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24TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP

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FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP:

THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP HELD ITS TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING IN LONDON FROM 21 TO 23 SEPTEMBER 1992.

THE GROUP HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LANDS WHICH ARE NOW IN USE FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP DISCUSSED MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION TO HONG KONG AFTER 1997 OF 13 INTERNATIONAL TREATIES IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INTERNATIONAL CRIME, TRANSPORT (ROAD AND RAIL) AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW; AND AGREED SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF TWO OTHER TREATIES IN THE FIELD OF PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE GROUP HAD A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG AFTER 1997. EXPERTS MET IN THE MARGINS OF THE MEETING TO CONSIDER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION.

THE TWO SIDES HAD A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HONG KONG'S AIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND MADE PROGRESS.

THE GROUP HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND RELEVANT COUNTRIES.

THE GROUP HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND RELEVANT COUNTRIES AND MADE PROGRESS.

THE GROUP HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT MAJOR FRANCHISES EXTENDING BEYOND 1997 AND MADE PROGRESS.

THE GROUP HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON A DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT.

THE GROUP HAD A DISCUSSION OF HONG KONG TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND AGREED TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS BEFORE AND AFTER 1997.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1992.

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GOVERNOR INTRODUCES LEGCO QUESTION TIME

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE WOULD BE PROPOSING TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT HIS FIRST LEGCO "QUESTION TIME" TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 8 - THE DAY AFTER HIS LEGCO ADDRESS.

"I THINK IT ESSENTIAL THAT LEGCO MEMBERS HAVE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO ME ON MY ADDRESS," HE SAID.

MR PATTEN ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR ON HIS LEGCO ADDRESS.

THESE MEETINGS WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE URB TIX SYSTEM FROM OCTOBER 1.

THE TICKETS WILL BE FREE AND ANYONE ATTENDING WILL BE ABLE TO PUT THEIR QUESTIONS DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.

MR PATTEN SAID: "ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT MEANS EXPLAINING POLICIES AND LISTENING CAREFULLY TO THE VIEWS OF THE COMMUNITY. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY OF DOING THIS THAN ANSWERING, FACE TO FACE, QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN LEGCO."

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL, CENTRAL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 FROM 5.45 PM TO 7.15 PM.

THE SECOND MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 FROM 5.45 PM TO 7.15 PM.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH TELEVISION, RADIO AND NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS NEXT WEEK.

PRESS FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COVER BOTH THE LEGCO "QUESTION TIME" AND THE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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IMPORTANT FOR PUBLIC TO ASK GOVERNOR QUESTIONS DIRECTLY

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, NOT JUST THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF ASKING HIM QUESTIONS DIRECT AFTER HE DELIVERED HIS POLICY SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING ISLANDS DISTRICT, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE'RE ORGANISING AFTER MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH, A SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AT WHICH ANYONE WILL BE ABLE TO COME AND ASK ME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT I'VE SAID IN MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH OR ABOUT OTHER MATTERS."

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"I PROPOSE AFTER THAT, PROVIDED PEOPLE THINK THOSE ARE USEFUL SESSIONS, TO HOLD FURTHER MEETINGS NOT JUST THIS AUTUMN BUT SO LONG AS I'M THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

"IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT ANYBODY CAN COME AND ANYBODY CAN ASK A QUESTION. THE ONLY LIMITATION WILL BE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN FIT INTO THE CITY HALL OR THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE'LL HAVE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE NORMAL EVENING FUNCTIONS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT HIS VISITS TO THE DISTRICTS WERE ONE ASPECT OF BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

ASKED IF THIS WOULD LESSEN THE REPRESENTATION OR STATUS OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR PATTEN SAID: "I DON'T IN ANY WAY SEE MYSELF AS COMPETING WITH THE MANDATE WHICH ELECTED MEMBERS THEMSELVES HAVE."

"BUT GIVEN THE FACT THAT I'M APPOINTED, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT I DEMONSTRATE WHENEVER I CAN, THAT I ALSO WISH TO BE ACCOUNTABLE.

"WE WANT A STRONG GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND THAT GOVERNMENT WILL BE ALL THE STRONGER IF IT'S ALSO ACCOUNTABLE. ACCOUNTABILITY DOESN'T UNDERMINE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, IT MAKES REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT STRONGER."

COMMENTING ON HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CHINA, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "ORIGINALLY MY CHINESE HOSTS SUGGESTED THAT I SHOULD VISIT PEKING, AS YOU KNOW, FROM OCTOBER 12 TO 14, BUT IT'S BEEN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PARTY CONGRESS STARTS ON OCTOBER 12 AND UNDERSTANDABLY THAT DOES CREATE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES AS FAR AS VISITING PEKING AS GOVERNOR AT THE SAME TIME IS CONCERNED."

"I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE DATES," MR PATTEN ADDED.

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GOVERNOR POSTPONES PEKING VISIT

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED A CHINESE PROPOSAL FOR A SHORT POSTPONEMENT OF HIS VISIT TO PEKING.

THE VISIT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 21 AND 23 RATHER THAN BETWEEN OCTOBER 12 AND 14 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

THE CHINESE SIDE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE START OF THE 14TH PARTY CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 12 WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO RECEIVE THE GOVERNOR PROPERLY AND THEY HAVE THEREFORE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE DATES.

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GOVERNOR VISITS ISLANDS DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, VISITED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, TOURING TAI O AND THE SOUTH COAST OF LANTAU ISLAND, AS WELL AS SOK KWU WAN VILLAGE ON LAMMA ISLAND.

MR PATTEN WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR ALBERT LAM AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD.

IN TAI O, A TRADITIONAL FISHING COMMUNITY, HE WAS MET BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR DANIEL LAM AND OTHER RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS.

HE THEN VISITED THE MARKET AREA, CROSSED THE TAI O CREEK ON THE OLD "ROPE FERRY", AND LOOKED IN ON THE CATHOLIC WING CHOR PRIMARY SCHOOL.

AT CHEUNG SHA HE MET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FROM SOUTH LANTAU AND DISCUSSED LOCAL AFFAIRS WITH THEM.

HE THEN FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO LAMMA ISLAND, AND TOURED AROUND SOK KWU WAN WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS AND FISHERMEN. HE ALSO VISITED THE TIN HAU TEMPLE WHICH WAS ONLY RECENTLY RESTORED.

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SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF CONTAINER SHIP CREWMEN

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EXPRESSED HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF EIGHT HONG KONG MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS SERVING ON BOARD THE PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED CONTAINER SHIP "OCEAN BLESSING".

THE 22,600-TONNE SHIP WAS INVOLVED IN A COLLISION WITH A 52,700-TONNE LIBERIAN-REGISTERED TANKER IN THE MALACCA STRAIT ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) AND HER CREW OF 21 INCLUDING THE EIGHT HONG KONG OFFICERS ARE STILL ALL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

"I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE FAMILIES DURING THEIR ANXIOUS WAIT FOR NEWS THAT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THE HONG KONG CREW MEMBERS," MR MILLER SAID.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE JAKARTA RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION, RESCUE VESSELS AT THE SCENE AND THE HONG KONG AGENTS OF THE "OCEAN BLESSING", SEEKING THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT.

TWENTY-ONE CREW MEMBERS OF THE OTHER SHIP INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT, THE LIBERIAN TANKER "NAGASAGI SPIRIT", ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. ONLY TWO SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN FOUND FROM THEIR SHIP.

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SURVEY ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY. THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THE CURRENT, SEPTEMBER ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

THEY INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS) AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 30 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

A RANDOM SUB-SAMPLE OF ABOUT 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IS SELECTED FROM THE MAIN SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY-SEPTEMBER.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS. UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR HELP ON 582 5076.

THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS NEWLY INCLUDED INTO THE REGISTER OF ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NATURE OF BUSINESS, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS STARTED, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE FIELD VISITS MAY BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON 582 4782.

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TUEN MUN SITE TO LET

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY ON A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN TUEN MUN.

THE SITE IS IN AREA 38, TUEN MUN. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 13,400 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS INTENDED FOR GENERAL OPEN STORAGE OF GOODS AND CONTAINERS, INCLUDING LOADING, UNLOADING AND REPAIRING OF CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON OCTOBER 9.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, SIXTH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES; 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.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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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	-100
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,400
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 110.8 *+0.1* 23.9.92	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.28 PCT	14 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.27	3.36
1 MONTH	2.98 PCT	17 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.68	3.55
3 MONTHS	2.66 PCT	20 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.73	3.81
6 MONTHS	2.74 PCT	23 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.80	3.97
12 MONTHS	3.17 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 4,784 MN

CLOSED 23 SEPTEMBER 1992

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