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GOVERNOR LOOKS FORWARD TO REGULAR MEETINGS WITH NCNA DIRECTOR

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, MR ZHOU NAN, THEY HAD SET OUT A NUMBER OF THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BEST WAY IN WHICH THEY COULD REACH AGREEMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES, MR PATTEN SAID HE WANTED TO HAVE AS REGULAR MEETINGS AS POSSIBLE, NOT ONLY WITH MR ZHOU NAN BUT WITH OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"THERE IS A GREAT DEAL FOR US TO TALK ABOUT; THERE IS A GREAT DEAL FOR US TO FIND AGREEMENT ON OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS," HE SAID.

"WELL, SO FAR AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NCNA IS CONCERNED, I MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM YESTERDAY THAT I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE HIM WHENEVER HE WANTED TO SEE ME."

"WHENEVER HE WISHES TO SEE ME ALL HE HAS TO DO IS TO PICK UP THE TELEPHONE AND I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO MEET HIM. AND SOMETIMES, I DARE SAY, I'LL BE PICKING UP THE TELEPHONE ON HIM AS WELL," MR PATTEN ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE AND MR ZHOU NAN DID TALK ABOUT THE NEW AIRPORT YESTERDAY.

"I'M SURE THAT WE BOTH WANT TO SEE THE PRESENT PROBLEMS RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WHAT MEETINGS LIKE YESTERDAY'S CAN CONTRIBUTE IS GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AND GREATER TRUST, IN A SENSIBLE, CO-OPERATIVE SET OF NEGOTIATIONS.

"YOU DON'T ALWAYS AGREE ABOUT EVERY SINGLE ISSUE BUT YOU TRY TO FIND A WAY THROUGH, YOU TRY TO FIND SENSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING BEIJING BEFORE TOO LONG AND MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL, MR LU PING AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

"WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSITION BETWEEN NOW AND 1997 AND BEYOND IS AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE, AND I WILL OF COURSE BE DOING ALL THAT I CAN TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG IS EFFECTIVELY AND VIGOROUSLY AND COMPETENTLY GOVERNED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PARTICIPATION BY THE COMMUNITY IN THAT PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT," MR PATTEN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE CORPORATISATION OF RTHK, THE GOVERNOR SAID MOST OF THE JOURNALISTS WHO SPOKE TO HIM THIS AFTERNOON APPEARED TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT CORPORATISATION.

"I THINK MOST OF THE ARGUMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH CORPORATISATION COULD HELP THE EFFICIENCY OF RTHK, HELP IT TO REDUCE COSTS AND REDUCE BUREAUCRACY," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG'S CULTURAL LIFE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE WIDE-RANGING CULTURAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

NOTING THAT THE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS WERE REMARKABLE, MR PATTEN SAID HE WAS ALSO GRATEFUL TO OTHERS, INCLUDING THE JOCKEY CLUB, WHO SPONSORED OR CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, THE GOVERNOR FIRST VISITED THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE, MR TANG PUI-TAT, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR CANICE MAK.

THE GOVERNOR WATCHED A REHEARSAL BY PUPILS OF JEAN M WONG BALLET SCHOOL IN THE AUDITORIUM. AT A MUSIC STUDIO, THE GOVERNOR LISTENED TO THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTISING THE FESTIVAL HONG KONG' 92 THEME SONG "HEARTS ACROSS THE PACIFIC".

THE CHOIR WILL BE ONE OF THE MANY PERFORMING GROUPS FROM HONG KONG TO TOUR CANADA DURING THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN TORONTO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

HE THEN MOVED ON TO THE ADJOINING SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY WHERE HE WAS SHOWN A DEMONSTRATION OF THE LIBRARY'S AUTOMATION PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD BE IN SERVICE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

AT HIS NEXT STOP, THE HONG KONG SPORTS INSTITUTE, THE GOVERNOR WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MAJOR-GENERAL GUY WATKINS.

HE TOURED FACILITIES IN THE INSTITUTE AND SAW A NUMBER OF TRAINING SESSIONS, INCLUDING ONE BY TOP DISABLED TABLE-TENNIS PLAYERS.

AFTER LUNCH WITH PROMINENT PERSONALITIES IN THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND BROADCASTING SECTOR, MR PATTEN PROCEEDED TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, HE WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF VARIOUS STUDIOS AT TELEVISION HOUSE.

HE THEN VISITED STUDIOS OF THE CHINESE AND THE ENGLISH RADIO CHANNELS AT BROADCASTING HOUSE. BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE LAST STOP OF HIS DAY'S VISIT, THE GOVERNOR MET STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF RTHK.

ARRIVING AT THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE, HE WAS GREETED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, DR RONALD LEUNG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA.

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HE ENJOYED PART OF A CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND SAW THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY AT REHEARSAL.

THE GOVERNOR ENDED HIS TOUR AT THE INDOOR GAMES HALL WHERE HE WATCHED YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY BADMINTON AND VOLLEY BALL.

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US/CHINA SECTION 301 NEGOTIATIONS

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, EXPRESSED CONCERN THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING AT NEWS THAT THE U.S. INTENDED TO PUBLISH A PRELIMINARY LIST OF POSSIBLE TARIFF INCREASES ON CHINESE PRODUCTS.

"THE LIST IS PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT," SAID MR CHAU. "THE U.S. WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE TARIFF INCREASES UNTIL AFTER THE NEGOTIATING DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 10. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THE U.S. AND CHINESE NEGOTIATORS WILL HAVE REACHED A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BEFORE THEN. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A BILATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN CHINA AND THE U.S., TRADE RETALIATION AND COUNTER-RETALIATION BETWEEN OUR TWO LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO HONG KONG. WE HAVE MADE THIS VERY CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES."

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD QUICKLY ANALYSE THE LIST AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE, IN ORDER TO ASSESS ITS LIKELY IMPACT ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA-MADE GOODS, ON A PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT BASIS.

"WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH LOCAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS," SAID MR CHAU. "THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF THEM ON THE DETAILS OF THE LIST AND SEEK THEIR COMMENTS. WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING BUSINESS GROUPS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE LIST TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CERTAINLY SUBMIT ITS COMMENTS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED BY THE ECONOMIC HARM WHICH THIS COULD DO TO HONG KONG."

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO CONDUCT MARKET ACCESS TALKS WITH CHINA ON OCTOBER 10 LAST YEAR. UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE U.S. TRADE ACT (1974) THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS HAVE ONE YEAR TO OBTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO CHINESE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORT OF U.S. GOODS.

THE U.S. PUBLICATION OF A PRELIMINARY LIST OF POSSIBLE TARIFF INCREASES IS IN PREPARATION FOR ANNOUNCING RETALIATORY ACTION BY OCTOBER 10 THIS YEAR IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

THE PUBLIC WILL NORMALLY BE GIVEN 30 DAYS TO COMMENT ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST.

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BOARD EXPLAINS CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 PROPOSAL

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES ON A DECISION BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD (TPB) TODAY (FRIDAY) NOT TO AMEND THE DRAFT TSING YI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IN RELATION TO THE CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 PROPOSAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID:

"AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION DETAILED CONSULTANCY STUDIES ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 (CT-9) ON SOUTHEAST TSING YI, THE TPB IS OF THE VIEW THAT IT IS THE ONLY SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONTAINER TERMINAL TO MEET THE PROJECTED ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE TERRITORY.

"THE TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE CT-9 DEVELOPMENT INDICATES THAT THE EXISTING AND PLANNED ROAD NETWORK WILL HAVE ADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR THE TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

"IN PARTICULAR, TWO LANES OF THE FOUR-LANE DUPLICATE SOUTHERN TSING YI BRIDGE WILL, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST PROGRAMME, BE COMPLETED AND OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN JUNE 1995 TO TIE IN WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF THE FIRST BERTH OF CT-9, WHILST THE WHOLE BRIDGE WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1996 BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF CT-9 IN EARLY 1997.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE CT-9 DEVELOPMENT INDICATES THAT WITH THE PROVISION OF THE RECOMMENDED MITIGATION MEASURES, WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED BY GOVERNMENT, THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL BE COMPATIBLE ENVIRONMENTALLY WITH THE EXISTING SURROUNDING LAND USES.

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146 CAUGHT IN OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS RECENTLY HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 146 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, 129 WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 17 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED AT 5 AM TODAY, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 10,220 PERSONS, 1,853 VEHICLES AND 268 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,429 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 10,680 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

EIGHTEEN ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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EXPERT TALKS ON DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER

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A 10TH ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN EXPERTS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SIDES OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 26 AND 28.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE MR ALAN PAUL. THE CHINESE TEAM WILL BE LED BY CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE MR LUO JIAHUAN.

THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY EXPERTS FROM THE TWO SIDES.

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GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY GETS \$1.6 MILLION BOOST

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM 16 ORGANISATIONS TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED CHEQUES TOTALLING \$1.6 MILLION AS SPONSORSHIP FOR THE 1992 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY.

THE CHEQUES, FOR \$100,000 EACH, WERE RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T H BARMA, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE AWARD'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FIVE ORGANISERS OF THE AWARD.

THEY INCLUDED DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR HENRY TANG; PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR HERBERT LIANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MR JAMES TIEN; CO-ORDINATOR OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, MR HUMPHREY KEENLYSIDE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MR DENNIS YAU.

SPEAKING AT THE CHEQUE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR INDUSTRY, FOUNDED IN 1989, HAD GROWN BOTH IN REPUTATION AND IN SIZE.

HE SAID TWO NEW CATEGORIES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED UNDER THIS YEAR'S AWARD: EXPORT MARKETING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE.

"THE EXPORT MARKETING CATEGORY IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT 90 PER CENT OF OUR DOMESTIC PRODUCTS ARE EXPORTED AND THAT THE PROSPERITY OF OUR INDUSTRIES RELIES VERY MUCH ON THE SKILL WITH WHICH OUR EXPORTERS CAN DEVELOP OVERSEAS MARKETS.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE CATEGORY RECOGNISES THAT SUCCESSFUL MANUFACTURERS ARE CONSCIOUS OF, AND RESPECT, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

"THESE TWO NEW CATEGORIES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CATEGORIES OF CONSUMER PRODUCT DESIGN, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DESIGN, PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE SPONSORSHIP OF \$1.6 MILLION WAS \$300,000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR.

"THIS IS, OF COURSE, A REFLECTION OF YOUR GENEROSITY AND PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS. BUT, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IT DEMONSTRATES YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS TO CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING," HE SAID.

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THE ASSESSMENT OF THE 163 ENTRIES FOR THE SIX CATEGORIES OF THIS YEAR'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD IS NOW UNDER WAY. FINAL JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER AND THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

THE 16 SPONSORS ARE: A FAI ENGINEERING & SHIPREPAIRERS LTD; BANK OF CHINA GROUP; CHEKIANG FIRST BANK LTD; CHIAPHUA-SHINKO COPPER ALLOY CO LTD; THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG; GOLD PEAK INDUSTRIES (HOLDINGS) LTD; HANG SENG BANK LTD; HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD; LIPPO GROUP; REGATEX MANUFACTURERS LTD; SHANGHAI COMMERCIAL BANK LTD; SHUI ON GROUP; SINO GROUP; STANDARD CHARTERED BANK; SULTAN VICWOOD CHONG, MBE; AND SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD.

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APPLICATIONS FOR UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

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STUDENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM/HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1993-94 MUST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS BY NEXT FRIDAY (AUGUST 28).

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

"THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A FIRST DEGREE OR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE EITHER BY RESEARCH OR BY COURSEWORK," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY EXPLAINED.

"APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY SUBJECT OF STUDY OR RESEARCH AT ANY LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTION AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AND SHOULD BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY," HE ADDED.

"IN ADDITION, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO POSSESS HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND SHOULD HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"UPON GRADUATION, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS," HE STRESSED.

/THE SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE SCHOLARSHIPS NORMALLY COVER UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, A MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND AN ALLOWANCE FOR AIR TRAVEL.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR,
66 QUEENSWAY,
HONG KONG.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
5TH FLOOR, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING,
16 ICE HOUSE STREET,
CENTRAL.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CAREER AND GUIDANCE SERVICE SECTION,
ROOM 206,
MONGKOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
30 LUEN WAN STREET,
MONG KOK,
KOWLOON.

YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING,
15, MIDDLE ROAD,
TSIM SHA TSUI,
KOWLOON.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL,
EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING
255, HENNESSY ROAD,
HONG KONG.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 867 2735.

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13 ADVERTISED SCHOOL PREMISES INSPECTED

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IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON "PRIVATE" SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK CONDUCTED SYNCHRONISED INSPECTIONS AT 13 ADVERTISED SCHOOL PREMISES PURPORTING TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL COURSES.

OF THESE, THREE WERE FOUND TO HAVE 20 OR MORE STUDENTS, SIX WERE VACANT AND FOUR REFUSED TO ALLOW OFFICERS FROM THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS TO ENTER.

/"APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP

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"APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP ACTION WHICH MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN," HE SAID.

REGARDING MONITORING OF THE SITUATION, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALWAYS ACTIVELY TAKEN ACTION THROUGH VETTING OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS AND REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"THE EXISTENCE OF ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION INDICATES THE ASPIRATION OF HONG KONG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE BETTER QUALIFICATION.

"MOST OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS COMPLY FULLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

"THE DEMAND FOR BETTER EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS HAS INCREASED IN PACE WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE A NEED TO RATIONALISE SUBSEQUENT INCREASE IN THOSE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH MAY CONTRAVENE THE PROVISIONS IN THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

"IN THIS RESPECT THE DEPARTMENT WILL EXAMINE THE PROPRIETY REGARDING THE PUBLICITY OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES," HE SAID.

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DEMAND FOR TRADER FAX SERVICE GROWING

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ALMOST ONE-SIXTH OF THE 7,100 TRADERS SUBSCRIBING FOR TRADE DEPARTMENT'S TRADE INFORMATION CIRCULARS HAVE SWITCHED TO SUBSCRIPTION-BY-FAX SERVICE SINCE IT WAS INTRODUCED TWO YEARS AGO.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR ALAN LAI, SIGNING A NEW CONTRACT TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH THE MANAGER OF BUSINESS SALES BRANCH OF HONGKONG TELECOM, MR LEE G LAM, SAID THE TREND HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

"I HOPE EVENTUALLY THE FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SERVICE WILL REPLACE MAILING AS FAX HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE POPULAR AND PEOPLE KNOW ITS ADVANTAGE OVER DELIVERY BY MAIL," HE SAID.

TRADE DEPARTMENT NOTICES AND CIRCULARS, ONCE PUBLISHED, ARE SENT TO HONGKONG TELECOM IMMEDIATELY BY HAND. THROUGH THE COMPANY'S SOPHISTICATED CENTRAL FAX BROADCASTING SYSTEM, SUBSCRIBERS AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS CAN RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME.

"CHARGES FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY FAX ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THOSE FOR MAIL SUBSCRIBERS," MR LAI ADDED.

SPEAKING AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, MR LAM OF HONGKONG TELECOM SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR ADVANCED BROADCAST FAX SERVICE TO HELP DELIVER USEFUL TRADE INFORMATION TO THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES IN HONG KONG.

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"WE BELIEVE THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, A PIONEERING TELECOM USER IN THE GOVERNMENT, HAS SET AN EXAMPLE OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF ADVANCED TELECOM TECHNOLOGIES IN SERVING THE PUBLIC," MR LAM SAID.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY ISSUES THREE TYPES OF DOCUMENTS TO TRADERS WHICH CONTAIN INFORMATION ON TRADE POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND TARIFFS IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS MARKET, REPORT ON TEXTILES QUOTA UTILISATION AND TRADE NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 275 INFORMATION CIRCULARS WERE PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR THESE DOCUMENTS ARE: \$135 FOR NOTICES TO EXPORTERS (SERIES 1 TO 3); \$60 FOR NOTICES TO EXPORTERS (SERIES 1A TO 3A); \$130 FOR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULARS AND \$65 FOR CERTIFICATION BRANCH CIRCULARS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SUBSCRIPTION TO FAX OR MAIL SERVICE FOR THESE TRADE CIRCULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ENQUIRY COUNTER OF TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, 700 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. ENQUIRERS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MR C K LAW ON 398 5337.

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THREE SITES FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IN A PUBLIC AUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 18.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

THE FIRST SITE IS LOCATED OFF SUN SING STREET, SHAU KBI WAN, HONG KONG. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,685 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING HOTEL AND GODOWN) PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 9,500 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1996.

THE SECOND SITE IS ON KIN ON STREET, AREA 9, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,464 SQUARE METRES, THE LAND IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES AND MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 14,045 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

THE THIRD SITE IS AT CHEUNG SHA ON LANTAU ISLAND, NEW TERRITORIES. MEASURING ABOUT 855 SQUARE METRES, IT IS DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

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ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 171 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, SAI KUNG, KWAI TSING, TAI PO, NORTH AND ISLANDS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR THREE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
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STABILISATION WORK FOR 15 RETAINING WALLS AND SLOPES IN THE TERRITORY WILL BEGIN SOON.

TO IMPROVE THE STABILITY OF EXISTING FEATURES, WORKS SUCH AS INSTALLATION OF SOIL NAILS, CUTTING BACK OF EXISTING SLOPES, ROCK SLOPE STABILISATION WORKS AND RECOMPACTION OF FILL SLOPES WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

OTHER WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SKIN AND CAISSON WALLS, REPAIRING EXISTING SURFACE DRAINAGES AND PROVISION OF SURFACE DRAINS AND SURFACE PROTECTION TO FINISHED SLOPE SURFACES.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORKS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO START THIS OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR TWO OTHER PROJECTS.

THE FIRST IS FOR THE PHASE II SOUTH APRON DEVELOPMENT AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 35,000 SQUARE METRES OF AIRCRAFT PAVEMENT AND 10,000 SQUARE METRES OF VEHICULAR PAVEMENT ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA.

THE EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE MORE AIRCRAFT PARKING SPACE TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START THIS DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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THE OTHER TENDER EXERCISE IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTAKE CHAMBER AT THE SHA TIN SEAFRONT SALT WATER PUMPING STATION TO PROVIDE SALT WATER FOR FLUSHING.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START THIS NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDER OFFERS FOR THE THREE PROJECTS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 11.

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NEW CAMPING SITE AT TSING LUNG TAU

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HAS RECENTLY DEVELOPED A 9,000-SQUARE-METRE CAMPING SITE IN THEIR YUEN TUN CAMP AT TSING LUNG TAU, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CAMP IS 230 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A DONATION OF \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE NEWLY DEVELOPED CAMPING AREA WAS ORIGINALLY A PADDY FIELD. IT WAS WET AND NOT SUITABLE FOR ANY KIND OF ACTIVITIES.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND LEVELLING OF THE PADDY FIELDS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE AREA CAN NOW BE USED AS A CAMPING GROUND FOR MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S DONATION ALSO SUFFICED OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS SUCH AS A CONCRETE ACCESS ROAD TO THE CAMPING AREA AND A TOILET BLOCK NEARBY.

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ALSO THANKED THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR ITS INVALUABLE HELP IN THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING DRAWINGS AND SUPERVISION OF THE PROJECT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LEACHATE TREATMENT WORKS

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES LEACHATE TREATMENT WORKS (PHASE 1) AND PIPELINE.

THE CONTRACT COMPRISES A LEACHATE TREATMENT WORKS COVERING AN AREA OF 6.7 HECTARES AND AN 8.4-KILOMETRE PRESSURE PIPELINE WITH THREE PUMPING STATIONS.

THE LEACHATE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH CONSISTS OF OPEN AIR LAGOONS, UNDERGROUND PUMPING STATIONS AND A CONTROL BUILDING, WILL PRE-TREAT LEACHATE FROM THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL.

THE PRESSURE PIPELINE IS TO CONVEY THE PRE-TREATED LEACHATE TO SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR FINAL TREATMENT.

OTHER MINOR WORKS INCLUDE PIPE BRIDGES CROSSING RIVER GANGES AND RIVER INDUS, IMPROVEMENT TO SECTIONS OF LIN MA HANG ROAD AND MAN KAM TO ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRACKS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL BE 27 MONTHS AND THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER.

TENDER FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS OF THE PROJECT, MOUCHEL ASIA LIMITED, ON 24TH FLOOR, CITICORP CENTRE, 18 WHITFIELD ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 18.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO CLOSE

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THE MONTH-LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL END WITH A VARIETY SHOW THIS SUNDAY (AUGUST 23).

THE THREE-HOUR SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK IN KENNEDY TOWN.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATICS, A TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION, AND SINGING, DANCING AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE GAME STALLS WITH ADMISSION TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE.

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OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MISS MARY TSANG; CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG HON-HIN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR KAMSON LAM.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSING CEREMONY CUM VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 23) IN THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK, SMITHFIELD ROAD, KENNEDY TOWN.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN SEPTEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 23 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE	TIME
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SEPTEMBER 1 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 2 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 3 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 4 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 5 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 7 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 8 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
SEPTEMBER 10 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 14 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 7.30 PM
SEPTEMBER 15 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 7.30 PM
SEPTEMBER 16 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 7.30 PM
SEPTEMBER 17 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 7.30 PM
SEPTEMBER 18 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 19 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 21 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 22 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 23 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 24 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 25 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 28 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 29 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
SEPTEMBER 30 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 109.6 *-0.0* 21.8.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.37 PCT	15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.57	3.42
1 MONTH	2.43 PCT	18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.74	3.72
3 MONTHS	2.48 PCT	21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.75	3.97
6 MONTHS	2.66 PCT	24 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.72	4.12
12 MONTHS	3.20 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,864 MN

CLOSED 21 AUGUST 1992

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