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THREE CSD OFFICERS TO BE PROSECUTED FOR ASSAULTING VIETNAMESE

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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, MR. PETER NGUYEN, HAS DECIDED TO PROSECUTE THREE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) OFFICERS FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE COUNTS OF ASSAULT DURING AN OPERATION TO TRANSFER VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE FROM WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE TO HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE ON APRIL 7 THIS YEAR.

TWO OF THE OFFICERS WILL BE CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM. ONE OF THOSE OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH A FURTHER COUNT OF COMMON ASSAULT. A THIRD OFFICER WILL BE CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF COMMON ASSAULT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT MR. NGUYEN'S DECISION WAS MADE AFTER A CAREFUL AND THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF THE MATERIAL PROVIDED BY THE INVESTIGATING POLICE TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

"THEY INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE POLICE REPORT ON THE INCIDENT; ALL WITNESS STATEMENTS; THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE AND THE EVIDENCE OF A CONSULTANT FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST RELATING TO IT; AND THE CONTENTS OF 19 VIDEOTAPES RECORDED BY POLICE AND CSD OFFICERS DURING THE INCIDENT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AFTER A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THIS EVIDENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT RELIABLE AND ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO AFFORD A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF A CONVICTION IN RESPECT OF THE CHARGES REFERRED TO.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT OF THE 99 DETAINEES WHO MADE ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT, 68 INDICATED THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR ALLEGED ASSAILANTS, THEREBY LEAVING 31 COMPLAINANTS' CASES TO BE INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE.

OF THESE 31 CASES, IT WAS CONCLUDED IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT RELIABLE EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY A PROSECUTION.

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NEW TELECOMS BILL BEING DRAFTED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW DRAFTING A NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN NEW TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND THE EMERGENCE OF NEW SERVICES, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ELIZABETH BOSHER, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING ON "TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM IN HONG KONG" AT THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH CONFERENCE, MRS BOSHER SAID THE NEW BILL, IN ONE SINGLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, WAS AIMED AT REPLACING THE EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE AND THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE.

THE CONTROL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN HONG KONG IS AT PRESENT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 1963.

THE SUPPLY AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC LOCAL TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS IS REGULATED UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1951.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATION HAVE BEEN MADE FROM TIME TO TIME TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, THE AVAILABILITY OF AN INCREASING RANGE OF NEW PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND THE EMERGENCE OF NEW REGULATORY CONCEPTS.

EVEN SO THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO RATIONALISE AND, WHERE NECESSARY, REVAMP THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES AND FUTURE REGULATORY NEEDS, MRS BOSHER SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE WILL EXPIRE IN 1995 AND WILL BE REPLACED WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENCE TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE.

"AS A RESULT, THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE WILL NEED TO BE REPEALED AND THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO REPLACE THE TWO ORDINANCES WITH A SINGLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION."

MRS BOSHER SAID A NEW FEATURE IN THE NEW BILL WOULD BE A RANGE OF PROVISIONS TO PROHIBIT ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ENGAGED BY PROVIDERS OF PUBLIC TELECOM SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FIXED NETWORK OPERATORS WHEN LOCAL NETWORK SERVICES ARE OPEN TO COMPETITION NEXT YEAR.

"TO CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHICH WILL ENABLE THE NEW ENTRANTS TO CHALLENGE AND COMPETE FAIRLY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH THE DOMINANT OPERATOR, A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS COVERING THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO ABUSE BY THE DOMINANT OPERATOR WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ORDINANCE SUCH AS INTERCONNECTION ARRANGEMENTS, PRICING AND NUMBERING."

MRS BOSHER SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE IN THE NEW BILL WAS RELATED TO THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMER INTEREST.

THE NEW BILL WILL REQUIRE THAT THE TARIFFS OF ANY OPERATOR IN A DOMINANT POSITION TO SUPPLY THAT SERVICE BE SUBJECT TO TARIFF CONTROL BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY.

"SUCH CONTROL IS NECESSARY TO DISCOURAGE AND PROHIBIT THE DOMINANT SUPPLIER FROM ABUSING ITS MARKET POSITION AND OVERCHARGING CUSTOMERS.

"THERE WILL ALSO BE A NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISION IN THE NEW BILL PROHIBITING A DOMINANT OPERATOR FROM DISCRIMINATING IN FAVOUR OR AGAINST ANY OF ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE SUPPLY OF SERVICES."

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ORDINANCE, MRS BOSHER SAID THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH WAS NOW WORKING ON THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE BILL. THE INDUSTRY WILL BE CONSULTED AROUND THE TURN OF THE YEAR.

"OUR AIM IS TO PUT FORWARD THE BILL TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1995.

"WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ENACT THE NEW ORDINANCE BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR THE LAUNCH OF LOCAL FIXED NETWORK SERVICES COMPETITION IN JULY 1995 AND A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY," SHE SAID.

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#### TIGHTER CONTROL ON HAND-DUG CAISSON

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE BETTER SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION TO CAISSON WORKERS ENGAGED IN GROUND INVESTIGATION AND SEWAGE TUNNELLING WORK WILL BE GAZETTED ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1994 SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO REFUSE PROPOSALS FOR HAND-DUG CAISSONS DEEPER THAN THREE METRES EXCEPT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OTHER ALTERNATIVE ENGINEERING METHODS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IN THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT A HAND-DUG CAISSON WAS ALLOWED, THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE WORKERS WOULD BE PROTECTED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LEGISLATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEED TO STEP UP CONTROL WAS BECAUSE ACCIDENT RATE OF HAND-DUG CAISSON OPERATIONS WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE ACCIDENT RATE OF ALL INDUSTRIES, AND THERE WERE INHERENT HAZARDS IN THE WET AND CONFINED WORKING ENVIRONMENT OF HAND-DUG CAISSONS.

ACCORDING TO MEDICAL OPINION, CAISSON WORKERS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO PNEUMOCONIOSIS BECAUSE THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PROVIDING FULL PROTECTION AGAINST DUST INHALATION IN A CAISSON SHAFT.

WORKERS MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEARING IMPAIRMENT CAUSED BY NOISE INSIDE A CAISSON SHAFT.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 12.

THE BUILDING INDUSTRY WILL BE GIVEN A 12-MONTH GRACE PERIOD BEFORE THE LEGISLATION IS ENFORCED UPON ITS PASSAGE.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO REQUIRE PLANS FOR GROUND INVESTIGATION WORKS IN THE VICINITY OF SEWAGE TUNNELS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL BEFORE WORKS CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT SUCH WORKS ARE UNDER CONTROL AND WILL PREVENT THE UNDERGROUND SEWAGE TUNNELS FROM BEING DAMAGED.

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OCR READERS INSTALLED AT FIVE IMMIGRATION POINTS

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THE FIRST LOT OF OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (OCR) READERS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO USE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AT FIVE MAJOR IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS ARE: LO WU TERMINAL, HUNG HOM STATION OFFICE, MACAU FERRY TERMINAL, CHINA FERRY TERMINAL AND THE AIRPORT. MORE READERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THESE CONTROL POINTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND COURTEOUS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN VERY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. AS ONE OF THE MEASURES TO ABSORB THE ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD, THE DEPARTMENT HAS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE ITS EXISTING COMPUTER SYSTEM.

"THROUGH THE USE OF OCR TECHNOLOGY AND FURTHER AUTOMATION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPROVE ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE."

AN OCR READER IS AN ELECTRONIC DATA-INPUT DEVICE FOR SPEEDING UP THE IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE PROCESS.

WITH THIS DEVICE, IMMIGRATION CONTROL OFFICERS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO RESORT TO KEYBOARD OPERATION TO ENTER THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS OF THE TRAVELLERS, THUS SHORTENING CLEARANCE TIME BY FOUR SECONDS FOR EACH TRAVELLER.

"THE USE OF OCR READERS AT FIVE MAJOR CONTROL POINTS IS A PRELUDE TO THE NEW CONTROL AUTOMATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER 1995," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AT PRESENT, THESE READERS ONLY FACILITATE THE CLEARANCE OF THOSE TRAVELLING ON THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD. BY NEXT SEPTEMBER, ALL PERSONS TRAVELLING ON A MACHINE-READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENT WILL HAVE ALSO BENEFITED."

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC TO KEEP THEIR IDENTITY CARDS CAREFULLY BECAUSE DEFACEMENT WOULD AFFECT THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA CAPTURED.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AN EDGE-TRIMMED IDENTITY CARD WAS CONSIDERED A DAMAGED CARD AND SHOULD BE REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"TO FACILITATE OUR INSPECTION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, "THOSE WHO PUT THEIR IDENTITY CARD IN A PLASTIC HOLDER SHOULD HAVE THE HOLDER REMOVED BEFORE PRESENTING THEIR CARD TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER."

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PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS REVISE FEES

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FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT FROM NOVEMBER 4 THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY THAT FEES SHOULD IN GENERAL BE SET AT LEVELS SUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FEES AND CHARGES, COLLECTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, WERE LAST REVISED IN SEPTEMBER 1993.

DETAILS OF THE NEW FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE THIS FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

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ENVIRONMENT HOTLINE SET UP TO HELP INDUSTRY

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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED TO SET UP AND OPERATE AN ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE, AND TO PRODUCE A POLLUTION CONTROL AND PREVENTION EQUIPMENT DIRECTORY.

SPEAKING AT A CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR DOMINIC LAW, SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS THE SECOND PROACTIVE PROJECT THE DEPARTMENT HAD EVER LAUNCHED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO INDUSTRY ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

THE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONED THE FIRST PROACTIVE PROJECT, A SERIES OF TECHNICAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME, EARLIER THIS MONTH.

"FOR MANUFACTURING FIRMS TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN COMPLIANCE AND TAKE REQUIRED ACTION, ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION IS NECESSARY.

"THE HOTLINE WILL ENABLE INFORMATION TO BE DISSEMINATED QUICKLY TO INDUSTRY. THE DIRECTORY WILL SERVE AS A HANDY REFERENCE TO MANUFACTURERS WHO WANT TO INSTALL POLLUTION CONTROL/PREVENTION EQUIPMENT," MR LAW SAID.

THE HOTLINE WILL BE A TELEPHONE ADVISORY SERVICE OVER WHICH INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, CONTROLS AND CHARGES; POLLUTION CONTROL AND PREVENTION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS; AND WHERE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE OBTAINED, WILL BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO CALL.

THE DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A LISTING OF FIRMS PROVIDING POLLUTION CONTROL/PREVENTION SERVICES OR MANUFACTURING OR SUPPLYING SUCH EQUIPMENT; TECHNICAL ADVICE ON HOW TO CHOOSE THE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS; AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPABILITY AND CURRENT PRICE OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS.

THE CENTRE IS SCHEDULED TO OPERATE THE HOTLINE ON OCTOBER 1.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED, MR CLINT P MARSHALL AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED, MR CRAIG R BRANTING. THE CENTRE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1991 BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

"I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE CENTRE HAS BEEN AWARDED THIS CONTRACT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CENTRE WORKING CLOSELY WITH BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT IN HELPING TO ADDRESS OUR MUTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN A PRACTICAL MANNER," MR BRANTING SAID.

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PUBLIC URGED TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON PENSION SCHEME

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME BEFORE THE CONSULTATION PERIOD EXPIRES AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION-LAYING CEREMONY OF THE WAN HO KAN CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE AGED, MISS CHOW SAID THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT OFFERING FINANCIAL SECURITY TO ALL ELIGIBLE CITIZENS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A FIXED AMOUNT OF MONEY EACH MONTH.

PEOPLE AGED 65 AND OVER WHO HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS CAN ENJOY THIS BENEFIT, SHE ADDED.

AS TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION, SHE POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD INJECT ALL EXISTING WELFARE BENEFITS FOR THE AGED TO THE SCHEME.

ELABORATING, SHE SAID IN MONEY TERMS THE BENEFITS AMOUNTED TO \$3.6 BILLION IN 1994 AND THIS WOULD REACH SOMETHING LIKE \$15.4 BILLION IN THE YEAR 2056.

"ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAUNCH THE PROPOSED SCHEME WITH A START-UP FUND OF \$10 BILLION," SHE ADDED.

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HKADC LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION INVITES APPLICATION

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE USED AS THE LOGO OF THE COUNCIL WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE COMPETITION WILL AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS COUNCIL AND ITS OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING THE ARTS IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION IS A TERRITORY-WIDE FUNCTION AND PARTICIPANTS MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE ARTWORK ON A3 SIZE WHITE CARDS, SUITABLE FOR USE ON LETTERHEADS, STATIONERY, HOARDING, NECK-TIES, BADGES, AND SO ON.

THERE SHOULD BE TWO VERSIONS OF DESIGN IN ALL ENTRIES, ONE IN BLACK-AND-WHITE AND THE OTHER IN COLOUR, MEASURING ABOUT 10 CM BY 10 CM EACH.

THE BLACK-AND-WHITE ENTRY SHOULD ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REDUCED VERSION OF 2 CM BY 2 CM AND PLACED AT THE RIGHT LOWER CORNER OF THE ENTRY.

THE ENTRY FORM SHOULD BE PLACED IN A SEALED WHITE ENVELOPE ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE A3 SIZE WHITE CARD.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNCIL AND THREE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF DESIGN.

RECEIPT OF ENTRIES WILL BEGIN FROM OCTOBER 1 UNTIL OCTOBER 31.

RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER.

THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE \$15,000 AND A CERTIFICATE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FIVE MERIT PRIZES EACH WITH \$3,000 AND A CERTIFICATE AS WELL.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG ARTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AT ROOM 4004, 40TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THEY CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP FROM THE VARIOUS URBAN COUNCIL OUTLETS AND OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE FRINGE CLUB. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 594 5699.

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SOUVENIR COVER TO COMMEMORATE PHILATELIA'94 EXHIBITION

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT TO COMMEMORATE HONG HONG POST OFFICE'S PARTICIPATION IN PHILATELIA'94 STAMP EXHIBITION, A SOUVENIR COVER WILL BE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 7.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN COLOGNE, GERMANY FROM OCTOBER 7 TO 9 THIS YEAR.

THE SOUVENIR COVER WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT \$1 EACH AT ALL POST OFFICES, EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE, AS FROM OCTOBER 1.

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ON OCTOBER 7, A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT ALL POST OFFICES, EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE, TO OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY-MADE COVERS BEARING AN INDICATION OF THE EVENT.

A SPECIAL POSTMARK AND A CACHET FOR GENERAL CANCELLATION PURPOSES WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED ON OCTOBER 7.

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN A SHOP IN HUNG HOM SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SHOP IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF 1-7 WU KWONG STREET AND BULKELEY STREET.

NOTICES APPLYING FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 10 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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WATER CUT IN POK FU LAM

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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN POK FU LAM WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTMEBR 30) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS LEAKAGE DETECTION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT 94-98 AND 119-125 POK FU LAM ROAD, SASSOON ROAD, KONG SIN WAN TSUEN, NORTHCOTE CLOSE AND MOUNT DAVIS ROAD.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----	TIME (HOURS) -----	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION) -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,188	0930	+3
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,888	1000	+3
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	NIL
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	NIL	1200	NIL
LAF TODAY	-300	1500	NIL
		1600	NIL
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER		TWI 121.5 *-0.2*	28.9.94

## HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

## EF BILLS

## EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.23	20 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.49	6.12
1 MONTH	4.27	23 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.79	6.36
3 MONTHS	4.39	31 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.50	6.91
6 MONTHS	4.77	34 MONTHS	3707	6.95	99.99	7.07
12 MONTHS	5.41	60 MONTHS	5909	7.45	99.31	7.76

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 14,418 MN

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