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BRITISH MILITARY FORCES SECURE HK'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID HE HAD HAD AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL DAY LOOKING AT THE ROLE IN WHICH THE BRITISH MILITARY FORCES PLAYED IN HELPING TO SECURE AND GUARANTEE THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING VARIOUS MILITARY FACILITIES TODAY (WEDNESDAY), MR PATTEN SAID THIS WAS A ROLE THAT "THEY'VE PLAYED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS".

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE SEEN THE WORK OF THE BRITISH MILITARY FORCES HELP THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICE DEAL WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR SMUGGLING.

HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE GARRISON.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, THE GOVERNOR, AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG, CALLED ON HMS TAMAR WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN FOLEY.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE ROLE AND TASKS OF THE BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG. HE WAS ALSO TOLD OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORCES, INCLUDING ITS WITHDRAWAL PLANS AND THE RUNDOWN OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHA AND THE HONG KONG MILITARY SERVICE CORPS.

HE THEN VISITED THE ROYAL NAVY. AT THE ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS, HE MET LOCALLY ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT AT THE NAVAL BASE.

ON BOARD HMS PEACOCK, HE LISTENED TO A BRIEFING ON THE OPERATION OF A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA WHICH WAS ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL EQUIPMENT FOR DETECTING SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES. HE WATCHED SOME VIDEO FOOTAGES OF ANTI-SMUGGLING OPERATIONS.

AT THE BASE ENGINEERING WORKSHOP, MR PATTEN INSPECTED AN AUTO MELARA 76-MILLIMETRE GUN WHICH IS NORMALLY MOUNTED ON FRIGATES SUCH AS THE HMS PEACOCK.

HE ALSO INSPECTED A FAST PURSUIT CRAFT WHICH IS NORMALLY USED IN ANTI-SMUGGLING BY THE ROYAL MARINES.

FROM THERE, HE TOOK THE HELICOPTER TO SEK KONG. LOOKING DOWN FROM THE AIRCRAFT, HE HAD A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS, THE OSBORN AND BLACKDOWN BARRACKS, THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF) AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF 48 GURKHA INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RECEIVED BY RAF COMMANDER, GROUP CAPTAIN SIMON HUNT, AT SEK KONG, MR PATTEN TOURED THE HANGAR AND SAW AIRCRAFT ROLE DEMONSTRATION AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT FACILITIES.

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AFTER LUNCH, HE FLEW TO CASTLE PEAK TRAINING AREA TO SEE DEMONSTRATIONS BY BRIGADE TROOPS. THESE INCLUDED MORTAR AND SMALL-ARMS LIVE FIRING.

HE THEN WENT ON TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND TO SEE WORK PROGRESS OF THE NEW NAVAL BASIN AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE HK MILITARY SERVICE CORPS.

MR PATTEN ENDED HIS "MILITARY DAY" WITH A RIDE ON A LANDING CRAFT OF 415 MARITIME TROOP BACK TO HMS TAMAR.

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GOVERNOR'S OVERSEAS TRIPS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HE WOULD SHORTLY MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF VISITS ABROAD.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING A NUMBER OF MILITARY FACILITIES, MR PATTEN SAID HE VERY MUCH HOPED TO VISIT CHINA SOON AFTER HIS POLICY ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"WHAT I WANTED TO DO, AFTER MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH, WAS TO GIVE MY HOSTS IN PEKING AS MUCH FREEDOM AS POSSIBLE IN DECIDING WHAT DATES MIGHT BE CONVENIENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT VISITORS LATER IN THE AUTUMN, AND I ALSO WANTED TO GIVE MYSELF SOME TIME TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ABOUT THE PROPOSALS THAT I'LL BE MAKING IN MY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEECH TO EXPLAIN THOSE PROPOSALS AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ABOUT PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CHINESE SIDE AT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP EXPERT MEETING ON DEFENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "IF THE CHINESE OFFICIALS SAY THEIR PROPOSALS ARE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE, THEN I SHALL VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO BEING BRIEFED ABOUT THEM AND I HOPE THEY WILL HELP US RESOLVE WHAT EVERYONE KNOWS IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE."

"THERE IS, I'M SURE COMMON GROUND TO ALL OF US IN THIS. AS THESE SITES, AS THIS MILITARY ESTATE HAS BEEN NEEDED LESS AND LESS BY MILITARY FORCES; SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE IN HONG KONG THAT WE SHOULD DEVELOP THEM FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL USES," HE ADDED.

"I THINK THAT IS COMMON TO ALL OF US BUT WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WHICH MAKES SENSE FOR US, WHICH MAKES SENSE FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WHICH ENABLES US TO DEVELOP FOR OTHER PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY INNER CITY SITES, WHICH AREN'T NEEDED BY THE GARRISON," HE SAID.

MR PATTEN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE MILITARY FORCES, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 1997.

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"IT EQUALLY MAKES THE GREATEST POSSIBLE SENSE TO ENSURE THAT WHERE LANDS ARE SURPLUS TO MILITARY REQUIREMENTS, THEY'RE AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PURPOSES.

"WE'VE ALREADY SEEN SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THOSE SORT OF RE-DEVELOPMENTS AND WE'LL SEEN MANY MORE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HONG KONG HASN'T STOOD STILL FOR THE LAST FEW DECADES AND IT'S CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO STAND STILL FOR THE NEXT FEW," HE SAID.

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AIRPORT PROJECT COST EFFECTIVE

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NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE YET FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S SOY STREET RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT MEETING."

"WE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS TO SAY ABOUT OUR PROPOSALS. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE VERY COST EFFECTIVE PROPOSALS.

"WE ARE PROCEEDING WELL WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AND, INDEED, I THINK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN WELL BORNE OUT IN RECENT MONTHS.

"WE HAVE NOW LET NO LESS THAN \$29 BILLION WORTH OF CONTRACTS. TENDERS HAVE COME IN WITHIN BUDGET. THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE WHOLE OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

"AND WE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INSTITUTE COST CONTROL MEASURES WHICH HAVE ENABLED BOTH CONTRACTS AND THOSE TENDERS TO COME IN WITHIN THE PRICE.

"I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD EVIDENCE OF WE HAVE THE PROJECT WELL UNDER CONTROL. IT'S FINANCIALLY VIABLE, IT'S COST EFFECTIVE, AND OF COURSE WE BELIEVE IT'S GOOD FOR HONG KONG," THE CHIEF SECRETARY ADDED.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS MAJOR ROLE IN METROPLAN

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) WAS PROVIDING HOMES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CLEARANCES.

"THIS, I HOPE, WILL BE THE POLICY IN FUTURE THAT WE WILL ENCOURAGE THE LDC ALWAYS TO TRY, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO GIVE PEOPLE A HOME IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT WHEN THEY ARE AFFECTED BY SUCH MOVES," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE NOTED THAT ANY REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUCH AS THE ONES UNDERTAKEN BY THE LDC INEVITABLY CREATE SOME DIFFICULTIES FOR TENANTS WHO HAVE TO BE DISRUPTED AND MOVED.

"WE ACCEPT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE LDC AND THE GOVERNMENT MAKE ARE NOT ALWAYS PERFECT. WE ARE REVIEWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LDC AND THE GOVERNMENT TO HOPE TO IMPROVE THE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED CAN HAVE BETTER TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE.

"BUT THESE THINGS TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S SOY STREET RESIDENTIAL PROJECT.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE CEREMONY, SIR DAVID SAID THE LDC, IN THE LONGER TERM, WOULD HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF METROPLAN.

UNDER THE METROPLAN, THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM WAS TO APPLY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DEvised FOR THE NEW TOWNS TO THE OLDER URBAN AREAS, HE ADDED.

"WE WILL MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE NEW RECLAMATIONS AT WEST KOWLOON AND ELSEWHERE AROUND THE HARBOUR TO ACHIEVE THIS AMBITIOUS GOAL.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE CORPORATION, OTHER AGENCIES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE COMMUNITY TO DO THIS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE EASY PART OF THE JOB OF THE LDC WAS TO IDENTIFY AND PLAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHILE THE MORE DIFFICULT PART WAS TO DEAL WITH COMPENSATING AND RELOCATING TENANTS AFFECTED BY ITS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

SUCH MATTERS REQUIRED PATIENT EXPLANATION AND NEGOTIATION, DETERMINATION AND INGENUITY, RESOURCEFULNESS AND PRAGMATISM, HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON THE LDC WAS A HEAVY ONE.

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CONCEDING THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR URBAN RENEWAL WERE NOT PERFECT, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CORPORATION ARE NOW REVIEWING PROGRESS TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE THE URBAN RENEWAL PROCESS BOTH QUICKER AND SMOOTHER."

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THROUGH ITS HARD WORK AND BY MAINTAINING CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH THE AFFECTED TENANTS, THE CORPORATION WILL CONTINUE TO WIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE LDC, UNDER ITS CHAIRMAN MR STEVEN POON AND WITH ITS DEDICATED STAFF, HAD MADE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO DEVISE A COMPENSATION PACKAGE AND REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE FAIR TO ALL AND ACCEPTABLE TO MOST.

THE 168 UNITS TO BE BUILT ON THE SOY STREET SITE WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE LDC'S EFFORT, HE ADDED.

THE DEVELOPMENT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PHASE I PROJECTS. THEIR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1994 WILL MEET THE REHOUSING NEEDS OF THE AFFECTED TENANTS.

"I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT THE CORPORATION WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR THE AFFECTED TENANTS IN THE SUBSEQUENT PHASES OF ITS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO REPORT ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE POLICE IN CURBING THE INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE SAID MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD COME FORWARD TO REPORT ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS WELL AS THOSE EMPLOYERS WHO GAVE JOBS TO THESE EVADERS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS DURING A VISIT TO THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT AT THE SHA TAU KOK SECTOR OF THE BORDER, MR LI POINTED OUT THAT EFFORTS NEEDED TO BE PLACED ON STEMMING THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM, THAT IS, JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BY LAW-BREAKING EMPLOYERS.

HE NOTED THAT EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WAS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE, AND AS IN ANY OTHER CRIMINAL CASES, THE POLICE WOULD PREPARE TO OFFER MONETARY AWARD TO INFORMANTS IF THE INFORMATION THEY PROVIDED WOULD LEAD TO THE ARREST AND SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS OF THOSE EMPLOYERS WHO HAD HIRED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE COMMISSIONER STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY IN HONG KONG FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THAT ALL WHO WERE INTERDICTED WOULD BE REPATRIATED TO CHINA.

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HE ALSO URGED LABOUR GROUPS TO COME FORWARD TO REPORT EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THE EMPLOYERS WHO HIRED THESE EVADERS.

TURNING TO STATISTICS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, MR LI SAID THIS YEAR UP TO 5 AM THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING THERE WERE OVER 20,000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BEING ARRESTED, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 40 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

OF THOSE ARRESTED, ABOUT 80 PER CENT WERE MEN, THREE PER CENT WERE PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 AND THE REST WERE WOMEN.

MR LI NOTED THAT THE FIELD PATROL DETACHMENT (FPD) HAD FULLY TAKEN OVER THE POLICING OF THE 36 KILOMETRES LAND BORDER SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE BORDER IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTORS AND EACH IS MANNED BY A POLICE TACTICAL UNIT COMPANY OF 170 OFFICERS. A FOURTH QUICK REACTION FORCE COMPANY WILL BE READY IN OCTOBER.

FPD IS SUPPORTED BY MANY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THERMAL IMAGER AND THE MINIATURE INTRUDER DETECTION SYSTEM, AS WELL AS BACK-UP FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IN THEIR BORDER POLICING DUTIES.

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REWARD SCHEME TO CATCH EMPLOYERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID A REWARD FOR INFORMATION SCHEME WAS BEING CONSIDERED AS A MEANS TO IDENTIFY EMPLOYERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, AS MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

HE SAID THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE HAD BEEN LOOKING AT WAYS OF IMPROVING THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROSECUTE EMPLOYERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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NO DEPARTURE FROM POLICY TO TOLL TUNNELS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO DEPART FROM ITS EXISTING POLICY TO ONLY TOLL TUNNELS.

REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT COUNTRY PARK SECTION OF ROUTE 3 MAY BECOME A TOLLED ROAD, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT WAS UNDER A FINANCIAL CONSULTANCY STUDY AND IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO COMMENT ON ITS FUTURE TOLLING ARRANGEMENTS.

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* COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SERVICE	MONDAY	9 AM - 1 PM 2 PM - 5 PM
	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY	2 PM - 5 PM
	THURSDAY	9 AM - 1 PM
* FAMILY PLANNING	TUESDAY	9 AM - 1 PM
	THURSDAY	2 PM - 5 PM
* ANTENATAL SERVICE (NEW CASE)	WEDNESDAY	2 PM - 5 PM
* ANTENATAL SERVICE (REVISIT)	FRIDAY	9 AM - 1 PM
* POST-NATAL SERVICE	TUESDAY	9 AM - 1 PM

ALL UNITS WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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THREE SITES IN NEW TERRITORIES TO LET

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCIES ON THREE PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST SITE IS ON WING KEI ROAD, AREA 38, KWAI CHUNG AND HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,480 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS INTENDED FOR A FEE-PAYING CAR PARK FOR PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING CONTAINER TRACTORS AND TRAILERS).

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS ARE SITUATED AT YIP CHEONG STREET, ON LOK TSUEN, FANLING.

BOTH OF THEM MEASURE ABOUT 785 SQUARE METRES AND ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

/THEIR TENANCIES

THEIR TENANCIES ARE FOR THREE YEARS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 11.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON OR THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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BOOKLET ON DISCHARGES FROM VILLAGE HOUSES PUBLISHED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PUBLISHED AN INFORMATION BOOKLET ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DOMESTIC DISCHARGES FROM VILLAGE HOUSES.

THE 22-PAGE "GUIDANCE NOTES ON DISCHARGES FROM VILLAGE HOUSES", AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR VILLAGE HOUSE OWNERS WHO RELY ON SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THEIR DOMESTIC WASTE WATER.

THESE SYSTEMS ARE COMMONLY USED IN AREAS WITH NO PUBLIC FOUL SEWERS, IN PARTICULAR FOR SMALL VILLAGE HOUSE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE OUTLYING ISLANDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE BOOKLET EXPLAINED THE OPERATION OF A SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM, THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR PROPER OPERATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS AND ALSO THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

"WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE VILLAGE HOUSEHOLDERS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THEIR SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PROPER DISPOSAL OF THEIR DOMESTIC WASTE WATER WILL HELP REDUCE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS AS WELL AS POLLUTION TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT," HE ADDED.

UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSON TO MAKE A POLLUTING DISCHARGE IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE.

A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED A DISCHARGE LICENCE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND COMPLIES WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE LICENCE WILL BE ABLE TO FULLY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE CONTROLS NOW COVER THE WHOLE OF THE TERRITORY INCLUDING THE OUTLYING ISLANDS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE URBAN AREAS AROUND VICTORIA HARBOUR.

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED VILLAGE HOUSEHOLDERS TO APPLY FOR A DISCHARGE LICENCE WHICH WOULD SPECIFY CLEARLY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR DISCHARGES.

THE BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT OFFICES AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

DETAILS OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVICE WOULD BE SUSPENDED ON AUGUST 29 WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

HOWEVER, EIGHT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN ON AUGUST 31 (LIBERATION DAY AND THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST) WHICH IS ALSO A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THEY ARE THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, THE ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE CLINICS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM. ALL OTHER GENERAL OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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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	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 108.8 *-0.0* 26.8.92

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.23 PCT	15 MONTHS	2311	6.25	103.42	3.41
1 MONTH	2.37 PCT	18 MONTHS	2402	5.50	102.66	3.66
3 MONTHS	2.53 PCT	21 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.66	3.93
6 MONTHS	2.72 PCT	24 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.64	4.07
12 MONTHS	3.23 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,789MN

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