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HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993

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A BILL THAT PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RESTRICTION TO AND, WHERE NECESSARY, THE REDUCTION OF THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT USING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KAI TAK) ARE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF LIGHTING, THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AIDS TO AIR NAVIGATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

FOLLOWING THE DECISION TO BUILD THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK (CLK), A NEW SET OF BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED AND ENFORCED TO SAFEGUARD ITS FUTURE OPERATIONS.

THE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE HAS THEREFORE TO BE EXTENDED TO COVER CLK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID SINCE THE POWERS UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION VESTED IN THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ARE MAINLY TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL IN NATURE AND IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE WORKLOAD OF THE COUNCIL, IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER THESE POWERS TO THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS (SPEL).

THE SPEL, ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL BE EMPOWERED TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS FROM AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS (AHRs) AND MAY AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE OR ERECT, AND THEREAFTER TO MAINTAIN ANY MARKS, GUIDING LIGHTS AND AIRCRAFT BEACONS FOR AVIATION SAFETY PURPOSES.

WHERE THE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT SO REQUIRES, THE SPEL MAY ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, PRESCRIBE AREAS WITHIN WHICH NO BUILDINGS SHALL EXCEED THE HEIGHT SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO REVISE THE LEVEL OF PENALTIES FROM A FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS TO A FINE OF \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT EFFECT AGAINST BREACHES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

A PROVISION IMPOSING A DAILY DEFAULT FINE OF \$5,000 PER DAY FOR SOME OF THE MORE SERIOUS OFFENCES FOR CONTINUED NON-COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN ADDED.

THE ABOVE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 12 FOR ITS FIRST READING.

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LAYING OF SUBMARINE POWER CABLES AUTHORISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORISED THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED TO LAY SUBMARINE CABLES AT ABERDEEN HARBOUR TO MEET THE NEED FOR INCREASED CAPACITY FOR ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE CABLES WILL RUN FOR ABOUT 270 METRES AND BE BURIED UNDERNEATH THE SEABED OF THE HARBOUR WITHIN A TRENCH OF 21 METRES WIDE BY 1.7 METRES DEEP.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND AFFECT ABOUT 5,670 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

ANY PERSON WHOSE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE AREA WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE UNDERTAKING MAY SEND A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, SECOND FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 24 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY THAT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT PARTICULARS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

A COPY OF THE PLAN RELATING TO THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING AND A COPY OF THIS GAZETTE NOTICE CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, CENTRAL;
- * WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

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TWO FOREIGN BANKS GRANTED LICENCES

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT BERLINER HANDELS-UND FRANKFURTER BANK (BHF) AND THE CHUGOKU BANK, LTD (CHUGOKU) HAD BEEN GRANTED BANKING LICENCES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

BHF IS ONE OF THE 10 LARGEST PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BANKS IN GERMANY. IT HAS BEEN OPERATING A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1975.

CHUGOKU IS THE 33RD LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN AND RANKS 147TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CAPITAL.

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THE BANK HAS BEEN MAINTAINING A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN HONG KONG SINCE 1989.

THE NEW BRANCHES WILL ENABLE THE TWO BANKS TO OFFER A WIDER RANGE OF BANKING SERVICES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S CONTINUED IMPORTANCE AND ATTRACTIVENESS AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

"IN TOTAL, NINE NEW BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

"THE TWO NEW LICENCES INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG TO 172, OF WHICH 140 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR BATTERED WOMEN

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY WERE ABUSED BY THEIR SPOUSE COULD APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS FOR HELP.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO SHELTERS, SWD'S WAI ON HOME FOR WOMEN AND HARMONY HOUSE, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 80 PLACES, PROVIDING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR BATTERED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN.

BOTH SHELTERS ACCEPT SELF-APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS FROM THE POLICE, HOSPITAL STAFF AND SOCIAL WORKERS.

NEEDY PEOPLE COULD ALSO CALL THE TWO HOMES DIRECT (SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HOTLINE: 343 2255; HARMONY HOUSE HOTLINE: 522 0434).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID CASES KNOWN TO ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF THE HOSPITALS, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENTS CONCERNED, WILL BE REFERRED TO THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER FOR COUNSELLING AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

THE NUMBER OF BATTERED WOMEN ADMITTED TO THE TWO SHELTERS IN 1992/93 IS 264 WHICH REPRESENTS ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT, FROM 253 CASES, OVER THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR 1991/92.

FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BATTERED WOMEN ADMITTED IS 164 WHICH IS A 11 PER CENT DROP FROM 184 CASES IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1992/93.

THE TWO SHELTERS WERE NOT FULLY OCCUPIED AT ALL TIME IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE OF WAI ON HOME FOR WOMEN IS 31 WHILE THAT FOR HARMONY HOUSE IS 35.

"THE STATISTICS INDICATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF BATTERED SPOUSE IS UNDER CONTROL AND THE TWO SHELTERS STILL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SERVE MORE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM ARRANGING TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR NEEDY CASES (INCLUDING BATTERED MEN), THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES ALSO PROVIDE COUNSELLING, REFERRAL FOR CHILD CARE SERVICE, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION FOR CONDITIONAL TENANCY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE UNDER COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING CATEGORY TO APPROPRIATE CASES.

THE SWD WOULD NORMALLY TAKE THREE TO SIX WEEKS TO PROCESS THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL TENANCY DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

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PROPOSED ROADWORKS IN SHA TIN

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT ROADWORKS IN SHA TIN TAU, SHA TIN, TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED ROADWORKS FORM PART OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION SCHEME IN THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING AREA, FOOTPATHS, CARRIAGEWAY, STAIRS AND ANCILLARY WORKS.

SOME EXISTING FOOTPATHS MAY HAVE TO BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE WORKS. HOWEVER, PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WOULD BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR ROADS THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

"DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, NECESSARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

A NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND

* SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 22, NEXT YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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AGRICULTURAL CARNIVAL DRAWS CROWDS

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THE COLOURFUL "1993 AGRICULTURAL CARNIVAL" NOW UNDER WAY AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND HAS ATTRACTED LARGE CROWDS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF ITS OPENING.

AND MORE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AS MORE ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR CHRISTMAS.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MISS VERA SO, WHOSE DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE ORGANISERS, SAID MORE THAN 120,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE CARNIVAL SINCE ITS OFFICIAL OPENING LAST SATURDAY.

"IT IS A GOOD TIME FOR CITY PEOPLE TO BRING ALONG THEIR FAMILIES TO THE CARNIVAL TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE TERRITORY'S FARMING INDUSTRY, IN ADDITION TO SHARING THE FESTIVE FUN," MISS SO SAID.

FEEDBACKS FROM VISITORS REVEALED THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE FASCINATED ABOUT THE VISIT, SHOWING SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE VARIETY OF LIVE FARM ANIMALS AND POULTRY, AS WELL AS THE EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS THERE.

SHE SAID DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, A SERIES OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VISITORS.

APART FROM THE LARGE-SCALE DOG SHOW STAGED BY THE HONG KONG KENNEL CLUB ON DECEMBER 25 AND 26, TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS OF HORSE RIDING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO ADDITIONAL FIXTURES FOR THE POPULAR PIG RACES, MAKING A TOTAL OF FOUR RACES A DAY, ON DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 27.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE "INTEGRATED FARMING VILLAGE" WITH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF TECHNICAL DISPLAYS AND FARMING DEMONSTRATIONS, GIANT TOMATO ARCHWAYS, A MINI BEE REARING FARM, A GIANT PUMPKIN, A FLOWER BAZAAR AS WELL AS MORE THAN 70 STALLS SELLING OVERSEAS AND LOCAL FARM PRODUCE AND FOOD.

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THE MAJOR ATTRACTION IS THE FULLY AUTOMATED CHICKEN HOUSE IN "INTEGRATED FARMING VILLAGE" WHICH HAD BEEN NAMED BY MEDIA MEMBERS AS THE BEST TURN-OUT AND MANAGED BOOTH IN THE CARNIVAL. IT WAS DESIGNED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST RUNNER-UP OF THE BEST EXHIBIT COMPETITION IS THE PIG HOUSE, ANOTHER WORK BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH PROVIDES DEMONSTRATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY PIG-ON-LITTER METHOD OF PIG RAISING.

THE ORGANISERS THANKED THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR FAIR ADJUDICATION AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY LAST SATURDAY.

THE AGRICULTURAL CARNIVAL IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM AND IS EXTENDED TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ADMISSION IS \$10 PER PERSON. TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE VENUE NEAR THE KWAI FONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION. THE VENUE IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY MANY MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE EVENT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ITS PROMOTER, TREASURE MARK DEVELOPMENT LTD ON 367 5778.

OTHER ORGANISERS INCLUDE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE JOINT FEDERATION OF HONG KONG AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SOCIETIES.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,830
REVERSAL OF LAF	+170
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	4,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-2,317
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,683
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.8 *+0.0* 24.12.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.05 PCT	14 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.39	3.53
1 MONTH	3.19 PCT	17 MONTHS	2505	3.75	100.05	3.75
3 MONTHS	3.12 PCT	20 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.16	3.93
6 MONTHS	3.21 PCT	23 MONTHS	2511	4.15	100.12	4.12
12 MONTHS	3.46 PCT	34 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.12	4.58

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 2,747 MN

CLOSED 24 DECEMBER 1993

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