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CHIEF SECRETARY PRESENTS PROGRESS
REPORT ON POLICY ADDRESS UNDERTAKINGS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, PRESENTED TODAY (MONDAY) THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE UNDERTAKINGS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE 1992 AND 1993 POLICY ADDRESSES.

"I AM GLAD TO PRESENT THE PROGRESS REPORT AND TO SHARE WITH YOU THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND RANGE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY," MRS CHAN SAID.

THE 1992 AND 1993 POLICY ADDRESSES ANNOUNCED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 221 SPECIFIC POLICY PROPOSALS, EACH AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCOUNT TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR THE PROGRESS MADE IN HONOURING ITS COMMITMENTS. WE ARE, THEREFORE, PUBLISHING THE PROGRESS REPORT TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO JUDGE THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE, THE AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AS WELL AS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY SHORTFALLS OR DELAYS," SHE SAID.

OF THE 221 COMMITMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED 75 IN FULL, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HONOUR ANOTHER 31 ON-GOING INITIATIVES. THE REMAINING 115 COMMITMENTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND WILL BE FULLY HONOURED BY 1997 OR BEFORE.

"I AM GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE WELL ON TARGET TO MEET VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR OBJECTIVES. INDEED, WE HAVE DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEE RETRAINING, PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS, PROVISION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND INCREASE IN RECURRENT SPENDING ON EDUCATION, WHERE WE ARE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE," MRS CHAN SAID.

THE PROGRESS REPORT ALSO IDENTIFIES 13 UNDERTAKINGS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS BEHIND SCHEDULE.

"WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THOSE UNDERTAKINGS WHERE WE ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE AND EXPLAINED FULLY THE REASONS FOR THE SHORTFALLS. BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE TAKING THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES POSSIBLE TO CATCH UP WITH THE ORIGINAL TARGETS, AND BELIEVE THAT WE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO HONOUR OUR COMMITMENTS IN THESE AREAS," MRS CHAN SAID.

SHE INVITED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO READ THE PROGRESS REPORT AND ASSESS FOR THEMSELVES THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PUBLICATION OF NEXT YEAR'S REPORT TO GIVE AN UP-TO-DATE ACCOUNT OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON ALL OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THOSE SET OUT IN THIS YEAR'S ADDRESS," MRS CHAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE PROGRESS REPORT IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN CENTRAL AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM TODAY AT SIX MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AT CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG.

GOVERNOR TO PRESENT THIRD POLICY ADDRESS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WILL PRESENT HIS THIRD POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 5) WHEN HE OPENS THE 1994/95 SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

MR PATTEN WILL BEGIN HIS ADDRESS AT 2.30 PM. THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON FIVE TELEVISION CHANNELS, AS WELL AS RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG CHANNELS 1 AND 5.

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF HIS SPEECH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM 4 PM THAT DAY AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

A SUMMARY OF THE SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL.

THE SUMMARY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM ON THAT DAY AT SIX MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AT CENTRAL, CAUSEWAY BAY, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG.

IN THE EVENING, MR PATTEN WILL GIVE A BROADCAST ON RADIO AND TELEVISION ON THE MAIN AREAS OF HIS POLICY ADDRESS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A SPECIAL CLOSED-DOOR WORKING SESSION WILL BE ARRANGED ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 5) IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE TO ENABLE MEDIA MEMBERS TO WORK ON ADVANCE COPIES OF THE POLICY ADDRESS. THE SESSION WILL START AT NOON UNTIL THE GOVERNOR FINISHES HIS SPEECH.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WORKING ON THE ADVANCE COPIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM DURING THIS PERIOD.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT CONTENTS OF THE POLICY ADDRESS ARE EMBARGOED UNTIL AFTER DELIVERY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE WORKING SESSION. SOUND FEED IS AVAILABLE INSIDE THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNOR WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AROUND 4 PM AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, FIRST FLOOR, THE NEW ANNEXE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE. MEDIA MEMBERS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 3.30 PM. REPRESENTATIVES OF TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS SHOULD ARRIVE EVEN EARLIER TO SET UP EQUIPMENT.

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TRANSCRIPT OF CHIEF SECRETARY'S MEDIA SESSION

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FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROGRESS REPORT ON UNDERTAKINGS IN THE 1992 AND 1993 POLICY ADDRESSES TODAY (MONDAY):

CS: I'LL SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN I'LL TAKE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS. TODAY, WE ARE PUBLISHING THE PROGRESS REPORT WHICH GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN MEETING THE POLICY OBJECTIVES, A TOTAL OF 221 POLICY PROPOSALS, WHICH WERE PUT FORWARD IN THE GOVERNOR'S 1992 AND 1993 POLICY ADDRESS. ON THE WHOLE, WE HAVE ACHIEVED REMARKABLE PROGRESS. WE HAVE ALREADY FULLY IMPLEMENTED 75 OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT WE MADE IN THESE TWO POLICY ADDRESSES AND WE ARE WELL ON TARGET TO ACHIEVING 94 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL COMMITMENTS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THE PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED. BUT, WE WILL BE MAKING EVERY EFFORT AND ON CURRENT PROGRESS, WE STILL EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO MEET OUR TARGET BY THE STIPULATED DATE. I THINK THERE CAN BE VERY FEW GOVERNMENTS WHICH, FIRST OF ALL, HAVE PUBLISHED THEIR POLICY OBJECTIVES AND GIVEN SUCH A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ITS PERFORMANCE AND IN RESPECT OF THE SUCCESS RATE OF 94 PERCENT, I THINK WE CAN ALL BE ENCOURAGED BY THIS VERY HIGH SUCCESS RATE. AS I'VE STRESSED, WE ARE AN ACCOUNTABLE AND EXECUTIVE-LED GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE IN SETTING OUT OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES AND ACCOUNTING TO THE PUBLIC HOW ACTUALLY WE HAVE ACHIEVED THESE TARGETS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE BEST OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET BY THE STIPULATED DATE. I'LL TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: MRS CHAN, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN SOME SHORTFALLS, IS IT THE CASE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BEING TOO AMBITIOUS IN SETTING THE ORIGINAL TARGET OR IS IT OVERTAKEN BY UNFORESEEN EVENTS WHICH HAVE SET YOU BACK?

CS: I THINK THERE ARE VARIOUS REASONS. MOST OF THE AREAS WHERE THE PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN, PERHAPS, AS GOOD AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, ARE IN FACT IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE AREA AND THERE, ONE PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED, IS LOCATING SUITABLE PREMISES FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICES THAT WE WISH TO LAY ON FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN, AND DISABLED PEOPLE. WE ARE RECEIVING MAXIMUM CO-OPERATION FROM ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUITABLE PREMISES. IN OTHER AREAS, I THINK PROBABLY, FOR EXAMPLE, SOME OF THE PROJECTS, WE MAY HAVE UNDER-ESTIMATED THE DIFFICULTIES IN ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, CARRYING OUT RESUMPTIONS AND CLEARANCES OF LAND. SO, THERE AGAIN, WE WOULD BE MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS. BUT ON THE WHOLE, I STRESS AGAIN, IT IS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS RATE TO HAVE ACHIEVED 94 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL COMMITMENTS.

QUESTION: MRS CHAN, DO YOU THINK THAT SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS BEING THE WAY THEY ARE NOW, HAVE HINDERED PROGRESS...?

CS: I HAVE SAID THAT IN ONE OR TWO AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE OF THE ADAPTATION AND LOCALISATION OF LAW, IT IS A COMMON FACT, IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT PROGRESS IN THE JLG HAS NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED BUT I THINK YOU WILL ALSO HAVE HEARD FROM THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN DOUGLAS HURD AND QIAN QICHEN THAT BOTH SIDES DO WISH TO CO-OPERATE AND I VERY HOPE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE WILL BE SITTING DOWN TO EXAMINE THOSE AREAS WHERE BOTH SIDES CAN INTENSIFY CO-OPERATION.

FOOD SURVEILLANCE FIGURES FOR SECOND QUARTER

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS CARRIED OUT 11,850 EXAMINATIONS FOR CHEMICAL, BACTERIOLOGICAL, AND RADIOACTIVITY TESTS UNDER ITS REGULAR FOOD SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME IS CONDUCTED BY THE HYGIENE DIVISION TO MONITOR THAT FOOD SUPPLIED TO THE COMMUNITY IS WHOLESOME, UNADULTERATED, UNCONTAMINATED, PROPERLY LABELLED AND OF NUTRITIOUS QUALITY.

AMONG 8,546 EXAMINATIONS FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS, 8,433 WERE SATISFACTORY WHILE 113 OR 1.3 PER CENT WERE UNSATISFACTORY.

THE UNSATISFACTORY CASES WERE MAINLY DUE TO FOOD CONTAINING NON-PERMITTED OR EXCESSIVE FOOD ADDITIVES SUCH AS COLOURING MATTERS AND PRESERVATIVES; AND SEAFOOD CONTAINING HIGHER LEVEL OF BIOTOXIN.

THE TRADERS HAD BEEN REMINDED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE USE OF COLOURING MATTERS AND PRESERVATIVES.

ANY FOOD PRODUCTS NOT CONFORMED TO THE LOCAL FOOD LEGISLATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET. THEY ARE EITHER RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR SURRENDERED FOR DESTRUCTION.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ALSO SHOWED THAT OUT OF THE 3,115 SAMPLES TAKEN, 2,978 WERE SATISFACTORY WHILE 137 SAMPLES OR 4.4 PER CENT WERE UNSATISFACTORY.

MOST OF THE 137 SAMPLES WERE ICE CREAM, SHELLFISH, FISH AND MEAT PRODUCTS WITH HIGH BACTERIAL AND FAECAL COLIFORM COUNTS.

HEALTH ADVICE ON FOOD HYGIENE WAS CONVEYED TO THE MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE SAMPLES. THEY WERE ALSO WARNED THAT CONTINUAL SALE OF BACTERIOLOGICAL SUBSTANDARD FOOD WOULD RESULT IN PROSECUTION.

ON THE MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVITY IN FOOD, ALL THE 189 SAMPLES TAKEN WERE SATISFACTORY.

THE DIVISION TOOK OUT 47 PROSECUTIONS AND ISSUED 125 WARNING LETTERS DURING THE PERIOD. AMONG THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN, ONE PROSECUTION AND 36 WARNING LETTERS AROSE FROM THE CHECKING OF 3,844 LABELS FOR PRE-PACKAGED FOOD.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE DIVISION INSPECTED 1,508,799 KILOGRAMS OF IMPORTED MEAT AND 2,778,863 KILOGRAMS OF IMPORTED POULTRY IN 626 INSPECTIONS.

A TOTAL OF 182,586 KILOGRAMS OF MEAT AND POULTRY WERE FOUND UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION AND WERE DESTROYED.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 65 REPORTS OF FOOD POISONING CASES, AFFECTING 259 PERSONS. INVESTIGATIONS SHOWED THAT 45 CASES WERE DOMESTIC OUTBREAKS AND 20 FOOD-PREMISES OUTBREAKS. AMONG THESE CASES, 28 WERE DUE TO BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION, 15 WERE PESTICIDE-TAINTED VEGETABLE POISONING AND 15 CASES WERE DUE TO CONSUMPTION OF SEAFOOD CONTAMINATED WITH BIOTOXIN.

FOOD POISONING CASES DUE TO BACTERIAL CAUSES OCCURRED MAINLY BECAUSE OF IMPROPER HANDLING, PREPARATION AND STORAGE OF FOOD.

THE 15 CASES OF PESTICIDE-TAINTED VEGETABLE POISONING INVOLVED CONSUMPTION OF WHITE CABBAGE AND CHINESE FLOWERING CABBAGE. AMONG 15 CASES OF BIOTOXIN POISONING, NINE WERE CIGUATERA POISONING, FIVE WERE PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISONING AND ONE WAS PUFFER FISH POISONING.

MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF FOOD POISONING WERE DOMESTIC OUTBREAKS. THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED THAT STRICT PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE MUST BE OBSERVED WHEN PREPARING FOOD AT HOME.

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HK AND WORLD BANK/IMF SIGN MEMORANDUM

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HONG KONG AND THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) TODAY (MONDAY) SIGNED A MEMORANDUM ON PROVIDING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG IN 1997.

THE MEMORANDUM WAS SIGNED IN MADRID BETWEEN HONG KONG - REPRESENTED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, MR JOSEPH YAM - AND THE WORLD BANK/IMF SECRETARIES.

THE MEMORANDUM ON THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES SETS OUT IN DETAIL HONG KONG'S OBLIGATIONS IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES AND FACILITIES AS MEETING ROOMS AND FACILITIES, TEMPORARY OFFICES, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.

SIR HAMISH SAID HONG KONG WAS COMMITTED TO SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISING THE 1997 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK/IMF IN HONG KONG.

"THE STAGING OF SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT IN HONG KONG SOON AFTER THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE A TIMELY AFFIRMATION OF HONG KONG'S CONTINUING STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AFTER 1997 AND WILL BE GOOD FOR THE CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY," HE SAID.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS CHAIRING A STEERING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE OVERALL PLANNING OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING THE PLANNING WORK FOR THE MEETINGS, WILL ALSO SET UP COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS, TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE PLANNING WORK.

SIR HAMISH AND MR YAM ARE IN MADRID ATTENDING THE 1994 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK/IMF.

MR YAM IS ALSO LEADING A TEAM TO STUDY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WORLD BANK/IMF.

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HK'S TRADE POLICY TO BE PRESENTED IN GENEVA

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A REPORT ON HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) COUNCIL IN GENEVA BY A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MRS REGINA IP.

MRS IP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIALS FROM THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH AND THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

THE PRESENTATION, TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6, IS PART OF THE TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM UNDER THE GATT WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF ITS MEMBERS.

HONG KONG, WHICH HAS BEEN A SEPARATE CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT SINCE 1986, IS REVIEWED UNDER THIS MECHANISM EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE LAST REVIEW OF HONG KONG WAS CONDUCTED IN 1990.

"HONG KONG HAS ONE OF THE FREEST TRADING REGIMES IN THE WORLD AND WE WILL BE PLEASED TO SHARE WITH OTHER GATT MEMBERS OUR RELIANCE ON FREE TRADE AND OPEN MARKETS AS THE BEST WAY TO STIMULATE GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY," MRS IP SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THE REVIEW WILL COVER A REPORT PREPARED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN JULY ON THE FULL RANGE OF HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES, AGAINST THE WIDER ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT," SHE EXPLAINED.

A REPORT HAS ALSO BEEN PREPARED BY A TEAM FROM THE GATT SECRETARIAT WHO VISITED THE TERRITORY EARLIER THIS YEAR TO UNDERTAKE AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES, AND ITS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

"IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING BOTH REPORTS, THE MEETING IN GENEVA WILL ASSESS THE IMPACT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE POLICIES AND PRACTICES ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM," MRS IP SAID.

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JUDGES SHOULD TAKE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION: CJ

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, HAS TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON JUDGES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION.

IN DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL LECTURE FOR THE ERIC AU MEMORIAL LECTURES THIS AFTERNOON, SIR TI LIANG SAID: "WE HAVE TO TRANSFORM THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SIDE OF OUR COURTS WITHIN A SHORT TIME, FROM A RELATIVELY PASSIVE INERT STRUCTURE, INTO AN ACTIVE, INITIATING ORGANISATION UNIT.

"JUDGES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS WHICH WILL ADVANCE THE COURT'S CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY," HE STRESSED.

SIR TI LIANG SAID JUDGES MUST FREE THEMSELVES FROM "THE DEEPLY EMBEDDED FICTION OF JUDICIAL CULTURE THAT THE ONLY WORK WORTHY OF A JUDGE IS SITTING IN COURT WITH A WIG ON DURING THE COURT DAY AND WRITING JUDGMENTS AFTERWARDS.

"TIME PROPERLY SPENT IN THINKING, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COURT SYSTEM IS JUST AS WORTHY," HE ADDED.

SIR TI LIANG NOTED THAT THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND HAD PLEDGED TO CORRECT MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE JUDICIARY THERE BY MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE AND ITS AIMS MORE EXPLICIT AND, GRANTED THE NECESSARY RESOURCES, TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING DELAYS AND MAKING COURTS MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS DAUNTING FOR ALL COURT USERS.

"THESE LAUDABLE PLEDGES MAY WELL SERVE AS A GUIDE TO THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG," SIR TI LIANG SAID. "TO MAKE GOOD THESE PLEDGES, A WHOLE NEW MANAGEMENT CULTURE MUST BE DEVELOPED AND NURTURED.

"WE MUST REMOVE THE FETTERS IMPOSED ON US IN THE 19TH CENTURY AND EQUIP OURSELVES IN EVERY WAY, MENTALLY, TECHNOLOGICALLY AND FINANCIALLY, TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES, SWIFTLY AND DECISIVELY.

"JUDGES CAN NO LONGER SHOW A DISDAINFUL DISREGARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE POINTED OUT THAT SUBSTANTIAL OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF A JUDICIAL SYSTEM COULD NOT BE MADE BY A FEW ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES AND THEIR STAFF.

"IT CAN ONLY COME ABOUT IF EACH JUDGE DEVELOPS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, NOT JUST FOR HIS OWN PERFORMANCE, BUT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM AS WELL," HE SAID.

AS TO WHETHER IT IS PRACTICABLE FOR THE JUDGES, WITH THEIR HEAVY ADJUDICATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, TO SHOULDER ALSO NON-ADJUDICATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, SIR TI LIANG QUOTED THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, MCGARVIE QC, AS SAYING THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE JUDGES HAVING THE SUPPORT OF COURT ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE TO THE COURT AND DEDICATED TO ITS VALUE.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID COURT ADMINISTRATOR COULD HELP PROMOTE THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND ENHANCE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDICIARY.

"THE FUNDAMENTAL GOAL OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE COURT'S ABILITY TO RESOLVE DISPUTES JUSTLY, EXPEDITIOUSLY AND ECONOMICALLY," SIR TI LIANG SAID.

"INHERENT IN THIS IS THE PROTECTION OF JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE WHICH IS INSTRUMENTAL TO THAT GOAL.

"WE NEED TO ESTABLISH OUR CREDIBILITY IN THIS REGARD WITH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE ARMS OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE MEDIA AND, THROUGH THEM, THE PUBLIC.

"ULTIMATELY, IT IS THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC WHICH SUSTAINS US," THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID.

NEW WSD COMPLAINT AND ENQUIRY FAXLINE SERVICE
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED TODAY (MONDAY) A FAXLINE SERVICE FOR RECEIVING COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE ITS SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS.

THIS NEW SERVICE WILL ALSO HELP PERSONS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT TO REPORT WATER SUPPLY FAULTS.

WITH THE NEW SERVICE, THE PUBLIC CAN NOW SEND THEIR COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE FOLLOWING FAXLINE NUMBERS:

- * WATER SUPPLY FAULT COMPLAINTS (24 HOURS)
 - * HONG KONG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS : 564 3434
 - * KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES : 396 5731
- * ACCOUNT-RELATED ENQUIRIES : 824 2455
- * GENERAL ENQUIRIES : 824 0578

THE ABOVE FAXLINE FACILITIES SUPPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING COMPLAINT AND ENQUIRY SERVICE WHICH COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING:

- * 24-HOUR HOTLINES FOR WATER SUPPLY FAULT COMPLAINT
 - * HONG KONG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS : 811 0788
 - * KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES : 396 0210
- * HOTLINE FOR ACCOUNT-RELATED ENQUIRIES : 824 5000
- * 24-HOUR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE INFORMATION SYSTEM "WATER INFOLINK" : 802 9966
- * GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
 - *HEADQUARTERS : 829 4500
 - *HONG KONG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS : 880 2500
 - *KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES : 399 4399
- * SEVEN CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY

SUGGESTIONS, ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS CAN ALSO BE SENT BY MAIL TO THE WATER AUTHORITY, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

MRS PATTEN STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY ROLE

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MRS PATTEN TODAY (MONDAY) BROUGHT HOME THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.

AS PATRON OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT, SHE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ITS OPERATING OFFICE IN OI MAN ESTATE.

MRS PATTEN RECOGNISED THAT CHILDREN'S WELFARE COULD BE NEGLECTED IN THE PURSUIT OF MATERIALISM IN SOME HOUSEHOLDS.

"IN BUSY HONG KONG MANY PARENTS CANNOT SPEND ENOUGH TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND MAY NOT HAVE SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM.

"THE RAPID CHANGES IN OUR SOCIETY ARE HAVING A CONTINUING IMPACT ON FAMILY STRUCTURES AND ARE ERODING THE OLD FAMILY VALUES," SHE SAID.

THE SOCIETY HAS ESTABLISHED A PARENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE, PUBLISHED VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS, AND CONDUCTED SPECIAL COURSES ON "PARENT EFFECTIVE TRAINING".

IT IS NOW ADDRESSING THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN INCREASED INCIDENCE OF DIVORCE, AND IS OFFERING A SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON "CO-PARENTING FOR DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS".

TO HELP TO PREVENT THE TRAGEDY OF YOUNG LIVES BEING WASTED, THE SOCIETY HAS PUBLISHED A BOOKLET ON TEENAGE SUICIDES.

MRS PATTEN HOPED THAT THE OPENING OF THIS OPERATING OFFICE WOULD PROVIDE THE SOCIETY WITH EVEN BETTER SUPPORT FOR THEIR MANY PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THE MUSIC OFFICE UNDER THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR 1994/95.

THE ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1978 TO PROVIDE ORCHESTRAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS IN HONG KONG.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ORCHESTRA HAS HELD REGULAR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AND GIVEN PERFORMANCES OVERSEAS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, ISRAEL, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, MACAU AND MORE RECENTLY, SINGAPORE AND CHINA.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE RECRUITED ANNUALLY BY OPEN AUDITION.

AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME CONSISTING OF MASTER CLASSES AND REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VII OR ABOVE IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT, IN AT LEAST ONE ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC OFFICE CENTRES, QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ON OCTOBER 29.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO MUSIC OFFICE KWUN TONG MUSIC CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, NGAU TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 21 ON WAH STREET, KWUN TONG ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 22 BY MAIL OR FAX AT 795 8663.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 98.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 575.098 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 532.129 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 90.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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CLOSURE OF SAI YING PUN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO CLOSE FOUR UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN SAI YING PUN SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES USED FOR STORAGE ARE LOCATED ON THE 13TH AND 15TH FLOORS OF A BUILDING AT 25-29 KO SHING STREET.

NOTICES APPLYING FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 30 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (MONDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,126	0930	+363
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,394	1000	+363
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+373
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+373	1200	+373
LAF TODAY	-105	1500	+373
		1600	+373
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.9	*+0.2*	3.10.94

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EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.14	20 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.36	6.20
1 MONTH	4.22	23 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.67	6.44
3 MONTHS	4.41	31 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.28	7.01
6 MONTHS	4.77	34 MONTHS	3707	6.95	99.74	7.17
12 MONTHS	5.44	60 MONTHS	5909	7.45	98.69	7.92

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,016 MN

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