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GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO MACAU

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON OF TILLYORN, WILL VISIT MACAU TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, GENERAL VASCO DE ROCHA VIEIRA.

THIS WILL BE LORD WILSON'S FAREWELL VISIT TO MACAU AS GOVERNOR.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN.

LORD WILSON WILL CALL ON THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU AND ATTEND A LUNCH HOSTED IN HIS HONOUR BY THE GOVERNOR AND SENHORA DE ROCHA VIEIRA.

THE GOVERNOR LAST VISITED MACAU IN JANUARY 1989.

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GOVT HELPS INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE LONG-TERM COMPETITIVENESS

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THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES A RANGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY'S EFFORTS TO MOVE UP THE TECHNOLOGY LADDER AS IT RECOGNISES THAT IT HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING INDUSTRY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, IN HIS ADDRESS TO AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHINESE EXECUTIVES CLUB OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

MR CHAU SAID THE TRANSITION TO AN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG STILL HAD A LONG WAY TO GO.

"IT REQUIRES NEW AND HIGHER-LEVEL SKILLS, WHICH ARE AT A PREMIUM IN HONG KONG'S TIGHT LABOUR MARKET. AND THE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES WHICH COMPRISE THE BULK OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES OFTEN FIND IT HARD TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN IMPROVING THEIR TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY," HE SAID.

RUNNING THROUGH SOME OF THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT PROGRAMMES, MR CHAU SAID: "WE PROVIDE LAND FOR TECHNOLOGY-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AT TAI PO AND YUEN LONG. A THIRD ESTATE IS BEING FORMED AT TSEUNG KWAN O TO MEET DEMAND ANTICIPATED THROUGH THE MID-1990S."

"SECOND, WE MAKE A SIZEABLE ANNUAL INVESTMENT IN MANPOWER TRAINING, THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND OTHER BODIES.

"A NEW TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING SCHEME HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO HELP RETRAIN MID-CAREER MANAGERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT," MR CHAU SAID.

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HE SAID SUPPORT WAS ALSO CHANNELLED THROUGH A NUMBER OF SPECIALIST AGENCIES, ADDING THAT SOME OF THESE AGENCIES WERE LONG ESTABLISHED.

"THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, WHICH PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION TO INDUSTRY, IS NOW IN ITS 25TH YEAR.

"OTHERS, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, ARE NEW VENTURES. THE CENTRE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1994 BUT IS ALREADY OFFERING SOME SERVICES, WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND SPECIALISED FACILITIES FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES.

"ALSO NEWLY ESTABLISHED IS AN APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, WHICH AIMS TO ENCOURAGE COMPANIES TO INVEST IN INNOVATION.

"UNDER THE SCHEME, GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE \$200 MILLION FOR INVESTMENT IN WORTHWHILE CORPORATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, INJECTING UP TO 50 PER CENT OF THE COST OF A GIVEN PROJECT," MR CHAU SAID.

THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITY IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IS ALSO BEING STRENGTHENED, HE SAID.

"GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HAS RISEN SHARPLY IN RECENT YEARS. THE POOL OF RESEARCHERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS WHICH IS NOW BEING BUILT UP WITHIN THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE WELL PLACED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN INDUSTRY," MR CHAU SAID.

TURNING TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN RAISING THE QUALITY OF THE MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS, MR CHAU SAID IN 1989, THE GOVERNMENT SET UP AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY - THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY - TO RUN A VOLUNTARY ISO 9000 CERTIFICATION SCHEME.

THE AGENCY HAS RECEIVED 100 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AND ANOTHER 500 COMPANIES HAVE MADE POSITIVE ENQUIRIES.

"LAST YEAR, GOVERNMENT LENT THE AGENCY \$20 MILLION TO ENABLE IT TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY TO MEET THE SURGE IN DEMAND FOR ITS SERVICES," MR CHAU SAID.

"IN 1990, WE LAUNCHED A QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. THE CAMPAIGN IS A THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE APPRECIATION OF QUALITY ISSUES AMONG HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS.

"ANOTHER IMPORTANT VEHICLE FOR PUTTING ACROSS THE QUALITY MESSAGE IS THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY," MR CHAU SAID.

"THE 'QUALITY' CATEGORY OF THE AWARD RECOGNISES AND REWARDS MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE PRACTISED EFFECTIVE QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES, AND WHOSE PRODUCTS ARE MANUFACTURED TO A HIGH STANDARD OF QUALITY."

MR CHAU SAID GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE DRIVE TOWARDS BETTER QUALITY WAS NOT LIMITED TO ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE TECHNICAL BACK-UP MANUFACTURERS NEED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PRODUCT STANDARDS," HE SAID.

THAT BACK-UP TAKES THE FORM OF THREE KEY FACILITIES. THE STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE CALIBRATION SERVICES TO ENABLE MANUFACTURERS TO MEET THE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS FOR ENSURING PRODUCT QUALITY.

THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME ACCREDITS COMPETENT LABORATORIES AND PROMOTES ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR TESTING RESULTS.

AND THE PRODUCT STANDARDS INFORMATION BUREAU MAINTAINS A REFERENCE LIBRARY ON THE PRODUCT STANDARDS OF OUR MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS.

TOGETHER, THEY REPRESENT A "QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE" FOR INDUSTRY.

"THE MOVE TO MORE UP-MARKET PRODUCTION IS ESSENTIALLY MARKET-DRIVEN. OUR AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMATION OF INDUSTRY WHICH IS TAKING PLACE AS A RESULT OF COMPETITIVE FORCES.

"CLEARLY, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES WE PROVIDE WILL DEPEND ON HOW WELL OUR EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED AND CO-ORDINATED.

"THAT IS WHY WE HAVE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A NEW INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, TO ADVISE ON HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT INDUSTRY. THE COUNCIL WILL BE UNDERPINNED BY A NETWORK OF SPECIALIST COMMITTEES, WITH TECHNOLOGY BEING GIVEN A SPECIAL EMPHASIS.

"THE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES BRING TOGETHER A FORMIDABLE ARRAY OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD.

"SO TOO DO THE BOARDS OF THE VARIOUS INDUSTRY SUPPORT AGENCIES. INDUSTRY'S VIEWS ARE ALSO FED INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS THROUGH A VARIETY OF OTHER CHANNELS: FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH THE INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS, AND THROUGH THE MANY SURVEYS AND STUDIES CARRIED OUT OR COMMISSIONED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT."

THE GOVERNMENT RELIES VERY MUCH ON THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN TO HELP SHAPE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA, MR CHAU SAID.

IT SEES ITS ROLE AS BEING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO INVESTMENT IN QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DECISION ON WHETHER AND HOW TO INVEST RESTS WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, HE SAID.

"THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAS ALREADY MADE AND IS CONTINUING TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT MOVES UP THE VALUE-ADDED LADDER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THAT PROCESS," MR CHAU ADDED.

MANUFACTURERS URGED TO NOTE ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS

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HONG KONG, AS A MAJOR MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING ECONOMY, NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS AFFECTING TRADE, AND TO BE READY TO RESPOND TO THEM.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, AT THE DINNER GATHERING OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

MR CHAU SAID TO HELP ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES ON LOCAL INDUSTRIES, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT APPOINTED CONSULTANTS IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF SUCH MEASURES ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURED EXPORTS.

THE STUDY ALSO AIMS TO IDENTIFY ANY DEFICIENCIES IN THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND TO RECOMMEND HOW THESE DEFICIENCIES MIGHT BE MADE GOOD HAVING REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF MINIMUM INTERVENTION, MR CHAU SAID.

"WE ARE CONCERNED THAT INDUSTRIALISTS SHOULD BE FULLY INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE CONSULTANTS WERE ALSO BEING ASKED TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A CERTIFICATION SCHEME THAT WOULD ENABLE HONG KONG'S EXPORTS, PROVIDED THAT THEY MET CERTAIN CRITERIA, TO BE LABELLED AS ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY.

"SUCH A SCHEME MIGHT HELP TO MAINTAIN LOCAL MANUFACTURERS' COMPETITIVENESS IN WORLD MARKETS IN THE FACE OF GROWING ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT IS INTRODUCING A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORY IN THIS YEAR'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY, MR CHAU SAID.

THE NEW CATEGORY WILL RECOGNISE AND REWARD THOSE MANUFACTURERS WHO HAVE INCORPORATED PRACTICES THAT PROTECT OR ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT.

TURNING TO THE LINK BETWEEN TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, MR CHAU SAID THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE GATT, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THIS IS THAT GATT CLEARLY HAS TO BE ALIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; AND THAT MANY TRADE-RESTRICTIVE MEASURES INTRODUCED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH GATT'S OBJECTIVES.

"BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISK THAT TRADE PROTECTIONISM MAY SOMETIMES CREEP IN UNDER THE CLOAK OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE.

"THAT IS SOMETHING WHICH WE ARE KEEN TO AVOID, AND WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS ON THIS KNOWN IN GATT," HE SAID.

/NOTING THAT .....

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NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF LOCAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE ACHIEVED COST SAVINGS BY ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY PROCESSES, MR CHAU SAID IT SHOWED THAT TAKING ON BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS COULD MAKE SOUND BUSINESS SENSE.

"ENVIRONMENTALISM IS HERE TO STAY. LET US NOT REGRET THIS TREND, BUT RATHER SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PRESENTS," HE SAID.

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RESEARCH GRANTS FOR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR 1992-93

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THE RESEARCH GRANTS COUNCIL (RGC) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED ITS DECISIONS ON THE ALLOCATION OF \$122 MILLION BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1992-93 FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH GRANTS TO THE SEVEN INSTITUTIONS FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC)\*.

THE RGC DECIDED TO ALLOCATE \$36.5 MILLION (30 PER CENT) OF THE TOTAL SUM TO THE INSTITUTIONS DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT PROJECTS EACH COSTING LESS THAN \$200,000.

A SUM OF \$6 MILLION WAS SET ASIDE FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION TO STRENGTHEN THE RESEARCH BASE IN THE INSTITUTIONS.

BIDS WILL SHORTLY BE INVITED FROM THE INSTITUTIONS FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND TO SUPPORT MAJOR RESEARCH FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS.

THE BALANCE OF \$79.5 MILLION WAS ALLOCATED FOR PROJECTS IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE BIDS FROM THE INSTITUTIONS.

THE RGC CONSIDERED 304 APPLICATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$275 MILLION FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECT DISCIPLINES.

EACH APPLICATION WAS INITIALLY SCREENED BY ONE OR MORE OF THREE SUBJECT PANELS - PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING; BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE; AND HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - WITH THE HELP OF REPORTS FROM SPECIALIST ASSESSORS/REFEREES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

THE PANELS' RECOMMENDATIONS WERE THEN CONSIDERED BY THE FULL RGC MEETING ON JUNE 20 THIS YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS SUPPORTED, BY PANEL AND BROAD SUBJECT AREAS, ARE GIVEN BELOW:

/SUBJECT PANEL .....

| SUBJECT PANEL<br>-----               | SUBJECT AREA<br>-----   | NO OF<br>PROJECTS<br>----- | FUNDING<br>SUPPORTED<br>-----<br>\$M |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PHYSICAL SCIENCES<br>AND ENGINEERING | CIVIL ENGINEERING,<br>SURVEYING, BUILDING<br>AND CONSTRUCTION                       | 10                         | 4.2                                  |
|                                      | COMPUTING SCIENCE,<br>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY &<br>MATHEMATICS                       | 22                         | 10.1                                 |
|                                      | ELECTRICAL AND<br>ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING  | 18                         | 10.2                                 |
|                                      | MECHANICAL, PRODUCTION &<br>INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING                                  | 4                          | 2.5                                  |
|                                      | PHYSICAL SCIENCES   | 33                         | 16.3                                 |
|                                      | SUB-TOTAL   | 87<br>-----                | 43.3<br>-----                        |
| BIOLOGY AND<br>MEDICINE              | BIOLOGICAL<br>SCIENCES  | 19                         | 9.4                                  |
|                                      | MEDICINE, DENTISTRY<br>AND HEALTH   | 33                         | 14.8                                 |
|                                      | SUB-TOTAL   | 52<br>-----                | 24.2<br>-----                        |
| HUMANITIES AND<br>SOCIAL SCIENCES    | ARTS AND LANGUAGES  | 13                         | 3.5                                  |
|                                      | ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS<br>AND SOCIAL STUDIES                                      | 10                         | 3.6                                  |
|                                      | EDUCATION   | 8                          | 3.5                                  |
|                                      | LAW, ARCHITECTURE,<br>TOWN PLANNING & OTHER<br>PROFESSIONAL &<br>VOCATIONAL STUDIES | 2                          | 1.3                                  |
|                                      | SUB-TOTAL   | 33<br>-----                | 11.9<br>-----                        |
|                                      | TOTAL   | 172<br>-----               | 79.4<br>-----                        |

IN SELECTING THE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT, REGARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THEIR ACADEMIC MERIT/INTEGRITY, THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND HONG KONG'S OVERALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ON A TRIAL BASIS, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO PROVIDE EARMARKED GRANTS TO APPROVED PROJECTS TO ENABLE RESEARCHERS TO ATTEND OVERSEAS CONFERENCE TO PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH FINDINGS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

THIS WAS THE SECOND RESEARCH GRANT ALLOCATION EXERCISE UNDERTAKEN BY THE RGC WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO REPLACE THE FORMER RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE OF UPGC IN JANUARY 1991.

RGC CHAIRMAN, PROF DAVID TODD, SAID: "THE ENHANCED FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 1992-93 AS COMPARED WITH 1991-92 HAS ENABLED US TO INCREASE THE SUM SET ASIDE FOR DIRECT ALLOCATION, TO MAKE PROVISION AGAIN FOR A CENTRAL ALLOCATION FUND AND SUPPORT, FULLY OR PARTIALLY, 172 PROJECTS AS COMPARED WITH 137 LAST YEAR.

"OUR DECISION TO PROVIDE CONFERENCE GRANTS WAS MADE IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO HELP HONG KONG RESEARCHERS PRESENT THEIR WORK AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH OTHER INVESTIGATORS.

"THIS WILL HELP TO ENHANCE HONG KONG'S REPUTATION FOR RESEARCH WORLDWIDE.

"THE RGC IS ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION FURTHER TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF RESEARCH FUNDING IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1994-95, THAT IS, FROM \$122 MILLION IN 1992-93 TO \$144 MILLION IN 1993-94 AND IN 1994-95."

"THE RGC IS LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER INCREASES IN THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN THE FUTURE. THIS SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN THE RESEARCH BASE IN HONG KONG'S HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR," HE SAID.

APART FROM DISBURSING AND MONITORING GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH, THE RGC IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE UPGC, ON THE NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IN THE FIELD OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN ORDER THAT A RESEARCH BASE ADEQUATE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ACADEMIC VIGOUR AND PERTINENT TO THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG MAY BE DEVELOPED.

\* NOTE: THE SEVEN UPGC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS ARE:

CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG  
HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE  
HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC  
LINGNAN COLLEGE  
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY  
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON 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.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE GRADING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E.COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD 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 THAT 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 LESS IF THERE IS STRONG SUNSHINE."

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 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED 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 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH 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 MILLILITERS 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 MILLILITERS AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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

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

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

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

| BEACH<br>-----           | PREVIOUS<br>GRADING<br>-----<br>(AS AT 11.6.92) | PRESENT<br>GRADING<br>-----<br>(AS AT 25.6.92) |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| HONG KONG SOUTH<br>----- |   |  |
| BIG WAVE BAY             | 2   | 2  |
| CHUNG HOM KOK            | 2   | 2  |
| DEEP WATER BAY           | 1   | 2  |
| HAIRPIN                  | 1   | 2  |
| MIDDLE BAY               | 1   | 1  |
| REPULSE BAY              | 1   | 1  |
| SHEK O                   | 2   | 2  |
| SOUTH BAY                | 1   | 1  |
| ST. STEPHEN'S            | 1   | 1  |
| TURTLE COVE              | 1   | 1  |
| STANLEY MAIN             | 2   | 2  |
| ROCKY BAY                | X   | X  |
| TO TEI WAN*              | 1   | 2  |

## TUEN MUN DISTRICT

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| OLD CAFETERIA | X | X |
| NEW CAFETERIA | 2 | 2 |
| CASTLE PEAK   | X | X |
| KADOORIE      | 3 | 4 |
| BUTTERFLY     | 2 | 3 |

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| CAMPERS                   | 2 | 2 |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH | 2 | 2 |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH | 2 | 2 |
| HAP MUN BAY               | 1 | 1 |
| KIU TSUI                  | 1 | 1 |
| PAK SHA CHAU              | 1 | 1 |
| SILVERSTRAND              | 3 | 3 |
| TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)         | 2 | 2 |

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

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

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

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

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

/THE FOLLOWING .....

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

APPROACH, CASAM AND HOI MEI WAN FROM "4" TO "3"; DEEP WATER BAY, HAIRPIN, TO TEI WAN, HUNG SHING YEH, TONG FUK AND TUNG O FROM "1" TO "2"; KWUN YAM WAN, SILVERMINE BAY AND BUTTERFLY FROM "2" TO "3"; ANGLERS' AND KADOORIE FROM "3" TO "4".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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CUSTOMS STATEMENT ON CONTROL POINTS' OPENING-HOUR EXTENSION

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTROL POINTS' OPENING HOURS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID:

"THE EXTENSION ON JULY 1 DOES NOT CREATE SERIOUS STAFF PROBLEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, OFFICERS' WORKING SCHEDULES WILL NEED TO BE REVISED AND SOME OFFICERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO WORK OVERTIME. THIS WILL INCUR MORE SPENDING ON OVERTIME ALLOWANCE.

"TO COPE WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE OPENING HOURS AT LOK MA CHAU IN DECEMBER, ADDITIONAL STAFF MAY BE REQUIRED. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO REDEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS FROM OTHER DUTIES."

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BUS PARADE TO COMMEMORATE INT'L ANTI-DRUG DAY TOMORROW

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TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING, FOUR DOUBLE-DECKERS CARRYING 50 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS WILL GO AROUND THE TERRITORY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO DISSEMINATE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AND DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION AND KICK OFF A BUS PARADE TO MARK THE EVENT AT NOON AT METROPLAZA, KWAI FONG.

THE FOUR DOUBLE-DECKERS, TWO OF WHICH SPONSORED BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED, WILL GO TO EAST AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES, KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND RESPECTIVELY.

ANTI-DRUG SONGS WILL BE BROADCAST WHILE TRAVELLING.

THE BUSES WILL STOP AT SOME 20 LOCATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE PUBLICITY MATERIALS:

ROUTE 1 - NEW TERRITORIES EAST  
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TAI WAI KCR STATION - SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA -  
TAI PO KCR STATION - FANLING KCR STATION AND  
CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

ROUTE 2 - NEW TERRITORIES WEST  
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TSUEN WAN PLAZA - BUTTERFLY ESTATE, TUEN MUN -  
TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA AND YUEN LONG PLAZA.

ROUTE 3 - KOWLOON AND HONG KONG EAST  
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WONG TAI SIN ESTATE - NGAU TAU KOK BUS TERMINUS  
- YUE MAN SQUARE , KWUN TONG - TAI KOO SHING  
AND PATERSON STREET , CAUSEWAY BAY.

ROUTE 4 - KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND  
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MONG KOK ROAD NEAR FA YUEN STREET - PUBLIC  
SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI - STAR FERRY PIER,  
TSIM SHA TSUI - ABERDEEN CENTRE AND CHATER ROAD,  
CENTRAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY):  
"WE HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY BUS PARADE, WITH THE  
PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, COULD DISSEMINATE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES TO  
THE COMMUNITY, THUS AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC,  
ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, TO THE DRUG PROBLEM AND THE DISASTROUS  
EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE."

THE ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE  
AGAINST NARCOTICS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE  
DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND  
REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS AND PS 33, A COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR  
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCE ABUSERS.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 6 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND  
BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 27) AND SUNDAY (JUNE 28).

A WIDE RANGE OF PANEL DISPLAYS INTRODUCING HONG KONG'S OVERALL  
ANTI-DRUG WORK AND THE ROLES PLAYED BY THE PARTICIPATING  
ORGANISATIONS WILL BE ON STAGE.

THE DISPLAYS OF THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS WILL ALSO HIGHLIGHT A  
NUMBER OF MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MANUFACTURING CASES SMASHED IN  
THE PAST FEW YEARS.

A VIDEO WALL WILL BE SET UP TO SHOW TO THE AUDIENCE,  
PARTICULARLY YOUNGSTERS, VIDEOS GIVING AN INSIGHT INTO THE HARMFUL  
EFFECTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE SEIZED DRUGS, DRUG-SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA AND DRUG CONCEALMENT DEVICES FROM BOTH THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS.

THREE LOCAL POP SINGERS WILL HELP DISSEMINATE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE AT A MINI-CONCERT AT 2 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 27) AND SUNDAY (JUNE 28) ON THE EXHIBITION SITE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT THE CRYSTAL ATRIUM OF METROPLAZA, KWAI FONG, AT NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

PRESS COVERAGE WILL BE WELCOME.

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CALL TO KEEP SERVICE LIFTS PROPERLY MAINTAINED  
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OWNERS OF SERVICE LIFTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO USE OR OPERATE THEIR LIFTS UNLESS THEY ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD MAKE THEM LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND UPON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THIS ADVICE WAS GIVEN TODAY (THURSDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION LAST WEEK OF AN OWNER OF A SERVICE LIFT IN A PRESERVED SEAFOOD SHOP IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

THE SHOP OWNER WAS FINED THE MAXIMUM OF \$5,000 FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE ON THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE LIFT, WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE IN A DILAPIDATED STATE AND HAD NOT BEEN MAINTAINED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

THE OFFENCE WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF AN ACCIDENT IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR IN WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SHOP WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE MALFUNCTIONING OF THE LIFT.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, OWNERS OF SERVICE LIFTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR LIFTS ARE INSPECTED AND PROPERLY MAINTAINED BY REGISTERED CONTRACTORS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

A LIST OF REGISTERED CONTRACTORS IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE EMSD BY THE PUBLIC. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SERVICE LIFT SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE CAN ALSO BE MADE BY CALLING THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL 895 8623.

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EDUCATION COLLEGES INVITE ENROLMENT

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED SECONDARY FIVE AND SEVEN LEAVERS WISHING TO STUDY AT THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION THAT THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 30).

INTAKE OF STUDENT TEACHERS THIS YEAR TOTALS 1,100.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID STUDENTS WITH HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) QUALIFICATIONS COULD APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO A THREE-YEAR COURSE AND THOSE WITH HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (HKAL) QUALIFICATIONS TO A TWO-YEAR COURSE.

"FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 5, WHICH RECOMMENDS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN SCHOOLS, ENHANCEMENT OF THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND BETTER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS, WE HOPE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL JOIN THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND WORK TOWARDS THE GOALS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, ITS KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION (SIR ROBERT BLACK, NORTHCOTE, GRANTHAM, HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE) AND THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

OTHER THAN THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL BEFORE SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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GRANTS TO LOCAL ARTS GROUPS

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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) HAS ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT TO AWARD GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS OF \$27.6 MILLION TO FOUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1992-93.

\$11.03 MILLION WILL BE AWARDED TO HONG KONG BALLET LTD, \$5.348 MILLION TO CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, \$5.4 MILLION TO CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY AND \$5.8 MILLION TO HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY LTD.

IN ADDITION, THE CFPA HAS APPROVED TWO SEEDING GRANTS OF \$3 MILLION AND \$1 MILLION TO EXPLORATION THEATRE AND HONG KONG SINFONIETTA RESPECTIVELY TO HELP THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, TWO PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS IN THE DANCE FIELD, WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SOLICITED BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP, HAVE BEEN AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$162,300 BY THE CFPA UNDER THE MATCHING GRANT SCHEME.

THEY ARE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, SPONSORED BY PHILIP MORRIS (ASIA) INC. AND HONG KONG BALLET LTD, SPONSORED BY PHILIP MORRIS (ASIA) INC. AND PORTMAN SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THE CFPA HAS ALSO APPROVED 12 PROJECT GRANTS, TOTTALLING \$0.32 MILLION TO NINE PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS.

THEY ARE BIG FIGHT CANTONESE OPERA SOCIETY IN THE CHINESE OPERA FIELD, AND ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON IN THE DANCE AND ARTS SERVICES FIELD.

IN THE DRAMA FIELD ARE ACTORS' FAMILY, HONG KONG STUDENT DRAMA ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED AND RED CALF DRAMA CLUB.

IN THE MUSIC FIELD, GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY, HONG KONG JUVENILE AND YOUTH CHINESE CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA AND HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LTD.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT AND MATCHING GRANTS CAN BE MADE ANY TIME IN THE YEAR.

THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION MUST BE AN APPROVED CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING BODY.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE PLANNED PERFORMANCE DATES TO ALLOW TIME FOR ASSESSMENT BY THE CFPA COMMITTEES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR PROJECT AND MATCHING GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON 25TH FLOOR, SHUI ON CENTRE, 6-8 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 802 0869.

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CHINA FLEET CLUB TO CLOSE IN DECEMBER

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THE CHINA FLEET CLUB IN ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI, IS TO CLOSE IN DECEMBER.

ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE CLUB FROM DECEMBER 1, THE TRUSTEES SAID ALL SIX FLOORS OF THE CLUB WOULD BE AFFECTED IMMEDIATELY FROM THIS DATE BUT THAT THE SHOPPING FACILITIES RUN BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT ON THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH FLOORS WOULD CONTINUE AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM.

IN THE LONGER TERM, THE FUTURE OF THE SHOPPING FACILITIES ON THESE TWO FLOORS WAS A MATTER BETWEEN THE U.S. NAVY AND THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING.

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE CLUB HAS BEEN SELF-FINANCING ON A NO-RENT BASIS, BUT THIS IS NOW COMING TO AN END AND, DESPITE A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FUNDING HAVE BEEN EXPLORED, THE CLUB FACES AN UNSUSTAINABLE LOSS IF IT IS TO CARRY ON. IT IS PURELY AN ECONOMIC DECISION.

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF RADIO PAGING RECEIVERS  
AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC RADIO PAGING SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, COMMISSIONING OF RADIO PAGING RECEIVERS AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC RADIO PAGING SERVICES TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE TENDER SPECIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR OVER 1,000 NUMBERS OF PAGERS OF DIFFERENT TYPES, VIZ.: TONE-ONLY PAGERS, NUMERIC DISPLAY PAGERS, ALPHA-NUMERIC DISPLAY PAGERS AND CHINESE CHARACTER DISPLAY PAGERS CATERING FOR NEEDS OF DIFFERENT USERS MAINLY ON-CALL OUTDOOR TECHNICAL/MAINTENANCE STAFF OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

UNDER THE TENDER, THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR, APART FROM RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLY OF RADIO PAGING RECEIVERS, IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ONE-YEAR FREE WARRANTY AND THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE PLUS FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC PAGING SERVICE FOR EACH RADIO PAGER PROCURED.

TRADE-IN SERVICES FOR AROUND 300 OLD PAGERS NOW USED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF SHOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE NEW CONTRACT WILL LAST FOR 24 MONTHS STARTING IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

ORDERS WILL BE ISSUED FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ON AN "AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS".

THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT INITIATES BULK TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF RADIO PAGING RECEIVERS AND RELATED SERVICES.

THE TENDERS CALL FOR THE GREATEST QUANTITY AMONG THE FOUR.

TENDER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND WAS ISSUED AND CONCLUDED IN 1986 AND AT THAT TIME ONLY 650 PAGERS WERE REQUIRED.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT PROCUREMENT DIVISION, SIXTH FLOOR, GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 12 OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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|                                | \$ MILLION<br>----- |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 988                 |
| REVERSAL OF LAF                | NIL                 |
| BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF  | 988                 |
| NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY | NIL                 |
| EFFECT OF LAF TODAY            | +600                |
| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 1,588               |

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 110.6 \*-0.2\* 25.6.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

| EF BILLS  |          | HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS |       |        |        |       |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| TERMS     | YIELD    | TERM                       | ISSUE | COUPON | PRICE  | YIELD |
| 1 WEEK    | 2.80 PCT | 17 MONTHS                  | 2311  | 6.25   | 102.53 | 4.41  |
| 1 MONTH   | 2.79 PCT | 20 MONTHS                  | 2402  | 5.50   | 101.17 | 4.80  |
| 3 MONTHS  | 2.84 PCT | 23 MONTHS                  | 2405  | 5.50   | 100.89 | 5.06  |
| 6 MONTHS  | 3.20 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |
| 12 MONTHS | 3.90 PCT |                            |       |        |        |       |

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,773 MN

CLOSED 25 JUNE 1992

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