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APPEAL BOARD PROPOSED IN TOWN PLANNING BILL

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THAT THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 8, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT APPEAL BOARD WHICH SUBSTITUTES THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO APPEALS AGAINST THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S DECISION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 17(7) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

IT FOLLOWED THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON THE LAST TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 WHERE COMMENTS WERE MADE ON THE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AGAINST THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S DECISIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED: "THE BILL ALLOWS THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A PANEL OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE APPEAL BOARD.

"WHILE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PANEL IS NOT FIXED SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITY, AN ADEQUATE NUMBER WILL BE APPOINTED TO ENSURE THAT NO MEMBER WHO MAY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE APPEAL CASE WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE APPEAL BOARD HEARING THE CASE.

"ON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL, THE CHAIRMAN, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WILL NOMINATE AN APPEAL BOARD WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE PANEL, TO HEAR THE APPEAL.

"ON COMPLETION OF A HEARING, THE APPEAL BOARD WILL CONFIRM, REVERSE OR VARY THE DECISION APPEALED AGAINST AND MAY MAKE AN ORDER FOR COSTS INCURRED IN RELATION TO THE APPEAL."

THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL BOARD ON ANY APPEAL SHALL BE FINAL.

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VOTERS TO RECEIVE POLL CARDS FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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ELECTORS WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR POLL CARD IN THE COMING WEEK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MAY 5.

"A TOTAL OF 1.7 MILLION POLL CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT IN BATCHES BETWEEN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AND APRIL 18," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"EACH POLL CARD INDICATES WHERE AND WHEN A POLL TAKES PLACE AND IS DISPATCHED TO ONLY THOSE ELECTORS IN THE CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES."

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID ELECTORS IN THE CONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING IN THE COMING WEEK A GUIDE ON VOTING TOGETHER WITH AN INTRODUCTORY LEAFLET ON THE CANDIDATES.

ELECTORS IN THE UNCONTESTED CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE ISSUED WITH AN INTRODUCTORY LEAFLET ON THE CANDIDATES ONLY.

ELECTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARD TO THE POLL. "ALTHOUGH THE PRODUCTION OF THE POLL CARD IS NOT MANDATORY, IT CERTAINLY HELPS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FOR ENQUIRIES, ELECTORS MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL. 827 1122 WELL BEFORE POLLING DAY," HE SAID.

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CUSTOMS SEIZURES, ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES CONCERNING
DUTY-NOT-PAID CIGARETTES

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT SINCE MARCH 6, 120 ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES HAD RESULTED FROM PEOPLE BRINGING INTO HONG KONG FROM CHINA CIGARETTES ON WHICH DUTY HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID 89 OF THE CASES OCCURRED AT CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS AND INVOLVED PASSENGERS AND DRIVERS RETURNING FROM CHINA WHO HAD CONCEALED CIGARETTES IN THEIR CLOTHINGS AND BAGGAGES, OR INSIDE THEIR VEHICLES.

THE OTHER CASES RESULTED FROM CUSTOMS OPERATIONS AT VARIOUS BLACK SPOTS ON LAND, SUCH AS STORES, MOBILE HAWKERS AND RESTAURANTS, AND ON BOARD VESSELS.

IN ADDITION, CUSTOMS OFFICERS ALSO INSPECTED 157 STORES AND EIGHT PREMISES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF 370,000 CIGARETTES WERE SEIZED, WITH A DUTY POTENTIAL OF OVER \$260,000.

HE STRESSED THAT PEOPLE FOUND TO POSSESS CIGARETTES ON WHICH DUTY HAD NOT BEEN PAID WITH THE INTENT TO AVOID PAYING DUTY WOULD BE LIABLE TO ARREST AND PROSECUTION.

"THE POSSESSION OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES IS AN OFFENCE CARRYING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$100,000 IN FINE AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM CHINA THAT THE DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCE WAS 100 CIGARETTES WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT IN FOR THEIR OWN USE ONLY.

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"ANY PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF MORE THAN THE ALLOWED QUANTITY COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE," HE SAID.

NOTICES STATING THE CONCESSION RIGHTS OF TRAVELLERS, ARTICLES REQUIRED TO BE DECLARED TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS, AND ARTICLES REQUIRING IMPORT LICENCES ARE DISPLAYED AT THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS OF ALL CUSTOMS CONTROL POINTS.

A LEAFLET, "ADVICE TO TRAVELLERS - PROHIBITED ITEMS", WHICH INFORMS INCOMING PASSENGERS WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT BRING INTO HONG KONG, IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CONTROL POINTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO TELEPHONE THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ON 852 3185 FOR INFORMATION.

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JAPANESE DELEGATION VISITS SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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A SEVEN-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM JAPAN VISITED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

MEETING THE VISITORS, A CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MRS AMELIA TO, OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT MADE IN LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

THE DELEGATION INCLUDED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CITIZEN'S AFFAIRS BUREAU, FUKUOKA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, MR SEIICHIRO NABETA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S YOUTH GUIDANCE AND PLANNING DIVISION.

THEY ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH SWD OFFICIALS ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES.

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GOVT LAND FOR LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN TAT CHEE ROAD, YAU YAT TSUEN IN KOWLOON.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 4,950 SQUARE METRES, IS EITHER FOR THE STORAGE OF UNLICENSED NEW VEHICLES OR FOR OPEN STORAGE AND/OR PARKING OF THE TENANT'S BUSES, COACHES AND MINIBUSES BUT EXCLUDING PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES.

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THE TENANCY IS FOR THREE MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 26.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS IN YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT PARKING METERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN MAN WUI STREET, BETWEEN MAN SING STREET AND FERRY STREET, IN YAU MA TEI.

THESE METERS WILL COMMENCE OPERATION FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 12).

THE METERED PARKING SPACES THERE ARE TWO-HOUR ONES FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES, MOTORCYCLES AND PEDAL CYCLES.

THE PARKING METERS WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY, EXCEPT ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE CHARGE IS \$2 FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES.

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CYC MEMBERS JOIN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

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THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HAZARDS OF SMOKING.

AN INAUGURAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY). OFFICIATING WILL BE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS RITA FAN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, DR RONALD LEUNG; INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MR DAVID YAU; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR WONG SIK-WAH.

THE CYC PROGRAMME, TO BE HELD BETWEEN THIS MONTH AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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IT WILL INCLUDE PAINTING AND POSTER DESIGN COMPETITIONS, A SINGING CONTEST, VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, DRAMA, SEMINARS AND A CARNIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CYC ANTI-SMOKING PROGRAMME INAUGURAL CEREMONY AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN BALLROOM EAST, NIKKO HOTEL INTERNATIONAL, 72 MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	9.4.91	480
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	10.4.91	+225
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-225
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.0 *-0.7* 10.4.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION
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Q115	10.7.91	400 +80
Q103	17.4.91	688 -208
Q104	24.4.91	645 -165
Q105	1.5.91	650 -170
Q106	8.5.91	483.5 -3.5
Q107	15.5.91	581 -101
Q108	22.5.91	490 -10
Q109	29.5.91	430 +50
Q110	5.6.91	350 +130
Q111	12.6.91	530 -50
Q112	19.6.91	540 -60
Q113	26.6.91	550 -70
Q114	3.7.91	470 +10

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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H001	1.5.91	181	+79
H002	15.5.91	240	+20
H003	29.5.91	240	+20
H004	12.6.91	250	+10
H005	26.6.91	230	+30
H101	10.7.91	133	+127
H156	24.7.91	130	+130
H157	7.8.91	208	+52
H158	21.8.91	80	+180
H159	4.9.91	40	+220
H160	18.9.91	190	+70
H161	2.10.91	140	+120

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Y187	26.2.92	180	+80
Y188	25.3.92	200	+60

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 4.4.91 WAS 8,026 MN

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