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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE DECIDED IN HK, PEKING AND LONDON

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IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG HAS TO BE DECIDED IN HONG KONG, PEKING AND LONDON, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO CANADA AND BRITAIN, MR PATTEN SAID: "I THINK IT'S GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION ARE FOR US, IN PEKING, IN LONDON AND IN HONG KONG."

"BUT THERE IS OF COURSE PERFECTLY NATURALLY A LOT OF INTEREST IN WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HONG KONG. THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF SYMPATHY AROUND THE WORLD FOR HONG KONG AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD TURN OUR BACK ON," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT HE HELD MEETINGS WITH NUMEROUS POLITICAL GROUPS IN LONDON, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT RIGHT ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM THERE IS SUCH WIDE AND DEEP SUPPORT FOR WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO IN HONG KONG TO IMPLEMENT SUCCESSFULLY THE JOINT DECLARATION."

ASKED TO COMMENT ON CALLS FOR A REFERENDUM ON HIS PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD IN OCTOBER, MR PATTEN SAID: "I THINK THAT A REFERENDUM ISN'T ON MY AGENDA AT THE MOMENT; I THINK IT WOULD BE DIVISIVE AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD REMOVE FROM THE SHOULDERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THE FINAL DECISIONS ON THE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE."

"I BELIEVE THAT IT'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSALS THAT WERE PUT FORWARD IN OCTOBER WERE WHOLLY IN LINE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND I HAVEN'T YET SEEN ANY EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST OTHERWISE.

"PEOPLE HAVE OCCASIONALLY TALKED ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION. I THINK THAT WE'RE WITHIN BOTH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL LACK OF HARD EVIDENCE TO ARGUE TO THE CONTRARY," MR PATTEN SAID.

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DETAILED TALKS ON CT9 TO PROCEED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION JOINTLY FROM THE TSING YI CONTAINER TERMINAL CONSORTIUM, MODERN TERMINALS LIMITED AND HONGKONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PRIVATE TREATY GRANT OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 TO A CONSORTIUM FORMED BY THE PARTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE TERMINAL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE A NEED FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE CONFIRMATION RECEIVED WAS AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT AND AN INDICATION OF THE CONFIDENCE FELT BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT.

NEGOTIATIONS WILL START NEXT WEEK.

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STATEMENT ON OUTBREAK OF PIG'S DISEASE

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AMONG PIGS REARED IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID:

"THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED SIX REPORTS OF THE DISEASE IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, INVOLVING A TOTAL OF 2,500 PIGS, OF WHICH SOME 500 PIGS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION AND IS LIAISING WITH THE WORLD REFERENCE CENTRE ON FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONCERNING THIS CURRENT OUTBREAK.

"FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IS A VIRAL DISEASE. AFFECTED PIGS WILL DEVELOP BLISTERS ON THE SNOOTS AND FOOT, AND THEIR GROWTH IS RETARDED.

"THE DEATH RATE IS USUALLY LOW, PARTICULARLY IF AFFECTED PIGS ARE ISOLATED AND GIVEN PROPER HUSBANDRY CARE.

"IN SEVERE CASE, PIGLETS MAY DIE WHEN THEIR HEART MUSCLE IS AFFECTED. THERE IS NO KNOWN CURE AND THE BEST METHOD OF CONTROL IS PREVENTIVE VACCINATION.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALL ALONG BEEN ADVISING FARMERS TO VACCINATE THEIR PIGS REGULARLY AND NOT DURING OUTBREAKS.

"LIVESTOCK KEEPERS SHOULD SECURE THE SUPPLY OF VACCINE BY PLACING FIRM ORDERS WITH THE LOCAL AGENT OF THE VACCINE MANUFACTURER TO AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION IN SUPPLY.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN LIAISING WITH FOREIGN VACCINE MANUFACTURER TO ENSURE THAT THE VACCINE PRODUCED IS THE BEST FOR USE IN HONG KONG."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANIMAL FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VIRUS DOES NOT NORMALLY AFFECT HUMANS.

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URUGUAY ROUND GATT NEGOTIATIONS

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NEWS THAT THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEGOTIATORS HAD RESOLVED A DISPUTE OVER TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WAS WELCOMED BY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, TODAY (SATURDAY).

"DEEP DIFFERENCES OVER TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAVE DELAYED PROGRESS IN THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL TALKS FOR OVER A YEAR," MR TSANG SAID.

"WE HAVE YET TO SEE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED, BUT WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REVIVE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION IN THE URUGUAY ROUND IMMEDIATELY. THE HONG KONG TEAM IS READY AND KEEN TO GET GOING."

"EVEN WITH THIS BREAKTHROUGH, THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE," HE ADDED. "I HAVE HEARD ONE U.S. EXPERT DESCRIBING THE TASK OF ACHIEVING AN AGREED URUGUAY ROUND BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AS ALMOST MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT ENTIRELY IMPOSSIBLE.

"THE U.S./EC AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE HAS TO BE CONSIDERED BY OTHER INTERESTED URUGUAY ROUND PARTICIPANTS AND THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE ON TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND SERVICES.

"BUT THE POLITICAL WILL TO PUSH FOR A FINAL AGREEMENT IS CLEARLY THERE. I AM CONFIDENT OF FINAL SUCCESS, EVEN IF IT TAKES A FEW MORE MONTHS."

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VEHICLE MARKS SOLD FOR CHARITY

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FORTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,433,000.

THE SUM WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK HK1000 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$270,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK DA2 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$220,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR EY9399 AND EZ8884.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
EZ1778	2,000	EZ782	9,000	EZ223	23,000	EZ5388	2,000
EY9399	1,000	*HK363	160,000	*DA2	220,000	FA328	68,000
EZ2122	3,000	EZ1028	20,000	EZ103	19,000	EZ4808	3,000
*CN7557	3,000	EZ9991	7,000	EZ887	12,000	*FD161	19,000
EZ116	3,000	*FC5	140,000	*HK171	155,000	EZ605	9,000
FA2880	3,000	EZ198	19,000	EZ1038	8,000	EX112	50,000
EZ417	WITHDRAWN	EZ438	5,000	EZ3998	8,000	EZ8318	8,000
*HK1000	270,000	*CR69	34,000	*CS67	50,000	*FE747	11,000
EZ921	5,000	EZ2398	7,000	EZ7828	7,000	EZ3693	5,000
EZ8884	1,000	EZ998	39,000	EZ778	20,000	EZ3908	4,000

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 183RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BRINGS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$152,490,905.

THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR EZ417. THIS VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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OCTOBER WEATHER REPORT

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OCTOBER WAS A MONTH VERY MUCH DOMINATED BY THE NORTHEAST MONSOON, WITH A MONTHLY MEAN PRESSURE OF 1,015.6 HECTO-PASCALS, THE EIGHTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

THIS WAS ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

IN GENERAL, TEMPERATURES WERE BELOW NORMAL. BUT A VERY WARM NIGHT PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF THE FIRST SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON RESULTED IN THE FIFTH HIGHEST OCTOBER DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.0 DEGREES RECORDED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF OCTOBER 4.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE PREVAILING DRY CONTINENTAL AIR MASS, THE MONTHLY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 66 PER CENT WAS THE SEVENTH LOWEST FOR OCTOBER.

THE MONTH'S RAINFALL OF 30.9 MILLIMETRES WAS ONLY ABOUT 21 PER CENT OF THE OCTOBER NORMAL OF 144.8 MILLIMETRES.

WITH THREE CONSECUTIVE DRIER THAN NORMAL MONTHS, THE TOTAL RAINFALL UP TO OCTOBER 31 WAS 2,602.3 MILLIMETRES WHICH WAS 21 PER CENT ABOVE THE PERIOD'S NORMAL OF 2,151.9 MILLIMETRES.

A MOIST SOUTHEASTERLY AIRSTREAM GAVE RISE TO SOME LOCALLY DEVELOPED SHOWERS ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 1.

HOWEVER, THE WEATHER SOON TURNED FINE AROUND NOON AND, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A WARM MARITIME AIR MASS, REMAINED SUNNY AND HOT OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 31.2 DEGREES FOR THE MONTH WAS RECORDED DURING THE DAY ON OCTOBER 3.

THE VERY WARM WEATHER CONTINUED BUT WAS SOON REMOVED EARLY ON OCTOBER 5 AS THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A PROLONGED SPELL OF ACTIVE NORTHEAST MONSOON THAT LASTED ALMOST THE REST OF THE MONTH.

THE COLD FRONT ASSOCIATED WITH A SURGE OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON REACHED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST EARLY ON OCTOBER 5.

NORTHERLY WINDS FRESHENED AND THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH RAIN IN THE MORNING. THE SURGE BROUGHT A TEMPERATURE FALL OF TWO TO THREE DEGREES OVER THE TERRITORY.

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WINDS TURNED EASTERLY ON OCTOBER 6, PERSISTING TILL OCTOBER 12. WINDS WERE FRESH AT TIMES OFFSHORE DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE PERIOD.

DESPITE SOME LIGHT RAIN OVERNIGHT WHICH OCCURRED ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS FROM THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 6 TO THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 10, THE DAYTIME WEATHER REMAINED GENERALLY FINE.

A NORTHERLY REPLENISHMENT ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 13 AND BROUGHT A SLIGHT DROP IN TEMPERATURE. THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY WITH SOME PATCHES OF LIGHT RAIN EARLY THAT MORNING.

DRY AIR OF CONTINENTAL ORIGIN CLEARED AWAY THE CLOUDS ON OCTOBER 14 AND KEPT THE DAILY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY BELOW 60 PER CENT TILL OCTOBER 19.

BY THEN, WINDS HAD TURNED EASTERLY AND FRESHENED, WINDS OFFSHORE WERE STRONG ON OCTOBER 20 AND 21 AND REMAINED GENERALLY FRESH TILL OCTOBER 23.

APART FROM THE ACTIVE NORTHEAST MONSOON, THE PERSISTENCE OF WINDY CONDITIONS COULD ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ENHANCEMENT EFFECT DUE TO SEVERE TROPICAL STORM ANGELA AND ITS SLOW PASSAGE ACROSS THE CENTRAL PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

ANOTHER NORTHERLY REPLENISHMENT ON OCTOBER 24 LED TO ANOTHER FALL IN RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

WITH THE VERY DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS, MORE THAN 80 CASES OF HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED ON OCTOBER 25 AND 26.

NO RAIN FELL DURING THE 13-DAY FINE SPELL FROM OCTOBER 14 TO 26.

WITH EVERY REPLENISHMENT OF THE NORTHEAST MONSOON DURING THE MONTH, TEMPERATURE LOWERED PROGRESSIVELY AND THE MINIMUM OF 19.6 DEGREES ON OCTOBER 26 WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

AS SEVERE TROPICAL STORM COLLEEN MADE ITS WAY ACROSS THE CENTRAL PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED ON OCTOBER 27 AND BECAME STRONG OFFSHORE THAT NIGHT.

THE OUTER CLOUD BANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WERE EXTENSIVE, BRINGING SOME RAIN TO HONG KONG ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 27 AND THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 28.

AS WINDS MODERATED ON OCTOBER 29, FINE WEATHER RETURNED AND PERSISTED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH.

OF THE EIGHT TROPICAL CYCLONES THAT OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, ONLY TWO AFFECTED THE LATTER AREA.

NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED IN OCTOBER AS A RESULT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

DETAILS OF THE WARNINGS AND SIGNALS ISSUED IN OCTOBER, AS WELL AS MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR THE MONTH ARE:

WARNINGS AND SIGNALS IN OCTOBER

WARNINGS/SIGNALS	EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME
STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS	OCT 4 2300 - OCT 5 0900
	OCT 20 2300 - OCT 21 0915
	OCT 21 2250 - OCT 22 0745
	OCT 27 2145 - OCT 28 0640

FIRE DANGER WARNINGS	
	YELLOW
	OCT 11 0000 - OCT 11 0615
	OCT 31 0615 - NOV 2 0600
	RED
	OCT 4 0000 - OCT 5 1800
	OCT 11 0615 - OCT 11 1800
OCT 15 0615 - OCT 20 1940	
OCT 21 0615 - OCT 21 1815	
OCT 24 0615 - OCT 27 1815	

FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL - OCTOBER

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	239.3 HOURS ; 44.3 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	16.52 MJ/SQM ; 1.06 MJ/SQM ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	30.9 MM ; 113.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	44% ; 12% LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	66% ; 7% LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	27.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	24.6 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.6 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	22.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.8 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	17.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 2.3 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	143.9 MM ; 8.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

LABELS REQUIRED FOR USE OF AIR COMPRESSORS

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AIR COMPRESSOR CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING COMPRESSED AIR AT 500 KPA OR ABOVE FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION WORK IN HONG KONG IS REQUIRED TO FIT WITH A NOISE EMISSION LABEL ISSUED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) STARTING FROM DECEMBER 1.

THE NOISE CONTROL (AIR COMPRESSORS) REGULATIONS REQUIRE SUCH EQUIPMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT NOISE EMISSION STANDARD STIPULATED IN THE REGULATIONS.

HAND-HELD PERCUSSIVE BREAKERS HEAVIER THAN 10 KG HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTROLLED WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$100,000 ON SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, AND ALSO A DAILY FINE OF \$10,000.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE CONCERNING BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND SUCH EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGENCIES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR NOISE EMISSION LABELS FOR AIR COMPRESSORS AND HAND-HELD BREAKERS CAN BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

LABEL APPLICATION, IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM ACCOMPANIED BY A RELEVANT EEC TYPE-EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE OR A NOISE TESTING REPORT AND A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$100 FOR EACH LABEL, SHOULD BE SENT TO EPD AT 45TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 3,5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS WITHIN 28 DAYS. ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE TO EPD AT THE SAME ADDRESS OR ON TEL 594 6533.

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CYC PRAISED FOR CONSERVING COUNTRY PARKS

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) FOR HELPING TO CONSERVE THE TERRITORY'S COUNTRY PARKS.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF THIS YEAR'S CYC COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME AT THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IN SAI KUNG, DR LEE SAID CYC MEMBERS HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1989.

THE CYC EFFORTS HAVE HELPED TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEANER AND GREENER FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE VISITORS, HE SAID.

THE LEADING ROLE PLAYED BY CYC MEMBERS IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION HAS ALSO HELPED TO SPREAD THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW, DR LEE SAID.

HE ALSO EXTENDED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE HONG KONG AND MACAU LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR DONATIONS AND EFFORTS WHICH HAD BROUGHT ABOUT MANY COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROJECTS IN RECENT YEARS.

"THEIR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE, AND ALSO MADE THIS YEAR'S ADOPTION SCHEME POSSIBLE BY DONATING \$80,000," DR LEE SAID.

HE COMMENDED PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MOBILISING STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SINCE 1989.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION WAS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC WONG.

HE SAID THE CYC COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME HAD PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SERVICE AND NATURE CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

THIS WOULD HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG OUR YOUNGER GENERATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN THE TERRITORY, MR WONG STRESSED.

MR WONG WAS ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT RESPONSE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL CYC MEMBERS TO THE SCHEME HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

THERE WOULD BE 70 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME, WITH 400 STUDENTS ENROLLED AS "JUNIOR COUNTRY PARKS WARDENS", AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR.

TOGETHER, THEY WOULD PROVIDE 7,000 MAN-DAY OF SERVICES, HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THIS MORNING'S LAUNCHING WAS THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR STEPHEN CHOW.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEME, TO BE RUN IN THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS, WILL INVOLVE PARTICIPANTS IN A NUMBER OF PHYSICAL VOLUNTARY COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT WORK SUCH AS TREE PLANTING AND TENDING, APPLYING FERTILISERS, WEEDING, PATH MAINTENANCE AND LITTER COLLECTION.

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EXTRAVAGANZA TO HERALD DISTRICT FESTIVAL
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AN EXTRAVAGANZA FEATURING POPULAR SINGERS AND MOVIE STARS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT TO HERALD THREE WEEKS OF ENTERTAINMENT AS PART OF THE FOURTH CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM TO LAUNCH THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW.

THE POLICE PIPE BAND WILL ALSO STAGE DRILLS TO ADD TO THE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE.

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OTHER GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR HERMAN CHO; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE SHUNG-TAK AND ITS HONORARY DIRECTORS, MESSRS LIU LIT-FOR AND ROBIN CHAN.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 13 AND WILL INCLUDE A COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EXHIBITION, CARNIVALS, CONCERTS, SPORTS EVENTS AND A CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM IN THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

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BUS SERVICE RE-ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE FU SHAN AREA, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NO. 3E (JORDAN ROAD FERRY TO WAI WAH STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN) WILL BE REPLACED BY A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED COACH - ROUTE NO. 203E WHICH WILL TERMINATE AT KING TUNG STREET IN FU SHAN FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE ROUTE NO. 203E WILL RUN FROM KING TUNG STREET TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY VIA PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, ARGYLE STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, MONG KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD AT 8/20-MINUTES FREQUENCIES.

THE FULL FARE FOR THE ROUTE WILL BE \$4 AND A SECTION FARE OF \$3.50 WILL BE CHARGED FROM CHOI HUNG ROAD TO JORDAN ROAD FERRY OR FROM ARGYLE STREET TO KING TUNG STREET.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TERMINAL RELOCATION, KMB ROUTE NO. 3B (HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE TO NORTH TSZ WAN SHAN) WILL ALSO BE RE-ROUTED: VIA CHOI HUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE FOR TSZ WAN SHAN AND FU SHAN RESIDENTS.

PASSENGERS BETWEEN KOWLOON KCR STATION, HUNG HOM, KOWLOON CITY AND CHOI HUNG ROAD NEAR WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION CAN TAKE KMB ROUTE 5C TO SHEUNG FUNG STREET, FUNG TAK ESTATE AND FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN, WHILE PASSENGERS AT SHEUNG FUNG STREET, FUNG TAK ESTATE AND FUNG WONG SAN TSUEN CAN TAKE THE SAME KMB ROUTE TO CHOI HUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, HUNG HOM AND KOWLOON KCR STATION.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1700
REVERSAL OF LAF	-200
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-80
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1420
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI	

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