S. PROCEDURES, ONCE THE BILL IS SUBMITTED BY CONGRESS TO THE PRESIDENT, HE WILL HAVE 10 DAYS IN WHICH TO VETO IT.

ANY ATTEMPT TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE BY EARLY OCTOBER BEFORE THE CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY VISITS UNITED STATES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL DEPART FOR THE UNITED STATES ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND/WORLD BANK AND TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE.

MR MACLEOD WILL FIRST VISIT WASHINGTON FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETINGS.

HE WILL TAKE PART IN THE SEVENTH ROUND TABLE OF THE SMALL STATES FINANCIAL FORUM WITH THE THEME "DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE OF EXPORT TRADE".

HE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING SEMINAR OF THE INFLUENTIAL GROUP OF THIRTY.

WHILST IN WASHINGTON, IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH A NUMBER OF LEADING INTERNATIONAL BANKERS, MR MACLEOD WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THESE INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MRS CARLA HILLS; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, MR DAVID MULLINS; UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, MR DAVID MULFORD; AND PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, MR FRED ZEDER.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND HOLD DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER (WASHINGTON), MR PETER LO.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL PROCEED TO NEW YORK ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23 TO UNDERTAKE A TWO-DAY PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR HONG KONG.

HE WILL ADDRESS THE CORPORATE LUNCHEON OF THE ASIA SOCIETY ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

HIS THEME WILL BE ON HONG KONG'S ROLE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AND ITS FUTURE PROSPECTS.

DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL VISIT TWO CREDIT RATING AGENCIES - MOODY'S AND STANDARD & POOR'S. HE WILL ALSO MEET A NUMBER OF LEADING FINANCIERS INTERESTED IN HONG KONG.

HE WILL ATTEND A LUNCHEON HOSTED IN HIS HONOUR BY THE MARINE MIDLAND/HONGKONG BANK AND A DINNER HOSTED BY THE MORGAN STANLEY GROUP.

AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME IN NEW YORK, MR MACLEOD WILL APPEAR IN A LIVE INTERVIEW AT THE CABLE NEWS NETWORK TELEVISION'S POPULAR "BUSINESS DAY" PROGRAMME.

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HE WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE "WORLD IN FOCUS" DISCUSSION PROGRAMME ON NEW YORK PUBLIC TELEVISION.

IN ADDITION, HE WILL MEET THE EDITORIAL BOARDS OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND BUSINESS WEEK.

HE WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

MR MACLEOD WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 27.

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VIEWS ON PROPOSED LIVESTOCK LICENSING SCHEME WILL BE CONSIDERED

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER ALL THE COMMENTS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT THE LIVESTOCK KEEPING LICENSING SCHEME BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME WERE CONTAINED IN A LETTER SENT TO LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATIONS WHO HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS THE LATEST BY TODAY (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE LIVESTOCK SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WERE CONSULTED AT SPECIALLY ARRANGED MEETINGS LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID THE COMMENTS AND OPINIONS GATHERED IN THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE AND REPRESENTED THE MAJORITY VIEWS OF THE FARMERS SINCE MAJOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATIONS ALL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEES.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK KEEPING ASSOCIATIONS, WHICH IS THOUGHT TO HAVE ORGANISED RALLY IN CENTRAL AND PETITION THE CHIEF SECRETARY, IS ALSO REPRESENTED ON THE TWO COMMITTEES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A DECISION ON A FINALISED LICENSING SCHEME WAS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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THREE CANDIDATES VIE FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL SEAT
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A TOTAL OF THREE NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN THE TUEN MUN WEST CONSTITUENCY WHEN THE TWO-WEEK NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE CANDIDATES ARE:

NAME -----	AGE ---	OCCUPATION -----	CONTACT TEL NO. -----
MR YIM TIN-SANG	39	DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER	452 3605 AND 459 6108
MR LI MAN-KWONG	36	LEGAL ADVISER	469 1482 9034 5640
MR LEUNG KIN-MAN	32	CLERK	457 2172

MR LEUNG'S NOMINATION WAS RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON.

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CHANGES TO TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SAFETY BILL
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, ANNOUNCED THAT AMENDMENTS WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THE TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SAFETY BILL TO INCLUDE EN71 AND ASTM STANDARDS AS ALTERNATIVE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR TOYS IN ADDITION TO THE ICTI STANDARD ALREADY STIPULATED IN THE BILL.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AFTER HIS MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH THE LEGCO AD HOC GROUP ON THE TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SAFETY BILL.

CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING EXPRESSLY IN THE BILL THAT A COURT MAY GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO A TESTING CERTIFICATE SHOWING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFETY STANDARDS WHEN A DEFENCE OF DUE DILIGENCE IS USED BY A TOY SUPPLIER IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM.

"LATE SUBMISSIONS FROM THE TOY RETAILERS AND SUPPLIERS ARGUE STRONGLY FOR A MULTIPLE-STANDARD-REGIME IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE THE CHOICE OF TOYS TO BE SUPPLIED TO CHILDREN IN HONG KONG," MR CHAU SAID.

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THE TOY RETAILERS AND SUPPLIERS ALSO POINT OUT THAT ADOPTION OF THE ICTI STANDARD AS THE ONLY SAFETY STANDARD WOULD INCREASE THE PRICE OF TOYS, AS THOSE TOYS WHICH HAVE ALREADY COMPLIED WITH EN71 AND ASTM STANDARDS WOULD HAVE TO BE RE-TESTED AGAINST THE ICTI STANDARD AND THIS WOULD INCREASE THE SUPPLY COST.

"THE EN71 AND ASTM STANDARDS ARE USED RESPECTIVELY IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES. OUR MAJOR TOY SUPPLIERS, BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS, ARE FAMILIAR WITH THESE STANDARDS.

"WE BELIEVE THAT A MULTIPLE-STANDARD-REGIME WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG AS A SMALL TOY MARKET. IT WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY FOR THE TOY SUPPLIERS WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN," HE SAID.

"IN ADOPTING A MULTIPLE-STANDARD-REGIME, IT IS NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SAFETY STANDARDS TO BE INCLUDED IN ORDER TO MINIMISE ENFORCEMENT COMPLEXITY AND AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION TO CONSUMERS.

"ONLY THOSE WHICH ARE OF AN INTERNATIONAL STATUS WILL BE SELECTED," HE ADDED.

THE HONG KONG TOYS COUNCIL HAS ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE ADOPTION OF ICTI, EN71 AND ASTM STANDARDS IN THE BILL.

UNDER THE BILL, IT WILL BE A DEFENCE FOR A PERSON IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM TO SHOW THAT HE TOOK ALL REASONABLE STEPS AND EXERCISED ALL DUE DILIGENCE TO AVOID SUPPLYING UNSAFE TOYS OR CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

THESE COULD INCLUDE RELIANCE ON INFORMATION LIKE TESTING RESULTS SHOWING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFETY STANDARDS.

"WE APPRECIATE THE AD HOC GROUP'S CONCERN FOR PRE-SALE TESTING, AND AGREE TO CONSIDER PROVIDING EXPRESSLY IN THE BILL THAT SUCH TESTING CERTIFICATES MAY FORM A SPECIFIC DEFENCE FOR A TOY SUPPLIER IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM," MR CHAU SAID.

"WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL IN EARLY NOVEMBER," HE SAID.

THERE WILL BE A GRACE PERIOD AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL TO ALLOW THE TOY SUPPLIERS TO ADJUST.

"IT IS OUR INTENTION TO BRING THE ORDINANCE INTO EFFECT NEXT JULY," HE SAID.

THE BILL WILL IMPOSE A STATUTORY DUTY ON SUPPLIERS OF TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS TO ENSURE THAT THE PRODUCTS THEY SUPPLY ARE SAFE, A BREACH OF WHICH MAY BRING A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

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MRS PATTEN DOTS EYES OF FESTIVAL DRAGON BOAT

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MRS PATTEN TODAY (TUESDAY) DOTTED THE EYES OF A DRAGON BOAT THAT THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WILL PRESENT AS A GIFT FROM HONG KONG TO CANADA DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 IN MID-NOVEMBER.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, MR COLIN RUSSEL, AND MEMBERS OF THE PATRONS COMMITTEE OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92.

ABOUT 50 GUESTS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AT THE SHUM WAN PIER IN WONG CHUK HANG.

"THE 12-METRE-LONG DRAGON BOAT IS AN APPROPRIATE GIFT, FOR TO MANY CANADIANS, DRAGON BOATS MORE THAN JUNKS SYMBOLISE HONG KONG THESE DAYS," MR SO SAID.

"DRAGON BOAT RACING WILL BE VERY MUCH PART OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92," HE ADDED.

"AS A CURTAIN RAISER, RACES WERE HELD IN VANCOUVER HARBOUR IN JUNE AND THERE WILL ALSO BE OTHER RACES IN CALGARY AND REGINA," HE NOTED.

FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 WILL BE THE BIGGEST AND MOST AMBITIOUS OVERSEAS PROMOTION HONG KONG HAS EVER STAGED.

THE FESTIVAL WILL OPEN IN TORONTO ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND WILL BE HELD IN FOUR OTHER CITIES ACROSS CANADA - MONTREAL, CALGARY, OTTAWA AND VANCOUVER.

TO FORGE IT'S THEME - "BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC", THE FESTIVAL WILL STRESS THE MUTUAL BENEFITS THAT CAN BE GAINED THROUGH STRONGER EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, FAMILY AND BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA.

IT WILL SHOWCASE TO ITS PACIFIC NEIGHBOUR HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, VERSATILE LIFE AND DYNAMISM.

SOME 400 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GOING TO CANADA IN THE COMING WEEKS.

OVER 150 EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED UNDER THE FESTIVAL BANNER WHICH INCLUDE A FEAST OF FOOD, FUN, CULTURE AND BUSINESS.

THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY EIGHT HONG KONG PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUPS, FOOD PROMOTIONS WITH CHEFS FROM HONG KONG AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE BEST SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN IN TABLE-TENNIS, BADMINTON AND MARTIAL ARTS.

OTHERS INCLUDE FILM FESTIVALS SHOWING THE BEST OF HONG KONG FILMS, AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY HONG KONG ARTISTS AND A COLLECTION OF ANCIENT CHINESE COINS.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS DURING AUGUST OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE MONTHLY.

AS THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING, THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING AUGUST:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1. ARGES LTD	PATERSON ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	9.5.91- 21.2.92	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	\$ 2,500	1ST	EASTERN
2. EASTERN NICE INVEST- MENT LTD	SHAU KEI WAN MAIN ST EAST, SHAU KEI WAN	18.6.91- 20.8.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	"
3. SHOW HEALTH IN- DUSTRIES LTD	JORDAN RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	14.9.91- 12.11.91	APCO : "	4,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
4. SUNNY NET- WORK LTD	HING MAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN	10.10.91- 17.12.91	APCO : "	3,500	1ST	EASTERN
5. SANCTOWN LTD	CHEONG LOK ST, YAU MA TEI	10.10.91- 30.1.92	APCO : "	500	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
6. GOLDEN CATERERS LTD	STANLEY ST, CENTRAL	7.11.91- 5.12.91	APCO : "	3,500	1ST	EASTERN
7. RIVERS SEAFOOD VILLAGE (WHAMPOA) LTD	HARBOUR RD, WAN CHAI	13.12.91- 20.1.92	APCO : "	5,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON

8.KONG FUNG IRON & STEEL FACTORY LTD	KWUN TEI, FANLING	16.12.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	6,000	2ND	FANLING
9.FREYSINNET HONG KONG LIMITED	JUNCTION RD, KOWLOON TONG	20.12.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE SOUTHERN WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	EASTERN
10.COLLIERS JARDINE PROPERTIES LIMITED	GLOUCESTER RD, WAN CHAI	20.1.92	WPCO : "	10,000	2ND	"
11.FAN AH BEAN CURD COMPANY	PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG	19.2.92	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
12.WAH HING DYEING FACTORY LTD	FUNG KAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG	19.2.92	WPCO : "	8,000	1ST	"
13.SILVERLEY DEVELOPMENT LTD	WING YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	29.2.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
14.CARADO GARDEN MANAGEMENT LTD	CARADO GARDEN, TAI WAI	6.3.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	12,000	3RD	SHATIN
15.DOUBLE DATE DEVELOPMENT LTD	CHUNG MEI RD, TSING YI	19.3.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
16.HUNG HING OFF-SET PRINTING COMPANY LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	30.3.92	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WATER CONTROL ZONE	6,500	1ST	SHATIN

17.CENTRE OCEAN IN- VESTMENT LTD	LEIGHTON RD, CAUSEWAY BAY	31.3.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	1ST	EASTERN
18.TRUE SUCCESS LTD	TAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	13.4.92	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
19.GENERAL LUCK CO LTD	LION ROCK RD, KOWLOON CITY	14.4.92	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	3RD	SAN PO KONG
20.FULL SUPPORT FINISHING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	PING SHAN, YUEN LONG	16.4.92	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	8,000	1ST	FANLING
21.WELFARE FINISHING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	PING SHAN, YUEN LONG	16.4.92	WPCO : "	8,000	1ST	"
22.TRUE SUCCESS LTD	TAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	22.4.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	2ND	KWUN TONG
23.DAILY EARN LTD	HUNG TO RD, KWUN TONG	22.4.92	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	"
24.WARMTEX FIBERFILLS INDUSTRY CO LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	22.4.92	APCO : "	6,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
25.CHUNG DOK RESTAURANT LTD	CHUNG ON ST, TSUEN WAN	24.4.92	APCO : "	6,000	1ST	"
26.TINGO LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING CO	KWAI TAK ST, KWAI CHUNG	24.4.92	APCO : "	3,500	1ST	"
27.WARMTEX FIBERFILLS INDUSTRY CO LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	28.4.92	APCO : "	6,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN

28.HT CIRCUITS LTD	YUEN LONG TOWN LOT 393, YUEN LONG	28.4.92	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
29.SHUI WAH DYEING & TEXTILE FACTORY	HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG	30.4.92	WPCO: DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	8,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
30.INTERNA- TIONAL DYE- ING & BLEACHING FACTORY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	30.4.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	10,000	2ND	"
31.WIDA DYEING FACTORY LTD	CASTLE PEAK RD, TSUEN WAN	30.4.92	APCO : "	4,500	1ST	"
32.SURE ADVANCE LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	19.5.92	APCO : FAILURE TO ABATE AN AIR POLLUTANT NUISANCE (GENERAL)	1,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
33.GOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL LTD	TAI WAI RD, TAI WAI	28.5.92	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	7,500	1ST	SHA TIN
34.JUNPOINT DEVELOPMENT LTD	LAM TIN ST, KWAI CHUNG	9.6.92	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	6,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THREE PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM PUBLIC PLACE AT NIGHT. THEY WERE FINED FROM \$400 TO \$600.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS :

APCO,	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL 594 6200
NCO,	MR STEVEN HO	TEL 594 6500
WPCO, CASE 16	DR MIKE CHIU	TEL 417 4101
WPCO, CASE 11, 12, 20,21,28 AND 29	DR ELLEN CHAN	TEL 650 6955
WPCO, CASE 9 AND 10	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL 835 1134

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL MATTERS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION.

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RENOVATION WORK MUST BE SAFE

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CONTRACTORS OF RENOVATION WORK HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEIR WORKERS' SAFETY WHEN HANDLING INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS GOODS, DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR KAN SAID CONTRACTORS MUST TAKE ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING THE PROPER LABELLING OF THE CONTAINERS OF INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS GOODS, AND THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION OF THE WORKERS IN CARRYING OUT THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

"IN ADDITION, CONTRACTORS, LIKE ANY OTHER EMPLOYERS, ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ADOPT A SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK," HE STRESSED.

MR KAN MADE THE APPEAL FOLLOWING TWO RECENT MAJOR FIRES IN BUILDINGS UNDER RENOVATION. IN ONE CASE, TWO WORKERS WERE KILLED.

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, TWO WORKERS DIED AND 75 WERE INJURED IN FIRES ON PREMISES UNDER RENOVATION.

"CONTRACTORS SHOULD MAKE A GREATER EFFORT IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF WORKERS OPERATING IN THESE PREMISES," MR KAN SAID.

"FAILURE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MAY CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS, THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS AND THE GENERAL DUTY PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE," HE POINTED OUT.

ON CONVICTION, A CONTRACTOR IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE RANGING FROM \$30,000 TO \$50,000 PLUS IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN URGED CONTRACTORS TO KEEP THE USE OF INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS GOODS TO THE MINIMUM AND TO HANDLE THEM WITH DUE CARE.

THEY WERE ALSO STRONGLY ADVISED TO TRAIN THEIR WORKERS HOW TO USE PORTABLE FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND STANDARD FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS PROVIDED IN THE PREMISES IN CASE OF A FIRE OUTBREAK AND TO DIAL 999 FOR HELP WITHOUT DELAY.

"PROMPT ACTION IN REPORTING FIRES NOT ONLY HELPS SAVE LIVES, BUT ALSO REDUCES UNNECESSARY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY OF WORKERS IN PREMISES UNDER RENOVATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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MACAU HEALTH CHIEF VISITS LAM TIN CLINIC

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF MACAU, DR ANA MARIA BASTO PEREZ, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED THE LAM TIN POLYCLINIC TO SEE FOR HERSELF THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE CLINIC.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, DR PEREZ TOURED THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE, THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC AND THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.

DR PEREZ WAS BRIEFED ON THE PILOT KWUN TONG DISTRICT HEALTH SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE LAM TIN POLYCLINIC IS ONE OF THE SIX HEALTH INSTITUTIONS.

SHE WAS ALSO TOLD ABOUT THE PROGRAMME OF PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

AT THE INVITATION OF THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, THE HEALTH DELEGATION FROM MACAU, HEADED BY DR PEREZ, SPENT THREE DAYS IN HONG KONG.

DURING THEIR STAY, THEY HAVE VISITED A HEALTH CENTRE, A HOSPITAL AND A CHINESE MEDICINAL MATERIAL RESEARCH CENTRE.

THE PARTY RETURNED TO MACAU THIS AFTERNOON.

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230 VIETNAMESE GO HOME
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A GROUP OF 230 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 76 MEN, 55 WOMEN, 56 BOYS AND 43 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 122ND BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 8,028 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 21,907 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS
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TENDER DATE	15 SEPT 92	15 SEPT 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q238	H273
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,782.5 MN	HKD 850 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 800 MN	HKD 300 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.61 PCT	2.72 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.63 PCT	2.75 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 24 PCT	ABOUT 14 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.66 PCT	2.76 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 21 SEPTEMBER 1992 -

TENDER DATE	22 SEPT 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q239
ISSUE DATE	23 SEPT 92
MATURITY DATE	23 DEC 92
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 800+160 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 110.0 *-0.2* 15.9.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.14 PCT	14 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.50	3.21
1 MONTH	2.95 PCT	17 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.93	3.40
3 MONTHS	2.60 PCT	20 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.96	3.69
6 MONTHS	2.72 PCT	23 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.99	3.87
12 MONTHS	3.15 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,718 MN

CLOSED 15 SEPTEMBER 1992

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