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ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS 94/95 : COMPENDIUM OF PROPOSALS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TODAY (THURSDAY) MADE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES A COMPENDIUM OF PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDES 65 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED ON THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS SINCE THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBED HIS PROPOSALS IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7 LAST YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF THE 400-PAGE COMPENDIUM WOULD BE SENT TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

COPIES WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE AUTHORS OF THE SUBMISSIONS WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN THE COMPENDIUM.

COPIES WILL ALSO BE DEPOSITED WITH DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IN HIS ADDRESS, THE GOVERNOR HAD EMPHASISED THAT HE WAS SETTING OUT PROPOSALS, NOT DECISIONS, AND HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR DIALOGUE AND DEBATE.

"SINCE THEN, THE GOVERNOR HAS CONSULTED THE MAIN POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARTIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS CONTAINING VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE UNEDITED TEXTS OF THESE SUBMISSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COMPENDIUM, EXCEPT FOR THOSE FOR WHICH IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THE AUTHORS' PERMISSION FOR THEIR SUBMISSIONS TO BE INCLUDED.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED BECAUSE THEY ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

ALSO EXCLUDED ARE THOSE MANY COMMENTS AND VIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS, UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF PUBLISHING THE COMPENDIUM WAS TO PROVIDE A HANDY REFERENCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC, WHEN THEY EXAMINE THE GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER VIEWS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE COMPENDIUM. WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE AUTHORS, THESE WILL BE PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED.

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YAXLEY TELLS SWEDES OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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SWEDISH BUSINESSMEN WERE TOLD OF ASIA'S DYNAMIC ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE OPPORTUNITIES HONG KONG OFFERED TO INVESTORS WHEN THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR JOHN YAXLEY, ADDRESSED BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS AND BANKERS IN STOCKHOLM TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN ASIA-PACIFIC SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR YAXLEY SAID THERE WAS MUCH ROOM FOR FURTHERING BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN SWEDEN AND HONG KONG.

SWEDISH-HONG KONG TRADE DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF LAST YEAR INCREASED 25% COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1991.

BETWEEN 1981 AND 1991, IMPORTS FROM SWEDEN INTO HONG KONG, MAINLY MECHANICAL GOODS, INCREASED AT AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 15%, WHILE APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES MADE UP 72% OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SWEDEN IN 1991.

MR YAXLEY SAID HONG KONG HAD A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN THE OPENING UP OF CHINA, WHOSE ECONOMY WAS GROWING DRAMATICALLY; HONG KONG IS THE WORLD'S GATEWAY TO CHINA.

"IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992, CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT GREW BY 18% AND GDP BY 11%. THE COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR GUANGDONG WERE MUCH HIGHER AT 27% AND 13% RESPECTIVELY . . . THE CHINESE ECONOMY IS EXPECTED TO GROW BY 8% TO 9% ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT DECADE," HE ADDED.

IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA INCREASED ON AVERAGE 30% A YEAR. IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1992 THAT TRADE WAS VALUED AT HK\$285 BILLION.

STRATEGICALLY SITUATED WITHIN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION WHOSE ECONOMY GREW AT 6% LAST YEAR, HONG KONG IS WELL PLACED TO BENEFIT FROM THE MOST RAPIDLY INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, HE SAID.

"AS A RECENT OECD (ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT) REPORT PUTS IT, THE FOCUS OF WORLD ECONOMIC POWER WILL SHIFT INEXORABLY AWAY FROM WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TOWARDS THE FAR EAST OVER THE NEXT HALF CENTURY. AT THE MOMENT THE REGION ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF WORLD OUTPUT. BY 2010 IT WILL BE ONE THIRD AND ON ONE OECD PROJECTION WILL BE HALF BY 2040."

IT IS AGAINST THIS PROMISING ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF EAST ASIA AND CHINA THAT HONG KONG LAUNCHED A MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT - THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIRPORT, SAID MR YAXLEY.

"WE HAVE ALREADY LET CONTRACTS VALUED AT OVER \$30 BILLION OR ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE PROJECT."

ON HONG KONG'S POLITICAL FUTURE, THE COMMISSIONER POINTED TO THE ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE TERRITORY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BASIC LAW WHICH GUARANTEES HONG KONG'S CURRENT WAY OF LIFE FOR 50 YEARS AFTER 1997.

DURING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT, MR YAXLEY MET MRS BRITTA KINNE MARK LANDER AT THE SWEDISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SHE IS THE FORMER CONSUL OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWEDEN IN HONG KONG); AND ATTENDED THE SWEDEN-HONG KONG SOCIETY CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER.

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CRIMES (TORTURE) ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT

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THE CRIMES (TORTURE) ORDINANCE, WHICH GIVES EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, IS GAZETTED AND COMES INTO FORCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RELEVANT BILL RECEIVED ITS THIRD READING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 19 LAST YEAR BUT ITS ENACTMENT HAS BEEN DEFERRED PENDING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION TO HONG KONG.

"THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL ON DECEMBER 8 LAST YEAR THAT THE CONVENTION SHALL BE EXTENDED TO HONG KONG AND BERMUDA.

"THE CONVENTION ENTERED INTO FORCE FOR THESE TERRITORIES ON JANUARY 7, 1993," HE SAID.

"UNDER THE CRIMES (TORTURE) ORDINANCE, IF ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PERSON ACTING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY INTENTIONALLY INFLECTS SEVERE PAIN OR SUFFERING ON ANOTHER, WHETHER PHYSICAL OR MENTAL, IN THE PERFORMANCE OR PURPORTED PERFORMANCE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES, HE COMMITS THE OFFENCE OF TORTURE."

"OTHER PERSONS WHO COMMIT ACTS OF TORTURE AT THE INSTIGATION OF OR WITH THE CONSENT OR ACQUIESCENCE OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PERSON ACTING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY WILL ALSO BE CAUGHT UNDER THE LEGISLATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT FOR THE OFFENCE OF TORTURE IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

"TO ENSURE THAT PAIN AND SUFFERING INFLECTED BY THE USE OF REASONABLE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER WOULD NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS TORTURE, THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS 'LAWFUL AUTHORITY, JUSTIFICATION, OR EXCUSE' TO BE CITED AS A DEFENCE AGAINST THE CHARGE OF TORTURE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES," HE SAID.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES LEGAL CHANNELS FOR THE EXTRADITION OF TORTURERS AND SUSPECTED TORTURERS.

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AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993

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A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE REFERENCES TO "THE GOVERNOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL" IN THE AUDIT ORDINANCE, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, THE REFERENCE TO "GOVERNOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL" WILL BE AMENDED TO "THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL".

SUCH REFERENCES APPEAR IN THE AUDIT ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S EXAMINATION AND SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS.

"AS THE GOVERNOR WILL NO LONGER BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, IT IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THESE REFERENCES. THE PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHIES CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE REMAIN UNCHANGED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT WOULD BE MADE TO THE EMPLOYEES RETRAINING ORDINANCE WHERE THE REFERENCE TO THE "GOVERNOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL" APPEARS IN A SIMILAR CONTEXT.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 10.

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ANTI-PROBE DEVICE HALTS TAMPERING WITH PARKING METERS

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TAMPERING WITH PARKING METERS BY PROBING IS NOT POSSIBLE ANY MORE, THANKS TO AN ANTI-PROBE DEVICE DESIGNED BY A TRANSPORT CONTROLLER II OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

RECALLING THE DESIGN PROCESS, MR CHAN BING-MAN, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE METER MAINTENANCE DEPOT OF HONG KONG PARKING SECTION, SAID THE HIGH DAMAGE RECORD OF PARKING METERS WAS THE FACTOR THAT PROMPTED HIM TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER IN GREAT DEPTH.

AFTER CHECKING THESE METERS, HE FOUND THAT THEY HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH AS THE TIMER HAD ACTIVATED BUT NO REVENUE HAD BEEN COLLECTED.

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, PEOPLE CAN TURN THE TIMER BY INSERTING A COIN INTO THE METER, WHICH IS BASICALLY MADE UP OF A COIN BOX AND A WINDING RING FOR THE TIMER.

HOWEVER, SOME UNRULY ELEMENTS MAY INSERT A SAW PLATE OR OTHER POINTED OBJECTS THROUGH THE COIN SLOT TO TURN THE TIMER.

THIS WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE METER AND INCREASE THE WORKLOAD OF THE MAINTENANCE TEAM BUT ALSO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN SAID HE THEN EXPERIMENTED WAYS AND MEANS TO PREVENT SUCH FROM HAPPENING.

AFTER TRIAL AND ERROR IN THE WORKSHOP, HE FOUND THAT BY FITTING IN AN ANTI-PROBE RING AND A SPECIALLY DESIGNED METAL SHIELD, WHICH COULD COVER THE TIMER COMPLETELY AND ALLOW NO ROOM FOR PENETRATING BY OTHER OBJECTS INCLUDING SAW PLATES AND THE LIKE, PROBING COULD BE PREVENTED.

THE DEVICE HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD FOR TESTING BY ENGINEERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HAD PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING TAMPERING TO THE TIMER AND THE METER.

ALL THE 13,000 ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE TERRITORY HAVE NOW BEEN INSTALLED WITH THE ANTI-PROBE DEVICES.

COMMENTING ON MR CHAN'S INVENTION, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ERNEST LEE, SAID HIS INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS WAS WORTH COMMENDATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

"THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED HIS DESIGN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH FOR THE STAFF SUGGESTIONS SCHEME AWARD, AND WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BRANCH," HE SAID.

MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ANTI-PROBE DEVICE SINCE 1991, THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL ON-STREET PARKING METERS HAD BEEN ENHANCED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ON PARKING METERS IN 1991 HAD DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY TO 99,000 FROM 142,000 IN 1990.

"ANYBODY WHO INTERFERES PARKING APPARATUS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 PLUS THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING) REGULATIONS," MR LEE SAID.

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WORKS TO EASE YUEN LONG FLOODING APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN AUTHORISATION TO CARRY OUT DRAINAGE CHANNEL WORKS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 98 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT INNER DEEP BAY AND SHAN PUI RIVER.

THE WORKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NAVIGATION CHANNEL, FLOODWAY AND CONCRETE NULLAH UNDER THE PROJECT OF MAIN DRAINAGE CHANNELS FOR YUEN LONG AND KAM TIN TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING IN THE AREA.

WORKS WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FOUR YEARS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20 NEXT YEAR.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE ON SALE AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE.

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AIDS INFORMATION KIT IN THE MAKING

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THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS (CEPAIDS) WILL COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION KIT ON AIDS FOR THE REFERENCE OF DECISION-MAKERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

CEPAIDS MEMBER AND PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP CONVENOR, MS TSUI WAI-LING, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID: "THE INFORMATION KIT WILL BE COMPILED WITH THE AIM TO FACILITATE LOCAL TOP POLICY AND DECISION-MAKERS TO HAVE A BETTER GRASP OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF AIDS AND ITS IMPACTS ON THE TERRITORY."

"CEPAIDS HAS IN PRINCIPLE DECIDED TO INITIATE A SERIES OF PROGRAMS TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DECISION-MAKERS, BOTH IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CHALLENGE OF AIDS."

"THE INFORMATION KIT IS ONLY THE FIRST PART OF CEPAIDS' PROGRAMS," SHE SAID.

MS TSUI ADDED: "WE HAVE WRITTEN TO INVITE AN INTERNATIONAL RENOWNED EXPERT ON AIDS TO HOLD A SERIES OF TALKS AND BRIEFINGS ON THE MEDICAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF AIDS."

"I BELIEVE THE EXPERIENCE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE IN DEALING WITH AIDS-RELATED PROBLEMS IS OF INVALUABLE REFERENCE TO US," SHE STRESSED.

ON THE PUBLICITY STRATEGY OF CEPAIDS, MS TSUI SAID ITS PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO THE PUBLIC BY PARTICIPATING IN CARNIVALS AND EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN A BID TO TACKLE THE COMPLACENCY ATTITUDE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOWARDS THE DISEASE.

SHE SAID THE STALL SET UP AT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK WAS AN ATTEMPT TO FOSTER A MORE CARING PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS AIDS-INFECTED PERSONS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON.

RED PACKETS AND SPRING SCROLLS WHICH CARRIED NEW YEAR BLESSING MESSAGES WITH EMPHASIS ON HEALTH HAD BEEN PRODUCED AS SOUVENIRS FOR FAIR-GOERS.

/MS TSUI

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MS TSUI SAID CEPAIDS WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE AT THE HEALTH EDUCATION CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 21.

"IN ORDER TO BETTER INFORM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AIDS PREVENTION ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, CEPAIDS WILL LIAISE WITH VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND COMPILE AND RELEASE A MASTER DIARY OF EVENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS," SHE SAID.

MS TSUI HOPED THAT THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE MASTER DIARY COULD BE RELEASED IN MAY.

ORGANISATIONS THAT PLAN TO HOLD AIDS PREVENTION RELATED ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT CEPAIDS' PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP ON 842 8842 TO SUPPLY INFORMATION FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE MASTER DIARY.

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SEVEN MORE HIV INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED

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A TOTAL OF SEVEN PERSONS, SIX MEN AND ONE WOMAN, WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (DECEMBER), BRINGING THE NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 337.

SPEAKING AT A MONTHLY MEDIA SESSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME), DR S S LEE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT ONE HIV INFECTED PERSON HAD ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED AS AIDS PATIENT DURING THE MONTH.

THIS BRINGS TO 73 CONFIRMED AIDS CASES WITH 47 DEATHS. THE 26 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 337 HIV INFECTED, 61 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 236 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, SEVEN WERE INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS, AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 30, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 257,433 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, 1,185,054 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 26 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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愛滋病病毒抗體檢驗

AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
 病毒組 衛生署
 Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Nov 92		Dec 92		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve tested*	No. tested*	No. +ve tested*	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及公立醫院轉介 Referrals from Public hospitals and clinics	32979	140#	478	2	33457	142
經由私家醫生轉介 Referrals from private practitioners	1963	71	10	2	1973	73
前往社區衛生科診所求診人次 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	210321	56	2146	2	212467	58
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	638	61	8	0	646	61
使用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug users	7124	1	64	0	7188	1
經由家庭計劃指導員轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	244	0	0	0	244	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	1392	0	66	0	1458	0
總數 TOTAL	254661	329	2772	6	257433	335

此乃驗血樣本數字, 並非人數, 因為某些人士的檢驗是重複的。

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

Adjustment because of previous double entry.

此數字與過網整 (刪除以前重複的登記)

	Aug 85-Nov 92		Dec 92		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve tested	No. tested	No. +ve tested	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	1170570	26	14484	0	1185054	26

Department of Health
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FISHERMEN HONOURED FOR BRAVERY

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THREE LOCAL FISHERMEN WHO HAD RESCUED LIVES IN TWO SEPARATE SEA ACCIDENTS LATE LAST YEAR WERE HONOURED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

TWO OF THEM, MR CHAN LIN-YAU (53) AND MR MA TAM-KWAI (55), RISKED THEIR LIVES TO RESCUE FOUR PEOPLE ON BOARD A FISHING BOAT IN DISTRESS ON NOVEMBER 27 LAST YEAR.

AT 7 AM THAT DAY, THE TWO SPOTTED A SINKING FISHING BOAT OFF PO TOI O, SAI KUNG. THEY INSTANTLY DASHED OFF FROM THE SHORE IN TWO MOTORISED SAMPANS TO HELP.

THEY MANAGED TO RESCUE FOUR PEOPLE WITHIN 10 MINUTES FROM THEIR JUNK BEFORE IT SANK.

AROUND 6.30 AM ONE DAY EARLIER, ANOTHER FISHERMAN, 49-YEAR-OLD MR LEUNG SHU-HUNG, WHEN RETURNING TO HONG KONG TO UNLOAD HIS CATCH AFTER FISHING AT THE LADRONE ISLANDS, SAW FIVE MEN ABOARD A STRANDED SAMPAN NEAR MAN MEI CHAU IN CHINESE WATERS.

HE HELPED THEM BOARD HIS SHRIMP TRAWLER.

HE ALSO PICKED UP NINE OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO HAD EARLIER SWAM TO A NEARBY ISLAND.

AT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S (FMO) ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY, DR LEE PRESENTED THESE FISHERMEN WITH SILVER SHIELDS AND COMMENDED THEM FOR THEIR BRAVERY ACTS.

REVIEWING THE WORK OF FMO IN 1992, DR LEE SAID IT HAD CONTINUED ITS CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN LOCATING NEW FISHING GROUNDS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

SUCCESSFUL CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH THE VIETNAM AND PHILIPPINES AUTHORITIES TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON LICENSED FISHING IN THEIR WATERS.

THE FMO ALSO ORGANISED A DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE AND NORTHEAST AUSTRALIA IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR TO STUDY THESE COUNTRIES' MODERN FISHING, PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SYSTEMS.

IN 1992, FMO SIMPLIFIED THE SALE PROCEDURES AT ITS MARKETS SO AS TO UPGRADE ITS WHOLESALING SERVICES AND ENLARGE THE SALES NETWORK, HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID THE ORGANISATION MAINTAINED ITS CO-OPERATION WITH THE POLICE TO STAMP OUT ILLEGAL FISH-WHOLESALING ACTIVITIES. 58 PROSECUTIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT AGAINST THE OFFENDERS IN 1992.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FMO ALSO EXTENDED \$14 MILLION LOANS TO FISHERMEN LAST YEAR TO HELP THEM ENHANCE THEIR EFFICIENCY AND OTHER FACILITIES.

RELEVANT TRAINING COURSES WERE ALSO CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR TO UPGRADE THEIR TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE.

THE FMO'S MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND ALSO HELPED 48 SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE FORM OF GRANTS AND BURSARIES, AMOUNTING TO \$391,000, LAST YEAR, DR LEE ADDED.

DR LEE ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO SIX GRADUATES OF THE FIFTH SEA-FISHING ENGINEER ENDORSEMENT COURSE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, MRS LEE PRESENTED PRIZES TO 22 FISHERMEN WHO WERE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS OF FISH CATCH FROM THEIR FISHING PORTS LAST YEAR.

SIX OF THEM WERE OVERALL CHAMPIONS OF FISH CATCH BY FISHING METHODS.

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SUBMARINE CABLE AT SHAM WAN PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LICENCE TO THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO LTD TO LAY A SUBMARINE CABLE MEASURING ABOUT 550 METRES LONG AT SHAM WAN/ABERDEEN CHANNEL FOR SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY TO TWO FLOATING RESTAURANTS.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START AFTER AUTHORISATION IS GIVEN AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 20.

THE OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN NO. MH 4702, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- * THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE BOUGHT ON ORDER);
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI;

/* THE PUBLIC

- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MBI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN.

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SEA TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL IMPLEMENT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR TO FACILITATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24).

THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (CENTRAL REGION) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR LO KWOK-TAI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY THIS YEAR WOULD BE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S WHICH WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL."

"OWNERS, MASTERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS ARE REMINDED TO OBSERVE THE BASIC GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY."

MR LO SAID: "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF MARINE SAFETY IS SPEED AND WE, THEREFORE, ADVISE THAT ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR SHOULD PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED WHICH SHOULD NOT GENERALLY EXCEED FIVE KNOTS BETWEEN 7.45 PM AND 9 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24)."

"THE SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE HARBOUR IS PARAMOUNT. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ALLOW A SITUATION IN WHICH THEY CAN FULLY ENJOY THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY."

"WE MUST CREATE AN ACCEPTABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED FOR MARINE SAFETY, AND THE NEED FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE EVENT," HE STRESSED.

MR LO APPEALED TO THE MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS USING THE HARBOUR TO OBSERVE THE RULES, TAKE ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER BOAT USERS.

"ALTHOUGH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS MEANT FOR ALL TO ENJOY, THEY MUST AT THE SAME TIME PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AND NOT TO OVERLOAD THEIR BOATS."

"THE MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SPECIAL PATROLS IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA TO ASSIST MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS DURING THE EVENING ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24)."

MR LO SAID THEY SHOULD COMPLY AT ALL TIMES WITH ANY ADVICE FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE PATROL LAUNCHES.

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HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BETWEEN 7.45 PM AND 8.45 PM ON THAT DAY, ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES USING THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WOULD BE SUSPENDED.

DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 24 HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED IN A MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND SENT TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 24) ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 9 PM ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN GREEN ISLAND AND LEI YUE MUN SHALL PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED WHICH SHOULD NOT GENERALLY EXCEED FIVE KNOTS. EVERY VESSEL SHALL AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOK-OUT.
- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 8.45 PM ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES USING THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * A CLOSED AREA ENCOMPASSING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY BARGES IN CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 2 PM AND 9 PM. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MARINE TRAFFIC EXCEPT MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PATROL LAUNCHES, CRAFT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND OTHER VESSELS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.
- * MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL VESSELS, PARTICULARLY VESSELS WITH NO DECKING, ARE RECOMMENDED NOT TO PROCEED INTO OR REMAIN IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM. IN AREAS OF HIGH TRAFFIC DENSITY SUCH VESSELS ARE VULNERABLE TO THE WASH FROM LARGER VESSELS AND ARE OFTEN NOT EASILY DETECTED FROM LARGER AND HIGHER FREEBOARD VESSELS.
- * PUBLIC PIERS AND LANDING STEPS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON WILL BE CLOSED TO NORMAL MARINE TRAFFIC STARTING FROM 6 PM TO 8.30 PM TO HELP IN LANDWARD CROWD CONTROL MEASURES.
- * EXCURSION FERRIES PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR VIEWING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE POSITIONED IN THE AREA WELL TO THE EAST OF THE CLOSED AREA.
- * A TEMPORARY UNLIT MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID ABOUT HALF A NAUTICAL MILE EAST NORTHEAST OF HMS TAMAR TO FACILITATE THE MOORING OF BARGES FROM WHICH THE FIREWORKS WILL BE DISCHARGED. THE MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS TOMORROW (JANUARY 22), VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THIS AREA MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

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MEANWHILE, AS A RESULT OF THE COLLISION INVOLVING A FERRY "MAN LOY" AND A PLEASURE CRAFT "LONG BOAT" IN VICTORIA HARBOUR ON FEBRUARY 18, 1991, A WORKING GROUP KNOWN AS THE MARINE CONTROL WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF VESSELS DURING FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS AND ANY OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF PLEASURE VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.

A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP IN EARLY DECEMBER LAST YEAR FOR MARINE TRAFFIC CONTROL BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON THURSDAY
(JANUARY 21) UP TO 4.30 PM

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1. STUDYING FURTHER WITNESS STATEMENTS SUPPLIED BY THE POLICE;
2. STUDYING FILES ON:
 - * PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE/NEW YEAR'S DAY;
 - * PREMISES IN LAN KWAI FONG;
3. CONTINUING TO STUDY THE POLICE'S REPORT ON THE INCIDENT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE; AND
4. MAKING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER PUBLIC HEARING.

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,800
REVERSAL OF LAF	-300
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 114.4 *+0.1* 21.1.1993

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.16 PCT	13 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.16	4.42
1 MONTH	3.15 PCT	16 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.15	4.63
3 MONTHS	3.29 PCT	19 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.24	4.94
6 MONTHS	3.62 PCT	22 MONTHS	2411	4.625	99.26	5.12
12 MONTHS	4.23 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 11,476 MN

CLOSED 21 JANUARY 1993

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