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GOVERNOR TO MEET PUBLIC ON POLICY ADDRESS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE BEING INVITED TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, ON HIS THIRD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLICY ADDRESS AT A MEETING NEXT MONTH, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE URB TIX SYSTEM FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THIS PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE STUDIO THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON ON OCTOBER 10.

IT WILL RUN FROM 6 PM TO 7.15 PM. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

URBTIX OUTLETS WHERE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED ARE:

- \* HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE AUDITORIA BUILDING
- \* HONG KONG COLISEUM
- \* NGAU CHI WAN CIVIC CENTRE
- \* QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM
- \* CITY HALL
- \* SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE
- \* SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE
- \* SHATIN TOWN HALL
- \* TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL
- \* TUEN MUN TOWN HALL
- \* HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS
- \* HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE
- \* NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL
- \* TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE
- \* LUT SAU HALL
- \* TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY BRANCHES IN
  - CAMERON LANE, TSIM SHA TSUI,
  - KORNHILL PLAZA, QUARRY BAY,
  - 521 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY,
  - CITY CENTRE BUILDING, 144-149 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI,

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- TSUEN WAN TOWN SQUARE, AND
- CITYLINK PLAZA, KCR BUILDING, SHA TIN

A SEPARATE SESSION FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS AND STAFF OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WILL BE HELD AT LECTURE THEATRE 1, CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON, ON OCTOBER 6 (THURSDAY).

THIS SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM AND WILL LAST UNTIL 7.15 PM.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

- \* THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* SHUE YAN COLLEGE (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* LINGNAN COLLEGE (STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE)
- \* ALL CAMPUSES OF HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (GENERAL OFFICES)
- \* THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (BOX OFFICE)
- \* THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG (PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT)

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#### HK DELEGATION ESTABLISHES CHINA FINANCIAL CONTACTS

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THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE HAD HAD VERY USEFUL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN CHINA DURING A WEEK-LONG VISIT TO BEIJING AND SHANGHAI.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN, MR CARTLAND SAID THE VISIT HAD ENABLED HIM AND HIS STAFF TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND TO LEARN SOMETHING OF THE REFORMS AND THE PROGRESS THAT WERE BEING MADE IN CHINA'S FINANCIAL AND SECURITIES AREAS.

"WHAT WE'VE DONE IS TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN THESE IMPORTANT AREAS," HE SAID.

WHILE IN BEIJING, THE HONG KONG DELEGATION MET OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA, PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE STATE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON SECURITIES.

IN SHANGHAI, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING SYSTEM AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND SAW THE DEVELOPMENTS IN PUDONG.

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ARMED FORCES MINISTER TO VISIT HONG KONG

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MR NICHOLAS SOAMES MP, MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM OCTOBER 2 TO 5. DURING HIS STAY, MR SOAMES WILL VISIT ALL THREE SERVICES TO INSPECT THE CAPABILITY OF THE BALANCED GARRISON TO PROVIDE A TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S SOVEREIGNTY AND COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG UNTIL 1997.

IN ADDITION TO BRIEFINGS AT THE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES, MR SOAMES WILL VISIT THE ROYAL NAVY AT HMS TAMAR AND THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND, ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF) SEK KONG AND 1ST BATTALION ROYAL GURKHA RIFLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNITS AT BLACKDOWN AND OSBORN BARRACKS.

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PHOTOGRAPH AND MEET THE MINISTER WHEN HE VISITS RAF SEK KONG ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 4).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MINISTER'S VISIT TO RAF SEK KONG ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 4).

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY HELICOPTER TO TRAVEL FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS IN CENTRAL TO SEK KONG. THESE WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A STRICTLY FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO TRAVEL BY HELICOPTER SHOULD TELEPHONE JSPRS ON 588 3313.

THE HELICOPTER WILL DEPART PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS AT 9 AM. THOSE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ALLOCATED A PLACE SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GUARDROOM NO LATER THAN 8.45 AM. YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SAFETY REGULATIONS REQUIRE PERSONS TRAVELLING IN RAF HELICOPTERS TO HAVE THEIR ARMS AND LEGS COVERED. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO FLY IN SHORTS OR SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TRAVELLING BY ROAD SHOULD REPORT TO THE GUARDROOM, BORNEO LINES, KAM TIN ROAD, NO LATER THAN 10 AM. MEMBERS OF JSPRS WILL BE ON HAND TO ESCORT.

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TASK FORCE TARGETS NEW TERRITORIES BLACK SPOTS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET ASIDE \$1.9 BILLION AS CONTINGENCY FUND TO FINANCE CLEARANCE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY UNSUITABLE LAND USES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

DEPUTY HEAD OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TASK FORCE (BLACK SPOTS) OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MR FRANK AU, SAID THIS WAS THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF OPERATORS AND OWNERS OF LAND LOTS GAVE THEIR FULL CO-OPERATION IN REDUCING THEIR ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

"THE FUND WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE CLEARANCE OF OPERATIONS ESTABLISHED ON GOVERNMENT LAND ILLEGALLY, FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE REINSTATEMENT WORK AND LANDSCAPING," MR AU TOLD A SEMINAR ON LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN HONG KONG ORGANISED BY THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES, THE TASK FORCE WILL TAKE LEASE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THOSE OPERATIONS THAT HAVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON SITES NOW BEING USED FOR CONTAINER STORAGE, CAR STRIPPING OPERATIONS OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING PURPOSES, MR AU SAID.

"THE TASK FORCE WILL BE LIAISING WITH OWNERS AND OPERATORS WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR OPERATIONS ON SITE AND REDUCING THEIR ADVERSE EFFECT ON LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

"IF NECESSARY, WE WILL SEEK TERMINATION OF UNAUTHORISED OPERATIONS WHICH CANNOT BE IMPROVED. WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF SOME OPERATIONS TO MORE SUITABLE AREAS WITH LAND USE CONDITIONS.

"AS A LAST RESORT, WE MAY INTRODUCE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMATIC CASES WHICH CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH THROUGH THE MEANS NOW AT OUR DISPOSAL," MR AU ADDED.

HE SAID SHEK KONG HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE PILOT ACTION AREA ALTHOUGH PROBLEMS OF BLACK SPOTS BEING USED AS CONTAINER YARDS WERE TERRITORY-WIDE.

"THE TASK FORCE, OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED ONLY LAST MONTH, IS COMMENCING WORK IN SHEK KONG THAT PROVIDES A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF OPEN STORAGE TYPE USE PROBLEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THIS EXERCISE WOULD BE USED TO TACKLE FURTHER ACTION AREAS IN DUE COURSE," MR AU ADDED.

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BEC COMPLETES REPORT ON LEGCO  
GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

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THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION (BEC) TODAY (THURSDAY) SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DELINEATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES IN RESPECT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONTAINED IN A TWO-VOLUME REPORT.

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VOLUME I IS THE REPORT PROPER WITH REASONS AND EXPLANATIONS AS TO HOW THE COMMISSION CARRIED OUT ITS DEMARCATION WORK AND HOW IT ARRIVED AT ITS PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

IT ALSO COMPILES THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION HAVING REGARD TO THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS.

VOLUME II CONTAINS THE LISTS OF CONSTITUENCY AREAS IN RESPECT OF THE 1995 LEGCO ELECTION AND MAPS WITH RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR THE CONSTITUENCIES AND THE RECOMMENDED DEMARCATION OF LEGCO ELECTORAL BOUNDRIES.

A BEC SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMISSION RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 24 WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS AND HELD THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS ON ITS PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS.

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BEC REPORT ON CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES SUBMITTED TO GOVERNOR

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THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION (BEC) HAS TODAY (THURSDAY) SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1995 LEGCO GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD TABLE THE BEC REPORT IN LEGCO ON OCTOBER 12.

"THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE BEC ORDINANCE AND TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY OF THE BOUNDARY DEMARCATION PROCESS.

"MEMBERS OF LEGCO AND THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE BEC'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES ANY DECISION ON THEM," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE BEC'S RECOMMENDATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS ON THEM.

"THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON THE LEGCO GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL THEN BE GAZETTED IN THE FORM OF AN ORDER (SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION), WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO LEGCO'S SCRUTINY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ADMINISTRATION HOPES TO COMPLETE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS RELATING TO THE LEGCO GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES BY DECEMBER," HE ADDED.

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### SITE SAFETY TRAINING NEEDS

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY (CITA) TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL TRAINING NEEDS OF A PARTICULAR SECTOR OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHERE APPROPRIATE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SITE SAFETY WAS ALREADY AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EXISTING TRAINING PROVIDED BY CITA.

REQUEST FOR COURSES FOR DEMOLITION WORKS, FOR SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS, WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE WALL COLLAPSE IN NATHAN ROAD. THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AIMS TO COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

HOWEVER, PARTIES IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEMOLITION WORKS HAVE A DUTY TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND PROPER ON-SITE GUIDANCE FOR WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT IS PURSUING VIGOROUSLY AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE DEMOLITION SITE SAFETY.

FOLLOWING A SPECIAL CHECK ON ALL DEMOLITION SITES, BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT STAFF HAVE KEPT UP THE MOMENTUM BY VISITING ALL DEMOLITION SITES WEEKLY TO MONITOR THEIR OPERATIONS.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO REQUIRED ALL AUTHORISED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEMOLITION WORKS TO PROVIDE REPORTS AND RECORDS ON THEIR SITE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS IS PREPARING FURTHER AND FIRMER GUIDANCE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DEMOLITION SAFETY, FOR ISSUE TO THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE INDUSTRY.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL ON DEMOLITION WORKS ARE ALSO UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

IN PARALLEL, THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, THE BUILDING LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY ON SITE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS, THE SYSTEM FOR REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS AND THE BUILDING AUTHORITY'S POWERS TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS FOR DEMOLITION WORK.

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### ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR FOUR CIVIL SERVICE GRADES

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GRADUATES INTERESTED TO BECOME AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER II, ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICER II OR ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER II IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS ON OCTOBER 1 AND 8.

"VACANCIES IN THESE FOUR GRADES WILL BE ADVERTISED IN TWO ENGLISH AND TWO CHINESE DAILIES AND A CHINESE EVENING PAPERS, WITH THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION ON OCTOBER 17," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, CO-ORDINATION AND PLANNING OF PUBLIC PROGRAMMES, AND THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF RESOURCES.

THEY ARE GENERALIST MANAGERS OCCUPYING KEY POSTS OF DIFFERENT NATURES IN SECRETARIAT BRANCHES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS II ARE MAINLY DEPLOYED TO ASSIST IN THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES, RESOURCE PLANNING AND CONTROL, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS AS WELL AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS.

ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICERS II PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS, PROVIDE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE TO STUDENTS, PROCESS CLAIMS FOR EMPLOYEES, ASSIST IN PROMOTING GOOD LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, AND ENFORCE LABOUR LEGISLATION.

ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICERS II WORK IN EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OR INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, LICENSING AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS, AND INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION.

THEY MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND OVERSEAS CONFERENCES OR TO ASSIST IN OVERSEAS NEGOTIATIONS.

"IN GENERAL, CANDIDATES WHO POSSESS A DEGREE FROM A HONG KONG OR BRITISH UNIVERSITY, OR EQUIVALENT, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE TAKING THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATIONS IN SUMMER 1995 MAY ALSO APPLY," HE ADDED.

"DIPLOMA HOLDERS AND MATRICULANTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER II GRADE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT AN APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO FILL IN ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM EVEN IF HE APPLIED FOR MORE THAN ONE GRADE.

"A COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD FOR THE FOUR GRADES ON DECEMBER 3," HE SAID.

"STARTED IN 1984, THE EXAMINATION AIMS TO RELIEVE THE BURDEN OF MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS ON THE CANDIDATES," HE ADDED.

AS IN THE PAST, THIS YEAR'S EXAMINATION WILL CONSIST OF THREE PAPERS: PAPER 1 (ONE HOUR AND A QUARTER) IN USE OF ENGLISH, PAPER 2 (ONE HOUR AND A QUARTER) IS OBJECTIVE TESTS AND PAPER 3 (TWO AND A HALF HOURS) IS A TASK PAPER. THE EXAMINATION TIME FOR PAPERS 1 AND 3 HAS BEEN SHORTENED THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF SIMPLIFICATION OF THE PAPERS.

THE WEIGHTINGS FOR THE THREE PAPERS ARE 30 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 50 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

PAPERS 1 AND 2 ARE SET IN ENGLISH WHILE PAPER 3 IS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH. ANSWERS SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.

NINE MORE HIV-INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED

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SEVEN MEN AND TWO WOMEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (AUGUST), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF HIV-INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 480.

THREE NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IS 115 WITH 70 DEATHS REPORTED.

OF THE 480 HIV INFECTED, 181 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL OR BISEXUAL SEX AND 182 THROUGH HETEROSEXUAL SEX, 11 WERE INJECTING DRUG USERS, ONE WAS A MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION AROUND THE TIME OF BIRTH, AND 66 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH CONTAMINATED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND SAFE HEAT TREATED CLOTTING CONCENTRATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 39, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 336,390 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,460,895 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 33 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR AUGUST

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BOTH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN AUGUST 1994 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1993.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR AUGUST RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (COMPRISING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS) INCREASED BY \$15.9 BILLION OR 17% TO \$108.5 BILLION IN AUGUST 1994.

WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, AT \$87.4 BILLION IN AUGUST 1994, WAS \$14.5 BILLION OR 20% HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED, BY \$1.5 BILLION OR 7.5% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$21.1 BILLION IN AUGUST. MEANWHILE, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY \$16.6 BILLION OR 18% TO \$109.7 BILLION.

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AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1994 WAS SMALLER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$1.2 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 1.1% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

THIS COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$504 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 0.5% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, IN AUGUST 1993.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1994, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 11% OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AMONGST THIS, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 14%, WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY 2.7%. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 13%.

IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1994, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$52.4 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.6% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

THIS COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$29.1 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.2% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1993.

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST TRADE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT, AFTER A MODERATION IN JULY, RE-EXPORTS REBOUNDED TO SHOW DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH IN AUGUST. DOMESTIC EXPORTS ALSO ROSE NOTABLY IN AUGUST.

ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAINED IMPORTS WERE 17% HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER. THIS SUGGESTED THAT DOMESTIC DEMAND SHOULD REMAIN ROBUST, AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO SHOW MODERATE INCREASE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR AUGUST 1994, BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY, WILL BE RELEASED IN MID-OCTOBER 1994.

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## PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR AUGUST 1994

MERCHANDISE: Domestic Exports :	\$21,102 million
Re-exports :	\$87,355 million
Total Exports :	\$108,457 million
Imports :	\$109,665 million
Trade balance :	-\$1,208 million

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Latest 3 months	Jun 94 to	Jun 93 to	Change	
	Aug 94	Aug 93	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	61,219	59,506	+1,714	+2.9
(% of Total Exports)	(19.6%)	(21.6%)		
Re-exports	251,690	216,447	+35,243	+16.3
Total Exports	312,909	275,953	+36,957	+13.4
Imports	330,239	281,019	+49,220	+17.5
Trade balance	-17,330	-5,067	-12,263	
Same month last year	August	August	Change	
	1994	1993	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	21,102	19,627	+1,475	+7.5
(% of Total Exports)	(19.5%)	(21.2%)		
Re-exports	87,355	72,903	+14,452	+19.8
Total Exports	108,457	92,530	+15,927	+17.2
Imports	109,665	93,034	+16,631	+17.9
Trade balance	-1,208	-504	-704	
Last month	August	July	Change	
	1994	1994	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	21,102	20,438	+664	+3.2
(% of Total Exports)	(19.5%)	(19.6%)		
Re-exports	87,355	84,047	+3,308	+3.9
Total Exports	108,457	104,484	+3,972	+3.8
Imports	109,665	109,329	+336	+0.3
Trade balance	-1,208	-4,845	+3,636	
Calendar year to-date	Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug	Change	
	1994	1993	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	140,283	144,178	-3,896	-2.7
(% of Total Exports)	(19.0%)	(21.5%)		
Re-exports	599,676	525,195	+74,482	+14.2
Total Exports	739,959	669,373	+70,586	+10.5
Imports	792,357	698,451	+93,906	+13.4
Trade balance	-52,398	-29,078	-23,320	
Last 12 months	Sep 93 to	Sep 92 to	Change	
	Aug 94	Aug 93	HK\$ Mn.	%
	HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.		
Domestic Exports	219,131	229,147	-10,016	-4.4
(% of Total Exports)	(19.6%)	(22.6%)		
Re-exports	897,705	785,067	+112,638	+14.3
Total Exports	1,116,836	1,014,214	+102,622	+10.1
Imports	1,166,504	1,046,763	+119,741	+11.4
Trade balance	-49,667	-32,549	-17,119	

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

## LIST OF EIA REPORTS RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORTS OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COMPLETED IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS.

AMONG THEM IS THE EIA STUDY FOR THE STAGE 1 WORKS OF THE SHENZHEN RIVER REGULATION PROJECT.

"THIS IS THE FIRST EIA STUDY COMPLETED JOINTLY BY HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN, AND IS THE FIRST STAGE OF AN EIA STUDY FOR THE STAGE 1 AND 2 WORKS OF THE PROJECT," THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR ELVIS AU, SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE STUDY WAS THE RESULT OF MONTHS OF HARD WORK BY THE TWO SIDES AND A SERIES OF MEETINGS HELD AT BOTH PLACES.

MR AU SAID: "THE EIA STUDY, WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT, IS A NECESSARY STEP FOR IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 WORKS OF THE SHENZHEN RIVER REGULATION PROJECT.

"WE ARE NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SAME CO-OPERATION WITH THE SHENZHEN SIDE ON THE EIA OF THE STAGE 2 WORKS," HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF EIA REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

UNDER GOVERNMENT POLICY, PROPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF MAJOR PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED TO PLACE GOVERNMENT-OWNED EIA REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REFERENCE AT THE RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICES, URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL PUBLIC REFERENCE LIBRARIES, THE OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LIBRARY AND EPD HEADQUARTERS. PRIVATE SECTOR PROPONENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO THE SAME.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF EIA REPORTS COMPLETED IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS:

- \* AVIATION FUEL RECEIVING FACILITY IEIA  
(PRIVISONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY)
- \* BLACK POINT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS SUPPLY  
(ARCO/CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.)
- \* CHINA RESOURCES PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS OIL DEPOT  
RELOCATION/EXTENSION  
(CHINA RESOURCES PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS)
- \* NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES REFUSE TRANSFER STATION  
(ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT)
- \* PAK SEK KOK RECLAMATION - PUBLIC DUMP EIA STUDY  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* RECLAMATION FOR SHIPYARD AT TO KAU WAN, NORTH LANTAU  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* ROUTE 3 - TING KAU BRIDGE AND APPROACH VIADUCT  
(HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)

- \* ROUTE 3 - TAI LAM TUNNEL AND YUEN LONG APPROACH ROAD  
(HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)
- \* SHA LO TUNG GOLF COURSE  
(SHA LO TUNG DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.)
- \* SHENZHEN RIVER REGULATION PROJECT STAGE 1 WORKS  
(DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT/SHENZHEN  
RIVER REGULATION OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT)
- \* STONECUTTERS ISLAND SOUTH SHORE NAVAL FACILITIES  
(ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT)
- \* TUEN MUN PORT DEVELOPMENT  
(TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
- \* COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ON MA WAN ISLAND  
(SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD.)

MAJOR EIAs THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS INCLUDE:

- \* AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM - TSING YI PIPELINE  
(PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY)
- \* AVIATION FUEL RECEIVING FACILITY  
(PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY)
- \* BACKFILLING OF NORTH OF LANTAU MARINE BORROW AREA  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* BACKFILLING OF SOUTH TSING YI MARINE BORROW AREA  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* CENTRAL RECLAMATION, PHASE II  
(TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
- \* CENTRAL RECLAMATION, PHASE III  
(TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
- \* CENTRALISED INCINERATION FACILITIES (CIF)  
(ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT)
- \* CT10 AND CT11 ANCILLARY WORKS (DESIGN) STUDY  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* CT10 AND CT11 PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* GREEN ISLAND CEMENT MANUFACTURING AND CONCRETE BATCHING AT  
AREA 17, SOUTHWEST TSING YI (RELOCATION OF THE KENNEDY  
TOWN)  
(GREEN ISLAND CEMENT)
- \* GREEN ISLAND RECLAMATION (PART) - PUBLIC DUMP  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)

- \* HEC'S LAMMA POWER STATION JETTY AND NAVIGATION CHANNEL  
(HONGKONG ELECTRIC)
- \* HONG KONG CEMENT/CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AND MATERIAL  
STORAGE FACILITIES AT NORTHWEST TSING YI ISLAND  
(HONG KONG CEMENT/SUN HUNG KAI)
- \* LAND BASED BORROW AREAS  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* MAIN DRAINAGE CHANNELS FOR YUEN LONG, KAM TIN AND NGAU TAM  
MEI  
(TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
- \* NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES (NWNT) LANDFILLS RESTORATION  
(ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT)
- \* OUTLYING ISLAND REFUSE TRANSFER FACILITIES  
(ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT)
- \* RECLAMATION BY PUBLIC DUMP FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND  
GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTE/COMMUNITY, NORTH TSING YI  
(CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT)
- \* RESTORATION OF URBAN LANDFILLS - STAGE II  
(ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT)
- \* ROAD 3/2, FLYOVER ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD  
(TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
- \* ROUTE 5 - SECTION BETWEEN SHEK WAI KOK AND CHAI WAN KOK  
(HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)
- \* SHA LO TUNG RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHA LO TUNG DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.)
- \* SHAM TSENG LINK  
(HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)
- \* SHENZHEN RIVER REGULATION PROJECT STAGE 2 WORKS  
(DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT/SHENZHEN  
RIVER  
(REGULATION OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT)
- \* SHEUNG SHUI SLAUGHTER HOUSE  
(REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT)
- \* TUEN MUN AREA 38, SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL AREA  
(TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIOLOGICAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GRADING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BI-WEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS WERE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

BEACHES WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED HINTERLANDS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE POLLUTED THAN THE GRADES SUGGEST DURING AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN.

"BATHERS SHOULD AVOID SUCH BEACHES FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER A STORM, LONGER IF THE WEATHER REMAINS OVERCAST OR SHORTER IF THERE IS STRONG SUNSHINE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

- \* GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.
- \* GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.
- \* GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

/\* GRADE "4" .....

\* GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS VERY POOR. THE E COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCILS IF A GRADE "4" OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

AT PRESENT, FOUR GAZETTED BEACHES: ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, OLD CAFETERIA AND ROCKY BAY, ARE CLOSED TO SWIMMERS. THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE BEACHES HAS BEEN MADE BY THE REGIONAL AND URBAN COUNCILS ON THE BASIS OF BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA FOR 1993.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM AT THESE BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	PREVIOUS GRADING ----- (AS AT 15.9.94)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 29.9.94)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	3
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	1
DEEP WATER BAY	2	2
HAIRPIN	2	2
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	2	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST. STEPHEN'S	2	2
TURTLE COVE	2	1
STANLEY MAIN	3	3
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	4	4
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	3	3

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	2	2
HAP MUN BAY	2	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	2	2

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	2	2
HUNG SHING YEH	2	1
KWUN YAM WAN	2	2
TONG FUK	2	2
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	2	2
SILVERMINE BAY	2	2
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	3	2
TUNG O*	2	2

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	3	2
GEMINI	3	2
HOI MEI WAN	3	3
LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	4	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	2	2

NOTE : "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

REPULSE BAY, TURTLE COVE, HUNG SHING YEH AND HAP MUN BAY FROM "2" TO "1"; TUNG WAN OF CHEUNG CHAU, CASAM AND GEMINI FROM "3" TO "2"; TING KAU FROM "4" TO "3".

GENERALLY, BEACH WATER QUALITY HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, WITH 33 BEACHES FALLING WITHIN GRADES "1" OR "2" ON THIS OCCASION.

THIS IS BEACUSE OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE WEATHER SINCE THE END OF AUGUST, WITH LESS RAINFALL MEANING LESS POLLUTION HAS BEEN WASHED OUT FROM THE BEACH HINTERLANDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER DR M J BROOM ON TEL 835 1234.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR CONDUCT COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

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NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR A BY-ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN EDUCATION IN DECEMBER 1994 TO FILL A VACANT SEAT FOR THE SUBJECT-RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE BY-ELECTION FOLLOWED THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER MRS PANG CHU WAI-SEE, WHO REPRESENTED THE SUBJECT-RELATED ORGANISATIONS. MRS PANG RESIGNED WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 31 FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COUNCIL WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION BY ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND STATUS.

NOMINATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH RELATED DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL, GUIDANCE NOTES ON THE NOMINATION AND INFORMATION SHEET ON THE NOMINEE ARE BEING SENT TO THE RELATED CHAIRMEN OF SUBJECT-RELATED ORGANISATIONS.

HE SAID COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS SHOULD BE DELIVERED OR SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO REACH EDUCATION OFFICER (COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) MRS W C LEE AT ROOM 1153, 11TH FLOOR, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, NOT LATER THAN NOON ON NOVEMBER 10.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MRS W C LEE ON TEL 892 6302.

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FUND-RAISING BODIES FOR OCTOBER

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SIXTEEN ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND.

PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

FLAG DAY

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EVENT DATE

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ORGANISATION

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OCTOBER 1	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS
OCTOBER 8	PO LEUNG KUK
OCTOBER 15	COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG
OCTOBER 22	BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG
OCTOBER 29	THE CHESHIRE HOME HONG KONG

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION

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EVENT DATE

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ORGANISATION

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OCTOBER 1 TO 31	THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG
OCTOBER 1 TO 30	HEEP HONG SOCIETY
OCTOBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9	WORLD VISION HONG KONG
OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 30	JESUS IS LORD SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (HK) LTD.
OCTOBER 2, 9 AND 30	THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF JESUS CHRIST, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, ADMINISTRATOR, INC.
OCTOBER 2 AND 16	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD.

OCTOBER 7 TO 10 AMETHYST INSTITUTE  
 OCTOBER 9 HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION  
 OCTOBER 17 AND 18 CHRISTIAN EXCELLENCE MISSION LTD.  
 OCTOBER 23 HARMONY HOUSE  
 OCTOBER 28 GREEN POWER LTD.

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CLOSURE OF SHAM SHUI PO ILLEGAL STRUCTURE

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN SHAM SHUI PO SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE USED FOR DWELLING IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR ROOF OF A BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF 85-95 UN CHAU STREET AND 100-102 YEN CHOW STREET.

A NOTICE APPLYING FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON DECEMBER 8, 1994 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

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

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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	1,888	0930	+306
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,187	1000	+306
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+296
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+299	1200	+299
LAF TODAY	NIL	1500	+299
		1600	+299
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.7	*+0.2*	29.9.94

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.24	20 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.53	6.09
1 MONTH	4.27	23 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.83	6.34
3 MONTHS	4.40	31 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.55	6.88
6 MONTHS	4.76	34 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.06	7.04
12 MONTHS	5.40	60 MONTHS	5909	7.45	99.26	7.78

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 9,365 MN

CLOSED 29 SEPTEMBER 1994

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