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LORD WILSON TO HAVE LONG TALK WITH SUCCESSOR

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY) THAT HE WILL HAVE A VERY LONG TALK WITH HIS SUCCESSOR, MR CHRISTOPHER PATTEN DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON.

SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS DEPARTURE, LORD WILSON SAID: "THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAS WORKED OUT VERY WELL BECAUSE IN ADDITION NOW TO SEEING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR ALISTAIR GOODLAD, AS NEW MINISTER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG; I NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK TO MR CHRIS PATTEN WHO WILL BE SUCCEEDING ME AS GOVERNOR."

"ANYBODY HERE KNOWS IT'S NOT A SIMPLE JOB; IT'S NOT A CEREMONIAL JOB; IT'S A VERY HARD-WORKING JOB, AND I WILL BE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF THE DETAIL OF THE POLICY ISSUES, ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES OF HONG KONG, HOW INTERESTING THE JOB IS AS WELL AS WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE," HE SAID.

ASKED HOW HE WOULD TELL HIS SUCCESSOR NOT TO UPSET CHINA AND AT THE SAME TIME SATISFY THE LIBERALS, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "I WILL EXPECT HIM TO MAKE HIS OWN DECISIONS ON HOW TO DO THAT SORT OF THING. HE IS A MAN OF GREAT POLITICAL SKILL, A LOT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE; I'M SURE HE'LL FIND HIS OWN WAY OF ACHIEVING JUST PRECISELY THAT BALANCE."

WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT HONG KONG'S INTERESTS WOULD BE OVERLOOKED IN TIME OF CONFLICT BECAUSE OF HIS SUCCESSOR'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITAIN, LORD WILSON SAID: "NO, I DON'T. I THINK THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE TASK AND THE PLEASURE OF A GOVERNOR IS TO LOOK AFTER THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG. THAT IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY."

HE SAID MR PATTEN PUT A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON THAT WHEN HE GAVE HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

"THAT IS THE ROLE CARRIED OUT BY ANY GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG; HIS JOB IS TO LOOK AFTER HONG KONG AND HONG KONG'S AFFAIRS," HE ADDED.

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HK MORE SELF-RELIANT ON SUPPLY OF CORNEAL TISSUES

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HONG KONG WILL TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING AND PROCESSING LOCAL EYE DONATION, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE KUNG WAH LEE EYE TISSUE LABORATORY OF THE HONG KONG EYE BANK AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, MRS WONG SAID: "WE HAVE BEEN RELYING HEAVILY ON THE SRI LANKA EYE BANK FOR OUR SUPPLY OF CORNEAL TISSUES."

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"WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE NEW EYE TISSUE LABORATORY, THE HONG KONG EYE BANK AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, WE IN HONG KONG CAN BE MORE SELF-RELIANT."

SHE PRAISED HONG KONG PEOPLE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY TOWARDS THE VULNERABLE AND LESS FORTUNATE.

AT PRESENT, 9,832 PERSONS HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE HONG KONG EYE BANK TO DONATE THEIR CORNEA AFTER DEATH AND TO GIVE LIGHT TO THOSE IN NEED.

THESE DONORS JUSTIFY GOVERNMENT'S OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE IN PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING ORGAN DONATION.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED A TERRITORY-WIDE MULTI-MEDIA CAMPAIGN TWO WEEKS AGO TO STEP UP PUBLIC EDUCATION ON ORGAN DONATION AND TO MOTIVATE MORE POSITIVE SIGNING OF DONORS CARDS, SHE SAID.

EXHIBITIONS AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS ON ORGAN DONATION.

PUBLICITY LEAFLETS AND DONORS CARDS ARE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS. THESE DONORS CARDS ARE ALSO DISTRIBUTED AT BANKS, SUPERMARKETS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND MTR STATIONS.

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HK TAKES PART IN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN PEKING

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A DELEGATION OF SIX OFFICIALS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, LED BY DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES MR SIU CHUEN, RETURNED TODAY (SATURDAY) AFTER TAKING PART IN AN ONE-WEEK INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITION IN PEKING.

HONG KONG WAS AMONG THE 928 PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXHIBITION.

THERE WERE ABOUT 30 OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS COMING FROM UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, USA, FINLAND, JAPAN AND SINGAPORE.

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXHIBITION CUM NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INDUSTRY EXHIBITION WAS ORGANISED BY CHINA'S NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. IT WAS HELD AT THE BEIJING EXHIBITION CENTRE FROM APRIL 20 TO 24.

"THE PURPOSE OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION WAS TO SHARE EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OUR COUNTERPARTS IN CHINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES," MR SIU SAID.

THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION STAND MAINLY INTRODUCED THE GOVERNMENT'S WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, PLANNING, LEGISLATIVE CONTROL, SEWAGE STRATEGY, ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.

THE HONG KONG EXHIBITS FEATURED COMPUTER DEMONSTRATIONS ON AIR AND NOISE MODELLING, WASTE MANAGEMENT DATA, AND WATER QUALITY AND HYDRAULIC MODELLING, AND ATTRACTED A LOT OF VISITORS AT THE EXHIBITION.

THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION CAME FROM THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH.

A RECEPTION FOR THE CHINESE OFFICIALS WAS HELD DURING THE EXHIBITION AT WHICH OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN TO INTRODUCE BRIEFLY THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK BEING CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY THE JOINT HONG KONG-GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIAISON GROUP AND THE SEWAGE STRATEGY THAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE LIAISON GROUP.

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COMMUNITY URGED TO FIGHT AIDS

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THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY AT LARGE SHOULD JOIN IN THE WAR AGAINST THE KILLER DISEASE, AIDS, A HEALTH OFFICIAL SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE PROGRAMMES), DR LEE SHUI-SHAN, SAID AIDS IS NO LONGER JUST A MEDICAL ISSUE. IT HAS BECOME A SOCIAL PROBLEM.

DR LEE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT WHICH FOUR YOUTH GROUPS THAT HAD EARLIER PLANNED AND ORGANISED EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ON AIDS WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES FOR THEIR PROJECTS.

THE YOUTH GROUPS RECEIVED FUNDS FOR THEIR PROJECTS FROM THE YOUTH FUNDING SCHEME ON AIDS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH UNDER THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS.

THE SCHEME PROVIDES FUNDS FOR YOUTH GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS TO PLAN AND ORGANISE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ON AIDS IN A BID TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE KILLER DISEASE.

DR LEE SAID THIS YEAR THE SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS FOR 10 YOUTH GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR PROJECTS WHICH IS SIX MORE THAN THE NUMBER LAST YEAR.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED AND EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CAN GET A MAXIMUM FUNDING OF \$8,000.

THE APPROVED PROJECTS SHOULD BE ORGANISED AND IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THE CONVENER OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH, MRS JOYCE FUNG, SAID THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM WAS TO EDUCATE THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO ADOPT A HEALTHY AND POSITIVE LIFE STYLE.

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SHE WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECTS WITH SUBSIDIES FROM THE SCHEME, HAD ENHANCED THEIR AWARENESS OF THE KILLER DISEASE AND BECAME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DISSEMINATING HEALTH MESSAGES ON AIDS.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE FOUR YOUTH GROUPS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEFLY INTRODUCE THEIR PROJECTS.

THEY ARE THE MEI LAM YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS AND THE TAK TIN, SHEK TONG TSUI AND SHA TIN CENTRES OF THE CARITAS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

THE ACTIVITIES THEY HAD PLANNED AND ORGANISED INCLUDED YOUTH FORUM, SEMINAR, TALK, EXHIBITIONS, VIDEO SHOWS, GAME STALLS AND QUIZ.

THE CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP, REV ALFRED J. DEIGNAN; AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE YOUTH GROUPS.

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FOUR MORE HIV CARRIERS FOUND

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FOUR MORE MEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 276.

REVIEWING THE LATEST AIDS SITUATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID NO NEW AIDS CASE WAS REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD AND THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES REMAINED AT 61.

SO FAR, 40 AIDS PATIENTS HAVE DIED AND 21 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 276 HIV-INFECTED, 60 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, 183 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, FIVE WERE DRUG ABUSERS AND THREE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

FOR THE REMAINING 25, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 229,771 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,055,296 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 18 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

病毒組 衛生署
Virus Unit, Department of Health

	Apr 85-Feb 92		Mar 92		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府診所及醫院轉介 Referrals from Public hospitals and clinics	27410	110	383	2	27793	112
經由私家醫生及輔助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners	1885	53	6	1	1891	54
前往社區衛生診所求診人士 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	189146	47	2346	1	191492	48
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	589	60	20	0	609	60
濫用靜脈注射毒品者 IV drug abusers	6518	1	84	0	6602	1
經由家庭計劃協會轉介 Referrals from Family Planning Association	240	0	0	0	240	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	1109	0	35	0	1144	0

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TOTAL 226897 271 2874 4 229771 275

* This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals.

	Aug 85-Jan 92		Feb 92		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood transfusion Service	1038767	18	16529	0	1055296	18

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CASH AID TO DEPENDENT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) APPROVED \$56,860 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE DEPENDENT OF A CARETAKER WHO WAS KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON MARCH 7.

THE 64-YEAR-OLD CARETAKER, MR TSANG LAU-HOI, WAS KILLED IN A TRAFFIC MISHAP ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR NAI WAI. HE WAS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WITHOUT TAKING REGARD OF THE MEANS OF A FAMILY OR THE FAULT ELEMENT IN THE ACCIDENT.

BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME WILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LEGAL DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE USUAL WAY.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO RECEIVE OTHER DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION RELATING TO THE SAME ACCIDENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE SCHEME.

BUT IN ANY CASE, THE AMOUNT REPAID WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AWARDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S TAVA SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, VICTORIA CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY OR ON TEL. 570 2410.

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YAU TSIM OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONOURED
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TEN STUDENTS IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT WERE PRESENTED WITH "OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD" AT A CEREMONY TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE STUDENTS - THREE BOYS AND SEVEN GIRLS - HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM 32 NOMINEES FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, CONDUCT, AND PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

COMPRISING FIVE SECONDARY AND FIVE PRIMARY STUDENTS, THEY WERE EACH PRESENTED WITH A TROPHY, A CERTIFICATE AND A BOOK COUPON.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT TANG, SAID THE ANNUAL AWARD SCHEME NOT ONLY NURTURED AND ENCOURAGED STUDENTS IN ACADEMIC PURSUIT, BUT ALSO ENHANCED THEIR CIVIC AWARENESS AND ENTHUSIASM IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

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HE ALSO PRAISED THE ORGANISER, THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND LIAISON AMONG SCHOOLS THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SEMINARS, TALKS, VISITS AND EXHIBITIONS.

THE AWARD SCHEME WAS SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (KOWLOON), MR KWAN SHU-TSUN; CHAIRMAN OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR NG KIN-SUN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR YANG TZE-KIANG.

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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	24.4.92	1,400
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	25.4.92	-700 *
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED ON 25.4.92

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