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GOVERNOR ATTENDS PRC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING:

"DIRECTOR ZHOU NAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

"I AM PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"THIS TIME LAST YEAR I SAID THAT I LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING A CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE MAINLAND. I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT WE NOW DO INDEED ENJOY A MORE FAVOURABLE CLIMATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS.

"THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR, TO CHINA AND HONG KONG AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO HONG KONG WAS THE SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEW AIRPORT. ACHIEVED AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, THAT AGREEMENT WILL ENABLE US TO GO AHEAD CONFIDENTLY WITH THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT, WHICH IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. ALSO IMPORTANT, AND VERY WELCOME, WAS THE AGREEMENT TO SPEED UP THE WORK OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. I AM GLAD THAT THE MEETING JUST CONCLUDED IN LONDON WAS A SUCCESSFUL ONE.

"OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONSHIP HAS CONTINUED TO PROSPER OVER THE PAST YEAR. TWO WAY TRADE IN 1990 INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT OVER 1989. AND UP TO JULY THIS YEAR, IT FURTHER INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING. IT UNDERLINES HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A MAJOR HUB OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR THE REGION AND THE BENEFIT TO THIS TERRITORY OF CLOSE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURING PROVINCES.

"I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BUILDING UP CONTACTS WITH THE MAINLAND. THROUGH CONTACT COMES UNDERSTANDING. ABOUT 100 HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED CHINA SO FAR THIS YEAR. I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE SUCH CONTACTS, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, DEVELOP FURTHER.

"MAY I NOW PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

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LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM PROVIDES ESSENTIAL CERTAINTY TO HK'S FREEDOM
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) SAID IT IS HONG KONG'S LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM, WHICH IS FIRMLY WEDDED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE RULE OF LAW, THAT PROVIDES THE ESSENTIAL CERTAINTY ON WHICH THE TERRITORY'S FREEDOM TO BE SUCCESSFUL DEPENDS.

"THE CHALLENGE FOR HONG KONG IS TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS SUFFICIENTLY ROBUST TO WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES WHICH THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SOCIETY, AND HONG KONG'S CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN 1997, WILL PLACE UPON IT," THE GOVERNOR SAID WHEN ADDRESSING THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION'S SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW 10TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

OUTLINING THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW, SIR DAVID SAID THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP HAD JUST AGREED ON THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A COURT OF FINAL APPEAL IN HONG KONG AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE COURT.

"WE HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE THIS IN PLACE BY 1993. IT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN ESTABLISHING FOR THE FUTURE HONG KONG'S OWN LEGAL SYSTEM," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW WOULD WORK.

"BUT TO DO SO THEY MUST BE FIRMLY ROOTED HERE," HE SAID ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRANSLATING THE LAWS INTO CHINESE.

"BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN THAT.

"WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE IN OUR COMMUNITY A BROADER, DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF IMPARTIAL JUSTICE; AND WE NEED GREATER LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS," HE SAID.

AT THE MOMENT THE MAJORITY OF HONG KONG'S JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES WERE EXPATRIATES, DESPITE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE LOCALISATION.

ONE REASON FOR THIS WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY THAT, BECAUSE OF THE FEES EARNED BY SUCCESSFUL SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG, APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH MEANT A DROP IN INCOME THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COULD NOT HOPE TO COMPENSATE FINANCIALLY, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT.

"WE NEED TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE TRADITION OF HIGH PUBLIC STATUS WHICH ATTACHES TO THE BENCH IN SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES AS A MEANS TO PROMOTE LOCALISATION," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S STRONG TRADITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE, WHICH HAD IN THE PAST TENDED TO BE CHANNELLED INTO CHARITABLE WORKS, WAS TAKING ON NEW FORMS.

"MOVES TOWARDS MORE REPRESENTATIVE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP TO DEVELOP A GREATER SENSE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

"AND RISING STANDARDS OF EDUCATION MEAN A WIDER APPRECIATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPARTIAL JUSTICE AND THE STATUS OF THOSE CHOSEN TO JUDGE THEIR FELLOW MEN," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ANOTHER ELEMENT IN STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL TRADITIONS, SAID SIR DAVID, WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT CHINA UNDERSTOOD HOW IMPORTANT THEY WERE TO HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND WAY OF LIFE.

"WE ARE DOING THIS THROUGH OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED CHANNELS LIKE THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT ARE THE INFORMAL BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED SO CONSIDERABLY OVER THE PAST DECADE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT RELATIONS ACROSS THE NORTHERN BORDER WERE NOW MORE LIKE THOSE ACROSS ONE OF THE BORDERS OF EUROPE THAN THROUGH A BAMBOO CURTAIN.

"THE RESULT IS A GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SIMILARITIES - AND OUR DIFFERENCES. AND OF COURSE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES.

"BUT THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION ARE THERE. WE MUST USE THEM CONTINUALLY TO PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING IN CHINA OF WHAT MAKES HONG KONG WORK THE WAY IT DOES, INCLUDING ITS RELIANCE ON THE RULE OF LAW AND THE EXERCISE OF IMPARTIAL JUSTICE.

"JUST HOW SUCCESSFUL WE ARE IN THIS PROCESS ONLY TIME WILL TELL. BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE MAKING SOME GOOD PROGRESS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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HONG KONG DETERMINES TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVENESS: SES
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HONG KONG'S AMBITIOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE AS A CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, COMMERCE, FINANCE AND TOURISM IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING ASIA PACIFIC REGION WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS OF THE ORIENT AIRLINES ASSOCIATION, MRS CHAN SAID HONG KONG WAS WELL AWARE OF THE KEEN COMPETITION WITHIN THE REGION AND WAS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVE EDGE.

"WE INTEND TO BUILD ON THE ADVANTAGES WHICH HISTORY AND NATURE HAVE GIVEN US.

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"THE CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US ARE BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BUT WE ARE WELL USED TO COPING WITH CHANGES," SHE SAID.

"WE HAVE THE SKILLS, THE RESILIENCE AND THE WILL TO SURVIVE AND PROSPER AND WE AIM TO PLAY OUR PART IN THE ECONOMIC DYNAMISM OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION," SHE ADDED.

AFFIRMING THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE AIRPORT TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MRS CHAN SAID A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE TERRITORY'S HIGHER VALUE TRADE IS HANDLED BY AIR.

"FOR EXAMPLE IN 1990, 30 PER CENT OF OUR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 16 PER CENT OF OUR RE-EXPORTS AND 20 PER CENT OF OUR IMPORTS BY VALUE WERE CARRIED BY AIR.

"OVER 80 PER CENT OF OUR TOURISTS ARRIVE BY AIR. THEY MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMY BY THE PURCHASE OF HIGH VALUE-ADDED GOODS AND SERVICES AND DIRECTLY LEAD TO THE CREATION OF MANY JOBS IN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND THE RETAIL TRADE.

"IN 1990, WE BENEFITTED FROM TOURISM RECEIPTS TO THE TUNE OF NEARLY HK\$39 BILLION, A 6.7 PER CENT INCREASE ON 1989. THE HOTEL SECTOR HAS ALSO INVESTED STRONGLY IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY," SHE SAID.

"OVER 1,000 HOTEL ROOMS WERE ADDED IN 1990 AND A FURTHER 7,000 ARE EXPECTED BY THE END OF 1992 WHEN HONG KONG COULD HAVE AS MANY AS 35,000 HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE," MRS CHAN SAID.

IF THE AIRPORT AT KAI TAK IS PERMITTED TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AT, OR BEYOND, ITS DESIGN CAPACITY FOR A PROTRACTED PERIOD, HONG KONG WILL START TO TURN BUSINESS AWAY, SHE SAID.

"SO IT IS VITAL FOR HONG KONG TO HAVE A NEW AIRPORT TO MAINTAIN OUR COMPETITIVENESS IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD," SHE SAID.

"THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK CANNOT COME SOON ENOUGH. IT WILL OPERATE ROUND-THE-CLOCK WITH TWO RUNWAYS AND AN ULTIMATE DESIGN CAPACITY FOR 87 MILLION PASSENGERS, 4 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO AND 320,000 AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS EACH YEAR," SHE NOTED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) PROVIDED THE CERTAINTY NEEDED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED CONFIDENTLY WITH THE CORE AIRPORT PROJECTS AS WELL AS PRACTICAL AND SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH ANY AIRPORT-RELATED MATTERS WHICH STRADDLED 1997.

"IT IS ALSO A CLEAR STATEMENT OF CHINESE SUPPORT AND AN UNEQUIVOCAL REASSURANCE TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS THAT OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WHICH STRADDLE 1997 WILL BE HONOURED BY THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL COME INTO BEING ON JULY 1, 1997.

"THE MOU REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN TAKING FORWARD OUR PLANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT BUT IT IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL OF THE COMMITMENT OF HONG KONG'S PRESENT AND FUTURE SOVEREIGN POWERS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY," MRS CHAN SAID.

GOVT CAMPAIGN SHIFTS QUALITY PERCEPTION

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THE GOVERNMENT'S QUALITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN MARCH LAST YEAR HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A NOTICEABLE SHIFT IN THE PERCEPTION OF QUALITY AMONG LOCAL MANUFACTURERS, ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A QUALITY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, MR WONG SAID THE CAMPAIGN EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND QUALITY MANAGEMENT AS A VITAL INGREDIENT FOR CONTINUING BUSINESS SUCCESS.

HE SAID THE VITAL ISSUES OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN MANUFACTURING MUST BE ADDRESSED.

"OUR TRADITIONAL OVERSEAS MARKETS HAVE BECOME MORE AFFLUENT. OUR CUSTOMERS MORE DISCERNING REGARDING THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTS THEY ARE PREPARED TO BUY. MANDATORY HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BECOME MORE STRINGENT," HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, LAND AND LABOUR COSTS CONTINUED TO RISE LEADING TO AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF PRODUCING GOODS IN HONG KONG.

"AS A CONSEQUENCE, MANY MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS HAVE MOVED INTO AREAS OF LOWER LAND AND LABOUR COSTS, PARTICULARLY SOUTH CHINA.

"HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF MANUFACTURERS REMAIN IN HONG KONG AND WILL CONTINUE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE HERE.

"THE KEY TO THEIR CONTINUED SUCCESS WILL BE THE INCREASED ATTENTION PAID TO IMPROVING THE TECHNOLOGY APPLIED IN THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID DURING THE LAST 20 YEARS, QUALITY HAD EVOLVED FROM A NARROW TECHNICAL DISCIPLINE WHOSE MANDATE WAS TO DETECT MANUFACTURING PROBLEMS, TO A BROADER FIELD ENCOMPASSING ALL THE STAFF FROM TOP MANAGEMENT TO THE FACTORY FLOOR AND ALL STAGES OF THE MANUFACTURING OPERATION FROM DESIGN TO MARKETING.

"AS WE MOVE INTO THE QUALITY CONSCIOUS 1990'S, QUALITY NEEDS TO BE RE-DEFINED AND LINKED DIRECTLY TO PROFITABILITY.

"IT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS IF WE WERE TO MAINTAIN OUR COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE WORLD MARKET.

"COMPANIES NEED TO DEVELOP MODERN QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS - BASED HEAVILY ON THE COMMITMENT OF THEIR TOP MANAGEMENT AND FULLY MOTIVATED EMPLOYEES.

"THE PRODUCTION OF WELL-DESIGNED PRODUCTS, BUILT FROM QUALITY MATERIALS, ARE LIKELY TO BE PRE-REQUISITES FOR FUTURE MANUFACTURING SUCCESS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

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THE JUDICIARY TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MR GERARD PAUL MUTTRIE HAS BEEN APPOINTED A CHIEF MAGISTRATE.

MR MUTTRIE, WHOSE APPOINTMENT TOOK EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1991, WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1943.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW AND WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN SCOTLAND IN 1966.

HE PRACTISED IN GLASGOW AS A SOLICITOR BEFORE TAKING UP EMPLOYMENT IN MALAWI, AS A STATE ADVOCATE, IN 1970. IN 1972, HE WAS APPOINTED A RESIDENT MAGISTRATE IN MALAWI BEFORE RETURNING TO PRIVATE PRACTICE IN LEEDS IN 1979.

MR MUTTRIE WAS APPOINTED A MAGISTRATE IN HONG KONG IN 1983 AND A PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN OCTOBER 1989.

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PARCEL SERVICES TO KAMPUCHEA RESUMED

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AIR AND SURFACE PARCEL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA HAVE NOW RESUMED.

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YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTS NEXT MONTH

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CHINESE MUSIC LOVERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE PERFORMANCES OF SOME ONE THOUSAND LOCAL AND CHINESE MUSICIANS DURING THE 1991 HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 18 TO 26.

FEATURING A SERIES OF CONCERTS, MASTER CLASSES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS, THE EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE MUSIC OFFICE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AND STIMULATING GREATER PUBLIC INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC.

THE FESTIVAL WILL START WITH A STUDENT CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 3 PM ON OCTOBER 18. MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE LARGEST PERFORMANCE WILL BE AN INTERFLOW CONCERT PERFORMED BY ABOUT 700 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 21 SCHOOL AND AMATEUR CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AT THE ACADEMIC HALL ON OCTOBER 20.

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TWO GUEST MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, MR CHEN TIANSHOU (SUONA) AND MS QU BINGXIN (YANGQIN) WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCES AND TO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S MUSIC CENTRES DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, TWO LECTURES WITH THE THEMES OF "CHINESE MUSIC DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG", AND "THE WRITING OF VERNACULAR SONGS" WILL BE CONDUCTED BY RENOWNED MUSIC EDUCATORS MR YUAN DONGCHU AND MR YU LIN.

THE TWO LECTURES WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE ON OCTOBER 21 AND 22 RESPECTIVELY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE JING YING CONCERT AND THE FINALE CONCERT TO BE HELD AT SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE AND APA LYRIC THEATRE ON OCTOBER 24 AND 26 RESPECTIVELY. THE TWO CONCERTS WILL START AT 8 PM.

THE JING YING CONCERT WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE CHINESE GUEST MUSICIANS AND WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE PLUCKED STRING ORCHESTRA.

REPERTOIRE WILL INCLUDE TRADITIONAL PIECES AND A NEW COMPOSITION "SOUTHERN TERRITORY ON MARCH 3" WRITTEN BY LOCAL MUSICIAN MR LAU TSIM-LAM.

AS THE EPILOGUE OF THE FESTIVAL, THE FINALE CONCERT WILL FEATURE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE TWO GUEST MUSICIANS.

PIECES TO BE PRESENTED WILL INCLUDE "TORCH FESTIVAL", AND "FIFTEEN NIGHTS IN BANQIAO". THE LATTER IS A NEW COMPOSITION SPECIALLY WRITTEN BY A LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIAN - MR CHAN KAM-BILL - FOR THE CONCERT.

THE FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY YUET WAH COMPANY LTD.

TICKETS FOR THE JING YING CONCERT AT \$30 EACH AND FOR THE FINALE CONCERT AT \$20 AND \$40 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 795 5761.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR OCT - DEC

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1991.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS SINCE AUGUST 1981, COLLECTS INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, TAXI WAITING TIME, DOMESTIC HELPERS, HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINED OUTSIDE HONG KONG AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING QUARTER.

ABOUT 4,500 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR VOLUNTARY CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH CARRYING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER PART IIIA OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND A NOTICE WAS GAZETTED ON JANUARY 19 LAST YEAR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

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NOMINATION IS NOW OPEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD SCHEME.

THE CONVENOR OF THE SCHEME'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHAO SHING-KIE, ANNOUNCED THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY).

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"IT IS HOPED THAT THE SCHEME WILL HELP MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR SOCIETY.

"THOSE AGED FROM 16 TO 28 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION, THE DEADLINE FOR WHICH IS OCTOBER 31," HE SAID.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO.

"FORMS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS," MR CHAO ADDED.

THE NOMINEES WILL BE SHORTLISTED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS, COMPRISING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE; CHAIRMAN OF THE DB'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MISS JENNIFER CHOW; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP, MR WONG PO-LAM; AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DANIEL CHENG.

THE SHORTLISTED CONTESTANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER. THEY WILL BE ASSESSED ON THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIETY AND ANALYTICAL ABILITY.

FOUR FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED TO BECOME THE "EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTH", WHO WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN A STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

"THE SCHEME IS ONE OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR," THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-LAM, SAID.

"OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A CIVIC EDUCATION DAY AND SEMINARS FOR HAWKERS AND WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT TO BE HELD FROM OCTOBER TO JANUARY," HE ADDED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 45.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 268.166 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 334.467 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 57.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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METERED PARKING SPACES IN YUEN LONG TOWN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION AT THE PARKING SPACES ON MA TIN ROAD IN YUEN LONG TOWN ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 2).

THESE METERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT A TOTAL OF 22 PARKING SPACES. THE OPERATION DURATION OF THE METERS WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT A BUILDING IN MARCONI ROAD, KOWLOON SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT B2 AND IN FLAT B2 ITSELF ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF TWILIGHT COURT, 4 MARCONI ROAD.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 2 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (MONDAY).

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

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FLUSHING WATER SUSPENSION
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SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM, ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 2) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	28.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	30.9.91	+450
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-450
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX	111.9 *-0.1* 30.9.91	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	30.9.91	27.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.16 PCT	4.10 PCT
1 MONTH	4.14 PCT	4.17 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.35 PCT	4.39 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.78 PCT	4.89 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.51 PCT	5.54 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	8,056 MN	7,315 MN