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STATEMENT ON CT 9

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COMMENTING ON A CHINA NEWS SERVICE REPORT ON CONTAINER TERMINAL 9, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY):

"THE ESTABLISHED FORM FOR ENABLING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF CONTAINER TERMINALS IN HONG KONG IS A LAND GRANT. NO OTHER CONTRACT OR FRANCHISE IS INVOLVED.

"CT 9 IS NO DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS CONTAINER TERMINALS WHERE WE HAVE SIMPLY AGREED THE LAND GRANT FOR INCLUSION IN THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME BY THE LAND COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX III OF THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"SECTION VIII OF ANNEX I OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ALSO MAKES IT QUITE CLEAR THAT PRIVATE CONTAINER TERMINALS MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE FREELY AFTER 1997.

"DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIVATE CONSORTIA INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING CT 9 ARE PROGRESSING WELL.

"WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION THAT THE CHINESE SIDE MAY HAVE ON THESE MATTERS."

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STATEMENT ON CATHAY PACIFIC DISPUTE

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS KATHERINE FOK, SAID TONIGHT (THURSDAY) THE DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CATHAY PACIFIC DISPUTE.

THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE OF THE DISPUTE, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO INVOKE THE PROCEDURES IN THE LABOUR RELATIONS ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL CONCILIATOR.

SHE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THESE PROCEDURES WERE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF VOLUNTARISM AND THERE WAS NO COMPULSION ON BOTH PARTIES TO COME TO A SETTLEMENT.

THEREFORE, IN THE CURRENT SITUATION THE EFFECT OF APPOINTING A SPECIAL CONCILIATOR WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF A VOLUNTARY CONCILIATOR WHO HAD SO FAR ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THE WHOLE DISPUTE.

A SPECIAL CONCILIATOR CANNOT COMPEL THE PARTIES TO COME TO A SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES.

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GOVT TO REDUCE USE OF HARDWOOD

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL LIMIT THE USE OF HARDWOOD AT PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION SITES AS A MEASURE TO REDUCE TIMBER CONSUMPTION WHICH POSES A THREAT TO TROPICAL RAINFORESTS.

WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1, 1993, TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS WILL BE CALLED WITH AN ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION THAT THE CURRENT USE OF HARDWOOD FOR TEMPORARY WORKS ON SITE HOARDINGS, FALSEWORK AND SHORING OF TRENCHES AND PITS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKS BRANCH SAID TODAY: "IN TENDERING FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS, BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE MATERIALS AS ALTERNATIVES TO HARDWOOD FOR TEMPORARY WORK OR THEY WILL BE DIRECTED TO USE SPECIFIED MATERIALS."

HE SAID THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET.

"FOR EXAMPLE, CONTRACTORS CAN USE METAL FRAMES, SOFTWOOD, OR COMPOSITE BOARDS AS SUBSTITUTES FOR HARDWOOD IN SITE HOARDINGS.

"FOR TEMPORARY FORMWORK AND TRENCH SUPPORT, THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM STEEL SHEETING, PRECAST CONCRETE, STEEL SECTIONS, OR SOFTWOOD SECTIONS OR SHEETS.

"THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF HARDWOOD WILL BE REVIEWED AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WILL BE CONSULTED AS TO WHETHER THE BAN SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER TYPES OF WORK AT PUBLIC WORKS SITES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HONG KONG LEADS WORLD IN TELECOMS SERVICES

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THE POST OFFICE WILL SHORTLY BEGIN THE ASSESSMENT OF BIDS TO OPERATE FIXED WIRELINE TELEPHONE NETWORKS IN COMPETITION WITH THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, WHEN SPEAKING AT THE NETWORK LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF SMARTONE MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS LTD TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR PAGLIARI SAID HE SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ALL THE OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NEW OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WAS SET UP.

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THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH A NEW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH TELECOMS REGULATION DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURING AN EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF THE TELECOMS INDUSTRY THAT HONG KONG HAS ENJOYED FOR SO MANY YEARS, HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED A SENSIBLE SYSTEM OF REGULATION TO DEVELOP A FAIR AND EFFICIENT COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT TO MAKE HONG KONG THE WORLD LEADER IN TELECOMS SERVICES.

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OVER 15,000 TENANCY ENQUIRIES HANDLED LAST YEAR

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MORE THAN 15,000 PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON TENANCY PROBLEMS WERE HANDLED UNDER THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT MOST OF THE 15,118 ENQUIRIES WERE RELATED TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OF TENANCY DISPUTES, THE RECOVERY OR EVICTION OF PREMISES, AND THE USE OR COMPLETION OF SPECIFIED FORMS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ARE ON DUTY AT SET TIME EACH WEEK DURING OFFICE HOURS AT 15 DISTRICT OFFICES TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON TENANCY MATTERS.

THEY ALSO DIRECTLY DEAL WITH CASES REFERRED BY STAFF OF ALL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESCS) OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICES PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES ARE CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN AND YAU TSIM IN KOWLOON; AND KWAI TSING, SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE 20 PESCS OR CALL THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE ON TEL 835 2500 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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WORKS ON LARGEST OPEN SPACE ON TSING YI DUE TO START

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WORKS FOR THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE LARGEST OPEN SPACE ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, FOLLOWING A CONTRACT-SIGNING FOR THE WORKS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE \$43 MILLION WORKS ON THE "DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, AREA ONE AND TWO" FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR TANG KWOK-KEE, SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, HOI SING CONSTRUCTION CO LTD.

THE PROJECT WILL COVER THE TWO SITES WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT SEVEN HECTARES AT THE TOWN CENTRE OF THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF TSING YI.

THE CONTRACT WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE FLOOD-LIT TENNIS COURTS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, AN ORNAMENTAL LAKE, A LAKE-SIDE CAFETERIA, A TOILET BLOCK, SITTING-OUT AREAS, LANDSCAPED AREAS AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1995.

UPON COMPLETION, THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE KEY OPEN SPACES WHICH WILL LINK WITH OTHERS ON TSING YI TO FORM A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF OPEN SPACES FOR THE PUBLIC.

ONE OF THE TWO PROJECT SITES HAS BEEN PLANNED TO LINK UP WITH ANOTHER PROJECT SITE TO FORM THE PROPOSED TSING YI TOWN PARK, WHICH, WITH A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, WILL BECOME A FOCAL POINT OF THE TSING YI TOWN CENTRE.

THE OPEN SPACES PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT WILL BE LINKED TO THE SURROUNDING MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BY A COMPREHENSIVE FOOTPATH SYSTEM.

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CHANCE FOR YOUNG MUSICIAN TO ATTEND U.S. MUSIC CAMP

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A TALENTED YOUNG STRING PLAYER FROM HONG KONG WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN SYMPHONIC MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE 1993 INTERLOCHEN ARTS CAMP AT INTERLOCHEN IN MICHIGAN, USA.

RECOGNISED AS THE PREMIER FINE ARTS CAMP IN THE WORLD, THE ANNUAL MUSIC CAMP WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE 27 TO AUGUST 23 THIS YEAR.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND ENJOY PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE MOST RENOWNED ARTISTS IN THE WORLD.

INTERESTED MUSICIANS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18 BY JUNE 27, 1993 WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND HAVE ATTAINED GRADE VIII (PRACTICAL) IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATION OR EQUIVALENT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE CAMP.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE AND A REASONABLE COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN MID-MARCH.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH RETURN AIR PASSAGE DONATED BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LIMITED AND A LOCAL ORGANISATION.

THE FEES FOR THE CAMP WILL BE MET BY THE CAMP ORGANISER.

THE SELECTED CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS PERSONAL INSURANCE ABROAD, AND TO PLACE A SUM OF US\$300 IN HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH THE INTERLOCHEN ARTS CAMP TO MEET MINOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

THE FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANT RESTS WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI BY FEBRUARY 26.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 802 0657.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON THURSDAY,
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1. LIAISING WITH THE POLICE ON THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CROWD CONTROL MEASURES.
2. LIAISING WITH PARTIES DUE TO GIVE EVIDENCE OR MAKE REPRESENTATIONS NEXT WEEK.
3. CORRESPONDENCE.
4. STUDYING FURTHER MATERIALS COMING IN.

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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 114.30 *+0.0* 28.1.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.57 PCT	13 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.69	3.88
1 MONTH	2.70 PCT	16 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.67	4.21
3 MONTHS	2.86 PCT	19 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.80	4.56
6 MONTHS	3.20 PCT	22 MONTHS	2411	4.625	99.78	4.81
12 MONTHS	3.85 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 22,341 MN

CLOSED 28 JANUARY 1993

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