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UN CONVENTION ON CHILD RIGHTS EXTENDED TO HONG KONG

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE FORMALITIES FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (THE CONVENTION) TO 12 DEPENDANT TERRITORIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG, HAD NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

THE NEWS WAS WELCOMED AS A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONG KONG.

"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION IS THAT IT PLACES HONG KONG UNDER CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR INTERESTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE EXTENSION OF THIS CONVENTION AND ITS CONTINUED APPLICATION TO HONG KONG AFTER 1997.

"UNDER THE CONVENTION, STATES PARTIES ARE OBLIGED TO RESPECT AND ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN SET OUT IN THE CONVENTION, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION, AND TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SUCH THINGS AS DISCRIMINATION, ABUSE AND NEGLECT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE PARENT AND CHILD ORDINANCE IN 1993, WHICH REMEDIED DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, OUR LAWS ARE ALREADY IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE CONVENTION AS IT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG.

"THE EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION DOES NOT NECESSITATE ANY FURTHER LEGISLATIVE CHANGES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN EXTENDING THE CONVENTION THE UK HAS ENTERED A NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS FOR HONG KONG AND THE OTHER DEPENDANT TERRITORIES INVOLVED.

RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO HONG KONG IN SIX AREAS. FOUR OF THE RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS HAVE THE SAME OR SIMILAR WORDING TO RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS THE UK ENTERED FOR ITSELF WHEN IT RATIFIED THE CONVENTION IN 1991. ALL OF THESE RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO THE 12 DEPENDANT TERRITORIES INVOLVED IN THIS EXERCISE.

"THESE INCLUDE RESERVATIONS TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION AND TO ALLOW THE MIXING OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN DETENTION WHERE THERE IS A LACK OF SUITABLE DETENTION FACILITIES OR SUCH MIXING IS DEEMED MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. SIMILAR RESERVATIONS ALREADY APPLY TO HONG KONG WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"REFLECTING CURRENT PRACTICE, A RESERVATION HAS BEEN ENTERED TO ALLOW HONG KONG TO CONTINUE FOR THE TIME BEING NOT TO REGULATE THE WORKING HOURS OF YOUNG PERSONS OF 15 YEARS IN AGE AND ABOVE IN NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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"WE DO NOT CURRENTLY REGULATE SUCH WORKING HOURS BECAUSE THE NATURE OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONCERNED IS CONSIDERED TO BE LESS STRENUOUS THAN IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. HOWEVER, WE WILL IN DUE COURSE EXAMINE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTRODUCING SUCH CONTROL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LASTLY, A RESERVATION HAS ALSO BEEN ENTERED FOR HONG KONG AND ONE OTHER DEPENDANT TERRITORY TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO CHILDREN SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS.

"THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANT CHILDREN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP ACTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF THE CONVENTION WOULD BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED AND ITS PROVISIONS FULLY PUBLISHED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENHANCED HUMAN RIGHTS PUBLICITY STRATEGY.

"WE WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT ALL PARTS OF GOVERNMENT ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THE CONVENTION'S PROVISIONS IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMMES AND FORMULATING POLICIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PENALTIES FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES
OFFENCES SET TO RISE SHARPLY

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THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR TRADING IN HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS IS SET TO INCREASE TO A FINE OF \$5 MILLION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS UNDER PROPOSALS GAZETTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994 PROPOSES ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASES IN MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTIONS OF RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN AND POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE CURRENT MAXIMUM PENALTY IS A FINE OF \$25,000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND \$50,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

THE BILL REMOVES THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES AND INTRODUCES DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PENALTIES ACCORDING TO WHETHER THE OFFENCE IS COMMITTED FOR A COMMERCIAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND WHETHER THE SPECIES INVOLVED IS HIGHLY ENDANGERED OR LESS ENDANGERED.

IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESSION OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT A LICENCE FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE WILL ATTRACT THE HIGHEST PENALTIES, UNDER THE PROPOSALS.

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WHERE SUCH AN OFFENCE INVOLVES A HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WILL BE A FINE OF \$5 MILLION AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. WHERE A LESS ENDANGERED SPECIES IS INVOLVED, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WILL BE \$500,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

OFFENCES NOT INVOLVING A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, BUT INVOLVING A HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES, WILL ATTRACT A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR. WHERE SUCH AN OFFENCE INVOLVES A LESS ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE PROPOSED MAXIMUM PENALTY IS \$50,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE MAIN PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED PENALTIES:-

IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESSION OF SCHEDULED SPECIES WITHOUT A LICENCE -----	INVOLVING LESS ENDANGERED SPECIES -----	INVOLVING HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES -----
NOT FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE	\$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS	\$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR
FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE	\$500,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR	\$5,000,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS

EXPLAINING THE PROPOSALS, A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR ERIC JOHNSON, SAID THERE WAS DEEP CONCERN AMONG PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) OVER THE RATE AT WHICH MANY SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS WERE BECOMING ENDANGERED.

HE SAID DESPITE THE BAN ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES, RHINOCEROSSES AND TIGERS AND MOST SPECIES OF BEAR WERE NOW THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE DEMAND FOR PARTS OF THESE ANIMALS FOR USE AS INGREDIENTS IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE IN EAST ASIA.

MR JOHNSON SAID TRADE IN:-

- * RHINO HORN,
- * TIGER PARTS,
- * GALL BLADDERS AND BILE FROM HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF BEAR, AND
- * MEDICINES CLAIMING TO CONTAIN RHINO OR TIGER INGREDIENTS,

WAS BANNED IN HONG KONG BUT THE INCREASING RARITY OF THE ANIMALS INCREASES THE PRICE OF THESE COMMODITIES AND HENCE THE TEMPTATION TO TRADE ILLEGALLY IN THEM.

THE CURRENT PENALTIES ARE NEGLIGIBLE COMPARED TO THE POTENTIAL PROFITS FROM ILLEGAL TRADE, SO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PENALTIES ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL DETERRENT, HE SAID.

THE SHARP INCREASES SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO PEOPLE PREPARED TO RISK TRADING ILLEGALLY IN ENDANGERED SPECIES THAT HONG KONG IS DETERMINED TO ENFORCE ITS ENDANGERED SPECIES LEGISLATION AND PUSH FOR HEAVY PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS, MR JOHNSON SAID.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE MAXIMUM FINES FOR FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION WHEN APPLYING FOR A LICENCE AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH VARIOUS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE INCREASED TENFOLD TO \$100,000.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTION OF AN AUTHORISED OFFICER IN CONDUCTING ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IS SET TO INCREASE FROM \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS TO \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE PROPOSALS WILL BECOME LAW BY EARLY 1995.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

"HIGHLY ENDANGERED SPECIES" ARE THOSE LISTED IN THE SIXTH SCHEDULE TO THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, SUCH AS GORILLAS, ORANG-UTANS, CHIMPANZEES, GIANT PANDAS, BEARS, LEOPARDS, TIGERS, ELEPHANTS, RHINOCEROSES, PEREGRINE FALCONS, MACAWS, COCKATOOS, SEA TURTLES, GIANT SALAMANDERS, ASIATIC BONY TONGUE FISH AND SOME SPECIES OF CACTI AND ORCHIDS.

"LESS ENDANGERED SPECIES" MEANS ALL OTHER ANIMALS, ANIMAL PARTS AND PLANTS SCHEDULED UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND INCLUDES MANY SPECIES OF, FOR EXAMPLE, MONKEYS, WILD CATS, SEALS, DEER, EAGLES, HAWKS, PHEASANTS, OWLS, LAND TORTOISES, LIZARDS, PYTHONS, CORALS, PANGOLINS, ORCHIDS AND AMERICAN GINSENG.

"COMMERCIAL PURPOSE" IS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 12 OF THE BILL. BRIEFLY, IT MEANS ANY PURPOSE RELATING TO TRADE OR BUSINESS OR THE TRADING FOR GAIN OF A SCHEDULED SPECIES (THAT IS THOSE LISTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE) OR A CONTROLLED MEDICINE (THAT IS MEDICINES CLAIMING TO CONTAIN RHINO OR TIGER INGREDIENTS).

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EXPERT TALKS ON HONG KONG'S SEWAGE STRATEGY

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EXPERTS OF THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SIDES OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP WILL DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG'S SEWAGE STRATEGY ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4.

THIS, THE SECOND ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT, WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG.

THE BRITISH TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR JAMES BLAKE, SECRETARY FOR WORKS. THE CHINESE TEAM WILL BE LED BY MR CHEN ZUO'ER, CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY EXPERTS FROM THE TWO SIDES.

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VISA ARRANGEMENT FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING AN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT THE PRIVILEGE OF ENTERING 80 COUNTRIES VISA-FREE ENJOYED BY BN(O) PASSPORT HOLDERS WAS NOW AT RISK BECAUSE BEIJING WAS SET TO REFUSE TO GUARANTEE THAT BN(O) PASSPORT HOLDERS COULD BE REPATRIATED TO HONG KONG WHEN DEPORTED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) CLARIFIED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP THAT ALL BN(O)S ARE RETURNABLE TO HONG KONG.

"ALL BN(O) PASSPORTS CARRY AN ENDORSEMENT THAT THE HOLDER HAS THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. THIS IS NOT A UNILATERAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE BRITISH SIDE BUT WAS AGREED AT ONE OF THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED IN 1987.

"RETURNABILITY TO HONG KONG IS THEREFORE A MATTER GUARANTEED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. IT IS BEYOND DOUBT THAT BN(O) PASSPORT HOLDERS ARE RETURNABLE TO HONG KONG IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE VISA-FREE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE BN(O) WOULD CEASE TO APPLY AFTER 1997 BECAUSE OF THE ENDING OF THE COLONIAL LINK WITH BRITAIN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID AMONG THE 80 COUNTRIES NOW GRANTING BN(O)S VISA-FREE ENTRY, 10 WERE DOING SO BECAUSE OF FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH BRITAIN WHILE OTHERS WERE GIVING BN(O)S VISA-FREE ACCESS ON ITS OWN MERIT.

THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS TO THESE COUNTRIES WERE PROBABLY HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND THE GOOD TRACK RECORD OF HONG KONG TRAVELLERS.

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"THE GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG TRAVELLERS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION OVERSEAS."

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADDED THAT THE BRITISH SIDE HAD PUT PROPOSALS ON VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENTS AT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THESE ISSUES IN THE COMING YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (NOTICES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER GAZETTED
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THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (NOTICES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) IS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE FOUR ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE NEWLY ENACTED SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID GRACE PERIODS OF BETWEEN THREE TO 12 MONTHS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY, RETAILERS, AND RESTAURANTS FOR THEM TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

THE ORDER PROHIBITS THE SALE OR GIVING FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS.

THE ORDER STIPULATES THAT RETAILERS ARE REQUIRED TO EXHIBIT PROMINENTLY AT THEIR PREMISES A SIGN OF AT LEAST 38 BY 20 CENTIMETRES STATING IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH "BY ORDER OF HK GOVT: NO TOBACCO PRODUCT SHALL BE SOLD OR GIVEN FOR PROMOTION TO PERSONS UNDER 18".

THE WORDING ON THE SIGN MUST BE IN A COLOUR WHICH CONTRASTS WITH THE BACKGROUND OF THE SIGN.

RETAILERS WHO FAIL TO POST THE SIGN OR WHO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$25,000.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IF RETAILERS HAD VERIFIED THE PURCHASER'S PROOF OF AGE AND BELIEVED ON REASONABLE GROUNDS THAT SUCH PERSON WAS NOT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AT THE TIME, HE WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE OFFENCE.

THE THIRD MEASURE IN THE ORDER REQUIRES A SUITABLE SIGN TO BE DISPLAYED AT RESTAURANTS STATING WHETHER OR NOT A NO-SMOKING AREA IS PROVIDED.

"THIS SERVES TO ENABLE CUSTOMERS TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE OF RESTAURANTS, BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION WHETHER NO-SMOKING SEATING IS PROVIDED."

THE SIGNS SHOULD BE SQUARE IN SHAPE WITH A MINIMUM SIZE OF 15 CENTIMETRES. THE DESIGN AND WORDING MUST BE IN A CONTRASTING COLOUR.

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THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT PROVISION OF NO-SMOKING AREAS WAS VOLUNTARY. "HOWEVER, WE HOPE RESTAURANT OPERATORS WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING A NO-SMOKING AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR CUSTOMERS," HE ADDED.

THE ORDER ALSO EXTENDS THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON CIGARETTE ADVERTISEMENT TO ALL TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENTS. PACKETS OF CIGAR AND PIPE TOBACCOS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEAR ONE OF THE FOUR PRESCRIBED HEALTH WARNINGS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR THE CIGARETTE PACKETS.

DETAILS OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PEOPLE IN THE TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT ARE:

- * SIX MONTHS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT BANNING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS AND TO PUT UP A SIGN AT RETAIL PREMISES AND RESTAURANTS
- * 12 MONTHS ALLOWED TO PUT A HEALTH WARNING ON PACKETS OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS
- * THREE MONTHS FOR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT ADVERTISEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

DETAILS OF THE SIZE AND LAYOUT OF THE SIGNS AND HEALTH WARNINGS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SMOKING (PUBLIC HEALTH) (NOTICES) ORDER 1994.

RETAILERS AND RESTAURANT OWNERS CAN CONTACT THE TOBACCO INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG RESTAURANT OWNERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF RESPECTIVE STATUTORY SIGNS.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (TEL 838 8822) CAN GIVE GENERAL ADVICE ON THE PROVISIONS AND DETAILS IN THE ORDINANCE AND ORDER.

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PLANNING APPLICATION FOR LEGCO ANNEX BUILDING REJECTED

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THE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD REJECTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ANNEX BUILDING AT THE EASTERN PART OF THE CHATER GARDEN IN CENTRAL LAST FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY BUILDING WITH TWO STOREYS ABOVE THE GROUND LEVEL AND ONE LEVEL OF BASEMENT. THE BUILDING WILL OCCUPY ABOUT 4,700 SQUARE METRES OR 35 PER CENT OF THE CHATER GARDEN AREA.

THE PROPOSED DESIGN WILL ALLOW THE ANNEX BUILDING ROOFTOP TO BE TURNED INTO A GARDEN AND LINKED UP WITH THE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY NEAR THE MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK BY A FOOTBRIDGE.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE CHATER GARDEN A UNIQUE AND PROMINENT AMENITY AREA IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

"IT IS WELL PATRONISED BY THE PUBLIC. PURPOSEFULLY DEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AFTER THE RELOCATION OF THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB, IT HAS SERVED THE PUBLIC WELL AND THE PLANNING INTENTION IS TO RETAIN IT AS A PUBLIC OPEN SPACE," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE EASTERN PART OF CHATER GARDEN WHERE THE ANNEX BUILDING WAS PROPOSED TO BE BUILT WAS COVERED WITH LUXURIANT VEGETATION AND MATURE TREES, AND WAS ONE OF A FEW "GREEN LUNGS" IN CENTRAL.

"THE COMMITTEE IS NOT CONVINCED THAT REPLANTING OF MATURE TREES AS SUGGESTED IN THE APPLICATION IS PRACTICABLE, AND THE PROPOSED ROOFTOP GARDEN WILL BE LESS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

"THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO NOT CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER OPTIONS TO MEET THE ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL," HE EXPLAINED.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, AN APPLICANT CAN APPLY FOR A REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSIONS

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A BILL AND THREE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS THAT SEEK TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS' PENSIONS WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE THE PENSIONS ORDINANCES (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994; THE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994; THE PENSION BENEFITS (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994; AND THE PENSION BENEFITS (JUDICIAL OFFICERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1994.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL AND THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS AIMED TO REMOVE ANOMALIES WHICH BECAME APPARENT DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO DEPENDANT PENSIONS AND RELATED BENEFITS INTRODUCED BY THE PENSIONS MODIFICATION ORDINANCE 1993. THEY ALSO PROVIDE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSION MATTERS.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE BILL ARE:

- * PROVISION FOR THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL PENSION TO AN OFFICER INJURED ON DUTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS IN FORCE AT THE DATE OF INJURY INSTEAD OF AT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT;

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- * THE GRANT OF DISCRETION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSES' AND CHILDREN'S PENSIONS SCHEME TO ACCEPT A DISABLED CHILD FOR RECEIPT OF DEPENDANT PENSION EVEN THOUGH THE DISABILITY ARISES AFTER THE DEATH OF THE CONTRIBUTOR AND TO ALLOW A DISABLED CHILD, WHO IS ADOPTED BY ANOTHER PERSON, TO RECEIVE DEPENDANT PENSIONS. THE LATTER PROVISION SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS ARE:

- * REMOVAL OF AN OBSOLESCEMENT DISCRIMINATORY PROVISION SO THAT PRE-27 MAY 1966 SERVICE OF MARRIED FEMALE OFFICERS CAN BE COUNTED FULLY, INSTEAD OF IN PART, FOR PENSION PURPOSES;
- * REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT TO SEEK THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL TO GRANT PENSION FOR SERVICE IN A NON-ESTABLISHED OFFICE PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING SERVICE IN AN ESTABLISHED OFFICE WITHOUT A BREAK UNDER THE OLD PENSION SCHEME IN LINE WITH THE NEW PENSION SCHEME.

THE STAFF SIDE OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICE CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO PENSIONS LEGISLATION.

THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS MADE WILL BE LAID BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 2, 1994. THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 9, 1994.

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CONTROL OVER USE OF MULTICYCLES
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USE OF MULTICYCLES IS TO BE RESTRICTED TO THE CYCLE PARK IN TAI WAI, PART OF THE CYCLE TRACK ALONG THE NORTHERN SIDE OF TING KOK ROAD AND SOME AREAS ON CHEUNG CHAU FOR THE SAKE OF ROAD SAFETY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EXACT LOCATIONS WILL BE INDICATED BY APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND THE LIST OF SPECIFIED LOCATIONS AND THE TRAFFIC SIGNS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, HE SAID.

IN RECENT YEARS, A NEW TYPE OF PEDAL CYCLE WITH FOUR WHEELS, THE MULTICYCLE, HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AND IT HAS BEEN RIDDEN IN SOME AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND CHEUNG CHAU.

FOR THE SAKE OF ROAD SAFETY, IT IS DECIDED THAT MULTICYCLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE RIDDEN ONLY IN AREAS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

"IN DETERMINING WHICH LOCATIONS TO BE SPECIFIED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SUITABILITY OF THE LOCATIONS AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER SUITABLE LOCATIONS WHERE MULTICYCLES COULD BE ALLOWED TO BE USED. ANY SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CONSIDERED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, NO PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO HIRE A MULTICYCLE TO A CHILD UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE OR PERMIT ANY CHILD TO RIDE OR TO STEER A MULTICYCLE, UNLESS THE CHILD IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN MULTICYCLES ARE BEING LOOKED AFTER BY ADULTS.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1994, WHICH PROVIDES LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND CONTROL OVER USE OF BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES TO MUTLICYCLES, WAS PASSED INTO LAW IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 12 WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 28 THIS YEAR.

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ROYAL NAVY SAYS FAREWELL TO FORMER HOME

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THE THREE SHIPS OF THE HONG KONG SQUADRON WILL SAIL OUT OF THE FORMER NAVAL BASIN AT THE PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS FOR THE LAST TIME ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1), THE DAY THAT THE AREA IS HANDED OVER TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE BASIN WAS HOME TO THE SQUADRON UNTIL THE MOVE OF HMS TAMAR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS TO STONECUTTERS ISLAND IN MAY 1993.

THE PATROL CRAFT HMS PLOVER, HMS STARLING AND HMS PEACOCK WILL BE THE LAST EVER NAVAL VESSELS TO USE THE BASIN, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR TO BECOME PART OF THE WAN CHAI-CENTRAL RECLAMATION, ENDING 90 YEARS OF HISTORY FOR THE ROYAL NAVY AND A FAMOUS LANDMARK IN CENTRAL.

THE BASIN HAS PLAYED HOST TO INNUMERABLE ILLUSTRIOUS SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND MANY VISITING FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BERTHING THERE ON VISITS TO HONG KONG IN THE PAST 90 YEARS.

THE EARLIEST REFERENCE TO THE NAVAL YARD ON HONG KONG ISLAND APPEARS IN A MEMORANDUM OF JULY 1856 CONCERNED WITH THE FURTHER TRANSFER OF LAND FROM THE MILITARY TO THE ADMIRALTY. THE LAND INVOLVED WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT ON WHICH ADMIRALTY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY NOW STANDS.

REQUIRING SPACE FOR A MODERN DOCKYARD, THE ONLY POSSIBLE DIRECTION WAS SEAWARD SO, IN 1899, IT WAS DECIDED TO CARRY THROUGH A MASSIVE RECLAMATION SCHEME.

THE TOTAL AREA FINALLY CREATED WAS OVER 39 ACRES AND TWO NOVEL FEATURES WERE PLANNED: A GRAVING DOCK AND A FLOATING BASIN.

THE GRAVING DOCK NO LONGER EXISTS, BUT THE BASIN HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS USE UNTIL BEING HANDED OVER TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR ITS OWN RECLAMATION PROGRAMME ON NOVEMBER 1, 1994.

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DESIGNED TO HAVE AN AREA OF NINE-AND-A-HALF ACRES AND A DEPTH, AT THE LOWEST SPRING TIDES, OF 30 FEET, THE BASIN WAS TO BE SQUARE-SHAPED AND TO BE USED FOR THE REPAIR AND RE-FIT OF VESSELS WHILE STILL AFLOAT.

THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW DOCKYARD WAS LAID ON JANUARY 15, 1902 AND CAN STILL BE SEEN AT THE PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS, ALTHOUGH NOT IN ITS ORIGINAL POSITION. THE NEW GRAVING DOCK AND FLOATING BASIN WERE COMPLETED IN 1905.

THE PATROL CRAFTS WILL DEPART THE BASIN AT 8.30 AM AND THE SALUTE WILL BE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER HONG KONG, CAPTAIN PETER MELSON.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FINAL SAILING FROM THE NAVAL BASIN AT THE PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GUARDROOM NO LATER THAN 8.15 AM.

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ONE CANDIDATE NOMINATED FOR REGCO BY-ELECTION

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ONE CANDIDATE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION FOR KWAI CHUNG EAST CONSTITUENCY TODAY (FRIDAY).

HIS PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE:

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	TEL NO
LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG	39	SOCIAL WORKER	481 7482

THE TWO-WEEK NOMINATION PERIOD WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 3. THE BY-ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4.

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THREE LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 23 (WEDNESDAY), IT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED AT 351-361 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 452.1 SQUARE METRES FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING GODOWN, WAREHOUSE, PETROL FILLING STATION, RETAIL (EXCEPT RETAIL BANKING), RESTAURANT, HOTEL, SERVICE APARTMENT AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FLATS.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 4,070 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE SECOND LOT, LOCATED IN 212 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 83.5 SQUARE METRES.

THE LOWEST THREE FLOORS, INCLUDING ANY BASEMENT LEVEL OR LEVELS, ARE TO BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, BUT EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL, SERVICE APARTMENT AND PETROL FILLING STATION, AND THE REMAINING FLOORS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 264 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

THE REMAINING LOT IS SITUATED IN AREA 2, TAI PO KAU HUI, TAI PO. COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,367 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, EXCLUDING GODOWN.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 8,500 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1998.

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

SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICES.

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

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AIDS EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS HAS MADE A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON AIDS EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT STUDY IT CONDUCTED.

ANNOUNCING THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY ON LOCAL AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MISS CARLYE TSUI, SAID THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

MISS TSUI SAID MANY STUDENTS DID NOT SEE CONDOM AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST AIDS BUT THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE EFFICACY OF CONDOM IN AIDS MUST BE RECTIFIED.

SHE SAID FUTURE AIDS EDUCATION SHOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH SEX EDUCATION AS FINDINGS INDICATED THAT STUDENTS COULD NOT BE ASSUMED TO BE SEXUALLY INACTIVE.

NOTING THAT PEER INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS' PERCEPTION, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS WAS STRONG, MISS TSUI SAID STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAUGHT THE SKILL TO REFUSE SEX AND THE VALUE FOR INDIVIDUAL CHOICE AGAINST THE PRESSURE FOR CONFORMITY.

ON THE ATTITUDES OF EDUCATORS, SHE SAID BOTH PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS AGREED THAT TEACHING ON AIDS WAS NECESSARY.

MISS TSUI STRESSED THAT TEACHERS' TRAINING SHOULD BE ENHANCED TO COPE WITH THE NEW ORIENTATION OF AIDS EDUCATION SINCE STUDY FINDINGS SHOWED THAT MANY TEACHERS WERE NOT CONFIDENT IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CENTRE FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR THE COMMITTEE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE, DR JOSEPH LAU, EXPLAINED THAT THE STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES FROM LAST OCTOBER TO MARCH THIS YEAR.

DR LAU SAID 98 OUT OF 150 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND 870 TEACHERS FROM 50 SCHOOLS RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES OF THE FIRST-PHASE STUDY.

THE SECOND PHASE FOCUSED ON STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR AND 1,182 SECONDARY FOUR TO SIX STUDENTS FROM 12 RANDOMLY SELECTED SCHOOLS COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL POSTS INVITED

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THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS INVITING LEGAL PROFESSIONALS TO JOIN THE RANK OF GOVERNMENT LAWYERS AS SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO LOCAL APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S FULL COMMITMENT TO LOCALISATION.

HE SAID: WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A TARGET OF 50 PER CENT LOCALISATION AT THE DIRECTORATE LEVEL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

"ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL TARGET OF 60 PER CENT LOCALISATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCALISATION PROGRAMME WILL NOT STOP HERE.

"THE VARIOUS LOCALISATION SCHEMES, NAMELY THE DOUBLE LADDER SCHEME, DEVELOPMENT POSTS SCHEME AND SUCCESSION POSTS SCHEME, WILL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WHICH AIMED TO ATTRACT MORE LOCAL LAWYERS FROM PRIVATE PRACTICE TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS EFFORTS TO SPEED UP LOCALISATION.

HE SAID A CAREER AS SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OFFERED GOOD PROMOTION PROSPECTS AS WELL AS JOB SATISFACTION AND THE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE ONE'S ABILITY IN A VARIED AND CHALLENGING JOB.

HE SAID THE DEVELOPMENT POSTS SCHEME, WHICH AIMED TO GROOM LOCAL SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL WITH POTENTIAL FOR HIGHER RESPONSIBILITIES, WAS SERVING ITS PURPOSE.

SO FAR, 26 LOCAL COUNSEL HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN THE SCHEME AND 10 HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE DIRECTORATE, HE NOTED.

A SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL WILL BE DEPLOYED TO DEAL WITH THE HEAVIER WORK IN THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKING CRIMINAL ADVOCACY, CIVIL LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVISORY WORK (BOTH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL), BILINGUAL LEGISLATION DRAFTING, COMMERCIAL LAW AND LEGAL POLICY WORK.

AS REGARDS QUALIFICATION, CANDIDATES SHOULD BE QUALIFIED BARRISTERS OR SOLICITORS IN A RECOGNISED JURISDICTION AS STIPULATED UNDER THE LEGAL OFFICERS ORDINANCE AND SCHEDULE 1 TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE WITH AT LEAST SIX YEARS POST-CALL OR FOUR YEARS POST-ADMISSION EXPERIENCE.

THE PAY SCALE FOR A SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IS \$56,980 TO \$65,645 PER MONTH WITH THE ENTITLEMENT OF A HOME FINANCING ALLOWANCE OF \$32,400.

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INTERESTED LAWYERS SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING WITH A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G F 340(REV 5/90)), WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND A FULL C V TO THE APPOINTMENTS UNIT, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, NINTH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG BY NOVEMBER 19, 1994.

ENQUIRIES COULD BE MADE ON TEL 867 2276.

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TWO STREETS IN EASTERN DISTRICT TO BE REPAIRED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO RESUME AND REPAIR PARTS OF HOI FOO STREET AND SAI WAN HO STREET IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

DETAILS OF THE WORK WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HOI FOO STREET AND PART OF SAI WAN HO STREET IS UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND IS NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

AS A RESULT, THE ROAD IS IN POOR CONDITION AND PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT. THE SITUATION GIVES RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO REPAIR THE STREET TO A PROPER STANDARD AND IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START BY SEPTEMBER 1996.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, GROUND FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO, HONG KONG; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 27 THIS YEAR.

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APPOINTMENT TO STOCK EXCHANGE COUNCIL

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THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPOINTED MR LEE HON-CHIU TO THE COUNCIL OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LTD. (SEHK).

MR LEE WILL REPLACE MR THOMAS CHEN TSENG-TAO WHOSE APPOINTMENT EXPIRES AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE IS HELD TODAY.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE RULING COUNCIL WAS SUBSTANTIALLY REVAMPED IN LATE 1991 TO PROVIDE A BROADER REPRESENTATION FOR VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY.

IT NOW INCLUDES, INTER ALIA, 11 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS, INCLUDING TWO APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHILE THE REST ARE SELECTED AND APPOINTED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

"AFTER CONSIDERING HIS EXPERIENCE IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE GOVERNOR HAS DECIDED THAT MR LEE WILL BE A SUITABLE CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE COUNCIL," MR CARTLAND SAID.

MR LEE'S APPOINTMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO YEARS, FROM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 29) TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEHK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN 1996.

"I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD MY SINCERE THANKS TO MR THOMAS CHEN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEHK AND THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY IN GENERAL," MR CARTLAND SAID.

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TWO NEW MINIBUSES SERVE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT

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TWO NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES PLYING BETWEEN WESTERN DISTRICT AND CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL START OPERATION ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

ROUTE NO. 54 WILL TRAVEL VIA OLD POK FU LAM ROAD, MOUNT DAVIS ROAD, VICTORIA ROAD, BELCHER'S STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND JUBILEE STREET.

IT WILL RUN BETWEEN 6.30 AM AND 11 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT 15 TO 20-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE FOR EACH TRIP IS \$5.5.

ANOTHER ROUTE, NO. 55, WILL TRAVEL VIA QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL ACCESS ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD, THIRD STREET, WATER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET AND JUBILEE STREET.

IT WILL RUN FROM 6 AM TO 10.20 PM DAILY AT 15 TO 20-MINUTE INTERVALS. THE FARE FOR EACH TRIP IS \$5.

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TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED

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MR CHEUNG HOK-MING AND MR LEUNG WO-PING WERE ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL RESPECTIVELY AT A MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEANWHILE, FIVE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD HAVE ALSO BEEN NAMED.

THEY ARE MR CHAN KOON-YAU OF THE AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE; MR CHUNG YICK-MING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE; MR CHENG CHEE-KWOK OF THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; MR LEUNG WO-PING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND MR CHAN PING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER 1994

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BOTH RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS CONTINUED TO SHOW SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN SEPTEMBER 1994 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1993.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS MAINTAINED A POSITIVE GROWTH. THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS (COMPRISING RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS) INCREASED BY \$13.3 BILLION OR 14% TO \$108.0 BILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1994.

WITHIN TOTAL EXPORTS, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, AT \$88.1 BILLION IN SEPTEMBER 1994, WAS \$12.9 BILLION OR 17% HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ALSO INCREASED, BY \$435 MILLION OR 2.2% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$19.9 BILLION IN SEPTEMBER. MEANWHILE, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY \$21.5 BILLION OR 23% TO \$113.6 BILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1994 WAS SMALLER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$5.6 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

THIS COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$2.6 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 2.8% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, IN SEPTEMBER 1993.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1994, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 11% OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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AMONGST THIS, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 15%, WHILE THAT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL BY 2.1%. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 15%.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1994, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$57.9 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.4% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

THIS COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$26.5 BILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.3% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993.

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST TRADE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID EXPORT PERFORMANCE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

WHILE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO SHOW 'SIGNIFICANT' GROWTH, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ALSO RECOVERED TO A MODEST INCREASE.

MEANWHILE, RETAINED IMPORTS REMAINED ROBUST, RISING BY 38% IN SEPTEMBER OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THIS SHOULD HAVE FAVOURABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS WELL AS DOMESTIC DEMAND IN THE COMING MONTHS.

A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER 1994; BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY, WILL BE RELEASED IN MID-NOVEMBER.

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PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER 1994

MERCHANDISE: Domestic Exports :	\$19,892 million
Re-exports :	\$88,105 million
Total Exports :	\$107,996 million
Imports :	\$113,563 million
Trade balance :	-\$5,567 million

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Latest 3 months	Jul 94 to	Jul 93 to	Change	
	Sep 94 HK\$ Mn.	Sep 93 HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.	%
Domestic Exports	61,430	60,453	+978	+1.6
(% of Total Exports)	(19.1%)	(21.2%)		
Re-exports	259,498	224,604	+34,894	+15.5
Total Exports	320,928	285,057	+35,872	+12.6
Imports	333,018	283,779	+49,239	+17.4
Trade balance	-12,090	1,278	-13,368	

Same month last year	September	September	Change	
	1994 HK\$ Mn.	1993 HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.	%
Domestic Exports	19,892	19,456	+435	+2.2
(% of Total Exports)	(18.4%)	(20.6%)		
Re-exports	88,105	75,198	+12,906	+17.2
Total Exports	107,996	94,655	+13,342	+14.1
Imports	113,563	92,055	+21,509	+23.4
Trade balance	-5,567	2,600	-8,167	

Last month	September	August	Change	
	1994 HK\$ Mn.	1994 HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.	%
Domestic Exports	19,892	21,102	-1,210	-5.7
(% of Total Exports)	(18.4%)	(19.5%)		
Re-exports	88,105	87,355	+750	+0.9
Total Exports	107,996	108,457	-460	-0.4
Imports	113,563	109,665	+3,898	+3.6
Trade balance	-5,567	-1,208	-4,359	

Calendar year to-date	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep	Change	
	1994 HK\$ Mn.	1993 HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.	%
Domestic Exports	160,174	163,635	-3,461	-2.1
(% of Total Exports)	(18.9%)	(21.4%)		
Re-exports	687,783	600,393	+87,390	+14.6
Total Exports	847,957	764,028	+83,929	+11.0
Imports	905,881	790,505	+115,376	+14.6
Trade balance	-57,925	-26,477	-31,447	

Last 12 months	Oct 93 to	Oct 92 to	Change	
	Sep 94 HK\$ Mn.	Sep 93 HK\$ Mn.	HK\$ Mn.	%
Domestic Exports	219,566	227,474	-7,908	-3.5
(% of Total Exports)	(19.4%)	(22.2%)		
Re-exports	910,613	795,905	+114,708	+14.4
Total Exports	1,130,179	1,023,379	+106,800	+10.4
Imports	1,187,973	1,055,865	+132,108	+12.5
Trade balance	-57,794	-32,486	-25,308	

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AGENTS (ACTA).

MR TANG KWAI-NANG HAS BEEN RE-APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF ACTA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1994 TO OCTOBER 31, 1996.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO ACTA.

THEY ARE MRS AMY CHAN CHENG YI-YIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION; MR CHOW YICK-HAY, AN ELECTED MEMBER OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD; MR JOHN LI KWOK-HIM, A PARTNER WITH PRICEWATER HOUSE, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS; AND MR LARRY SZE KWOK-YIU, VICE-PRESIDENT - BUSINESS PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL INC..

THEIR APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1994 TO OCTOBER 31, 1996.

SEVEN OF THE EXISTING NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-APPOINTED FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THEY ARE MRS PAMELA CHAN, MR SIMON HAU SUK-KEI, DR KENNETH LEUNG WAI-YIN, MR DICKSON PANG KAM-FAI, MR TAM KAI-ON, MR HAROLD WU, AND MR HOWARD YOUNG.

THE REGISTRAR OF TRAVEL AGENTS REMAINS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER AND THE SECRETARY OF ACTA.

"THE APPOINTMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS WILL ENABLE MEMBERS TO OVERSEE THE NEXT PHASE OF THE REVIEW ON THE SELF-REGULATION OF THE OUTBOUND TRAVEL INDUSTRY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING FROM ACTA FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE REGULATION OF TRAVEL AGENTS OVER THE YEARS," HE SAID.

"THEY ARE MR BENTON LAU, MR ROBERT KWAN, MR JAMES LU AND MR WILLIAM WAN."

WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS FOR PHASE I OF THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FERRY PIER, A STUB PIER, AN ACCESS BRIDGE, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, WATER MAINS, ROADS AND FOOTWAYS AND ASSOCIATED STREET AMENITIES, ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS AND LANDSCAPE WORKS.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 24 MONTHS.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDERS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, ROOM 1701, WORLD COMMERCE CENTRE, HARBOUR CITY, 11 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 25.

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DEADLINE FOR NATURALISATION/REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

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ALL APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALISATION/REGISTRATION AS BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 31, 1996, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1993.

"ELIGIBLE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, SUCH AS HOLDERS OF HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WHO INTEND TO BECOME BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS, MUST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

"THE IMPOSING OF A CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE THE PROCESSING OF ALL NATURALISATION/REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND TO ENABLE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS TO APPLY FOR BN(O) PASSPORTS BEFORE JULY 31, 1997," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY TELEPHONE 824 6111, OR USE ENQUIRY FAXLINE 877 7711.

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FOOTBRIDGE PLANNED FOR LEI YUE MUN ROAD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS LEI YUE MUN ROAD AT TSUI PING ROAD.

THE FOOTBRIDGE IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSING AT THE JUNCTION OF TSUI PING ROAD AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD, THUS IMPROVING THE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE CONGESTED KWUN TONG ROAD/LEI YUE MUN ROAD.

IT WILL LINK TSUI PING ESTATE AND THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF KWUN TONG ROAD/LEI YUE MUN ROAD WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AREA ON THE SOUTH.

THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE PARTIALLY DECKED TSUI PING NULLAH.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL SPAN OVER LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND WILL HAVE A STEEL ROOF. A RAMP AND A STAIRCASE WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH END OF THE FOOTBRIDGE TO FACILITATE PEDESTRAIN TRAFFIC.

THE EXTENT OF THE WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN APRIL NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE NOTICE CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, FIRST, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS HIS OBJECTION WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 27 THIS YEAR.

BANKING LICENCE REVOKED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE BANKING LICENCE OF BANCO ESPANOL DE CREDITO, S A (BANESTO) HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANK.

BANESTO, A BANK INCORPORATED IN SPAIN, HAS BEEN OPERATING IN HONG KONG AS A BRANCH LICENSED BANK SINCE 1992.

FOLLOWING THE BANK'S DIFFICULTIES IN SPAIN IN LATE 1993, BANESTO WAS ACQUIRED BY BANCO SANTANDER, A MAJOR SPANISH BANK AND IT BECAME A SUBSIDIARY OF THE LATTER BANK IN APRIL 1994.

THE NEW OWNER HAS DECIDED SUBSTANTIALLY TO SCALE BACK BANESTO'S INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS TO FOCUS ON DOMESTIC BANKING BUSINESS IN SPAIN.

AS A CONSEQUENCE, BANESTO HAS APPLIED FOR ITS BANKING LICENCE IN HONG KONG TO BE REVOKED.

"GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT BANESTO WISHES TO PARE DOWN ITS INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS," SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE ADDED: "HONG KONG CONTINUES TO ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT INTEREST FROM INTERNATIONAL BANKS. SINCE JANUARY 1994, EIGHT BANKING LICENCES HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO OVERSEAS BANKS FROM SIX JURISDICTIONS."

THERE ARE NOW 178 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 146 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY.

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PRE-QUALIFICATION INVITED FOR FLYING SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRE-QUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AT THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

SCHEDULED TO START IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 21 MONTHS, THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS TO ACCOMMODATE A THREE-STORY OFFICE BLOCK, AN AIRCRAFT HANGAR AND AN AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AS WELL AS OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR BUILDING WORKS OR ON THE LIST II FOR BUILDING WORKS CAN APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPLY FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE SENIOR ARCHITECT/NEW AIRPORT, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 2, AND TENDERS WILL BE INVITED FROM THE PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS IN MARCH.

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EX-CHINA VIET ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS REPATRIATED

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A TOTAL OF 46 EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVIIS), COMPRISING 22 MEN, NINE WOMEN, SIX BOYS AND NINE GIRLS, WERE RETURNED TO HAIKOU, HAINAN, BY AIR THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ON THE REPATRIATION OF THE 500 ECVIIS STILL REMAINING IN HONG KONG.

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ORAL HEALTH ROVING EXHIBITION

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL LAUNCH A "HEALTHY TEETH, MY SYMBOL" ROVING EXHIBITION IN THE COMING WEEKS TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH.

BEING PART OF THE CELEBRATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF 'ORAL HEALTH YEAR 1994', THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY IN FIVE SHOPPING CENTRES AND THREE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR) STATIONS IN LATE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

THE FIRST EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG PLACE OF WHAMPOA GARDEN IN HUNG HOM THIS WEEKEND.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE GAMES, VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL HAVE AMPLE CHANCES TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE COMMON DENTAL PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENT FACETS OF THE DENTAL SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

FROM THE DISPLAY BOARDS, VISITORS CAN ALSO LEARN OF THE FINDINGS OF SURVEYS OF RESIDENTS' ORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND OTHER USEFUL DENTAL INFORMATION.

SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN TO WINNERS OF THE GAMES.

DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITIONS ARE:

VENUE -----	DATE -----
* HONG KONG PLACE, WHAMPOA GARDEN	OCTOBER 29 AND 30
* ADMIRALTY MTR STATION	OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1
* CHAI WAN MTR STATION	NOVEMBER 1 TO 3
* KWAI FONG MTR STATION	NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

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- * LAGUNA PLAZA, LAGUNA CITY, NOVEMBER 5 AND 6
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- * HAU TAK SHOPPING CENTRE, HAU NOVEMBER 12 AND 13
TAK ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O
- * KINGSWOOD RICHLY PLAZA, NOVEMBER 19 AND 20
TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG
- * TSING YI SQUARE, NOVEMBER 26 AND 27
TSING YI ISLAND

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ORAL HEALTH ROVING EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) ON 1ST BASEMENT, HONG KONG PLAZA, WHAMPOA GARDEN.

GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR LEONG CHE-HUNG; PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, DR PHILIP TANG; DEAN OF UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, PROFESSOR STEPHEN H Y WEI; PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF CITY NORTHWEST, MR SIMON YUNG; AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT IN-CHARGE (DENTAL SERVICES), DR BILL S W YAN.

MEDIA COVERAGE IS INVITED.

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TSUEN WAN WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AMENDED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT TSUEN WAN WEST OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/TWW/4) WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ONE OF THE MAJOR AMENDMENTS IS TO INCORPORATE THE REVISED ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 3 IN THE PLAN.

"MEANWHILE, SOME LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED AT TING KAU TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY WORKS AREA FOR ROUTE 3 DEVELOPMENT, AND THE RECLAIMED LAND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR 'OPEN SPACE' AND 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' (GIC) USES IN THE LONG TERM," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

OTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE INCORPORATION OF THE TUEN MUN ROAD WIDENING PROPOSALS, THE REZONING OF A SITE WITHIN THE 'GREEN BELT' ZONE IN SHAM TSENG TO 'GIC' FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIRE STATION, AND THE INCORPORATION OF A RECLAMATION OF ABOUT THREE HECTARES AT SHAM TSENG FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND AN ELECTRIC SUB-STATION.

/THE AREA

THE AREA BETWEEN THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND THE EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA HAS ALSO BEEN ZONED 'OPEN SPACE'.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/TWW/5) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL DECEMBER 28 FROM:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
27TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
38 SAI LAU KOK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,
THE NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE,
FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,
THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING BEFORE DECEMBER 28.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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HO MAN TIN ZONING PLAN AMENDED FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT HO MAN TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/K7/5).

"THE AMENDMENTS ARE ALL RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF SITES FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUNG HAU STREET AND GOOD SHEPHERD STREET HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' (GIC) TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' (R(A)) USE FOR SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

ANOTHER SITE ABUTTING CHUNG HAU STREET AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD HAS ALSO BEEN REZONED FROM 'GIC' TO 'R(A)' FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MEANWHILE, A SITE AT SHEUNG SHING STREET HAS BEEN REZONED FROM 'GIC' TO 'R(A)' FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.

/THE AMENDMENT

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/K7/6) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 18 FROM:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,
77 LEIGHTON ROAD,
HONG KONG; AND
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE,
FIRST FLOOR, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD,
KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, BEFORE NOVEMBER 18.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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BOARD AMENDS SHEK KIP MEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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AN AMENDMENT IS TO BE MADE TO THE DRAFT SHEK KIP MEI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN (NO. S/K4/4), THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD ANNOUNCED.

THE AMENDMENT IS TO REZONE A SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK TIN STREET AND PAK WAN STREET FROM 'GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY' TO 'RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)' USE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND SMALL HOUSEHOLDS.

A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/K4/5) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 18 FROM:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,
GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * KOWLOON DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE,
77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY,
HONG KONG; AND
- * SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,
SIXTH FLOOR, WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL BUILDING,
290 UN CHAU STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN,
KOWLOON.

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ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, BEFORE NOVEMBER 18.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEIGHBOURS SAVE GIRL FROM FIRE

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TWO MEN WHO BRAVED THE INTENSE HEAT AND DENSE SMOKE TO SAVE A TEENAGE GIRL FROM A BURNING UNIT IN MONG KOK THREE WEEKS AGO WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER'S COMMENDATION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN MONG KOK FIRE STATION, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (KOWLOON) HSU KING-PING PRAISED MR CHENG MAN-KUEN AND MR YUEN MING-TAT FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS IN THE RESCUE.

"JUDGING FROM THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE, THE GIRL WOULD HAVE DIED IN THE FIRE BEFORE FIREMEN'S ARRIVAL IF SHE WAS NOT RESCUED IN TIME," MR HSU SAID.

THE NO. 3 ALARM FIRE BROKE OUT IN AN EIGHTH-FLOOR DOMESTIC UNIT OF A BUILDING AT 459 RECLAMATION STREET AROUND 3.30 AM ON OCTOBER 5.

FOUR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY WERE BURNED TO DEATH AND TWO OTHERS, INCLUDING THE 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL, WERE INJURED. POLICE HAVE CLASSIFIED THE CASE AS ARSON.

BOTH MR CHENG AND MR YUEN, WHO LIVE ON THE SEVENTH AND FOURTH FLOORS OF THE SAME BUILDING, WERE AWAKENED BY SCREAMS OF "FIRE" AND "HELP". THEY WENT UP TO THE FIRE SCENE TO HELP.

MR CHENG, WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE TO ARRIVE AT THE AFFECTED UNIT, TRIED TO FORCE OPEN THE METAL GATE BY KICKING IN A BID TO FREE THE TRAPPED GIRL - BUT IN VAN.

HE WAS LATER JOINED BY MR YUEN. THEY FINALLY BROKE OPEN THE GATE ENABLING THE GIRL WITH SLIGHTLY BURNED HAIR TO LEAVE THE UNIT.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS TOMORROW

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WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING PUBLIC INTERESTS IN ARTS, THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

SPONSORED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE EIGHTH KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

PROGRAMMES OF THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE DRAMAS, MOVIES, CHINESE OPERAS, CHINESE MUSIC, KARAOKE CONTESTS AND PAINTING EXHIBITIONS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG SAID THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WAS HELD EVERY YEAR, AIMED TO PROVIDE MORE CHOICES FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME.

"THEY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN AND MOST OF THE PROGRAMMES ARE FREE OF CHARGE," HE SAID.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT CRYSTAL ATRIUM, METROPLAZA IN KWAI FONG AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FEATURING THE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE KWAI TSING CHILDREN CHORUS, CLOWN AND ACROBATIC SHOWS AND SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, AND GAME STALLS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER MR ANDREW WELLS, KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN MR SIN CHUNG-KAI AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ARTS WITH THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION MS MARION FANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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SURVEY OF EXTERNAL FACTOR INCOME FLOWS FOR 1993

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1993 ON INCOME FLOWS ARISING FROM EXTERNAL INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES OF ENTERPRISE GROUPS IN HONG KONG.

THE DATA IS REQUIRED FOR COMPILING GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT STATISTICS.

ABOUT 15,000 COMPANIES IN VARIOUS KINDS OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, COMMERCIAL COMPANIES AND MANUFACTURING FIRMS, ARE SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY. QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THEM.

AS STIPULATED BY A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FREDERICK HO, APPEALED TO ALL THE SELECTED COMPANIES FOR CO-OPERATION IN FULFILLING THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

"DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE. ONLY DATA IN AGGREGATE FORM, WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, WILL BE RELEASED," HE SAID.

CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES TO HELP THEM FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE NATIONAL INCOME BRANCH (2) OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 332 7309 OR 332 7511.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF EXTERNAL FACTOR INCOME FLOWS) ORDER 1994, MADE UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND GAZETTED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 341 OF 1994 ON JUNE 3.

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CONSTRUCTION OF PIER AT SOK KWU WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT A 75 METRE-LONG PUBLIC PIER AT SOK KWU WAN, LAMMA ISLAND, TO PROVIDE BERTHING AND LANDING FACILITIES FOR HONG KONG FERRY (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED AND PUBLIC USES.

THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,000 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT SOK KWU WAN, COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER 1995 AND COMPLETING BY ABOUT FEBRUARY 1997.

/THE EXTENT

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG. THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 28, 1994.

IT MUST DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TWO ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS TO BUILD A TERMINAL AREA RADAR STATION AT TAI MO SHAN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING EQUIPMENT BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ATTACHED THREE-STOREY ANCILLARY FACILITIES BUILDINGS, A TWO-STOREY ANCILLARY FACILITIES BUILDING WITH A STRUCTURAL STEEL RADOME TOWER, A SINGLE-STOREY TRANSFORMER AND SWITCH ROOM BUILDING, A VEHICULAR ACCESS ROAD AND ITS ASSOCIATED RETAINING WALLS, AN UNDERGROUND FUEL OIL STORAGE TANK AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STOREY PUBLIC TOILET AT SHUM WAN ROAD, ABERDEEN.

WORKS FOR BOTH PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY FOR COMPLETION BY JANUARY 1996 AND JULY 1995 RESPECTIVELY.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 18.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,076	0930	+1905
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,868	1000	+1905
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+1907
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-1902	1200	+1904
LAF TODAY	-110	1500	+1902
		1600	+1902

LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER TWI 120.6 *+0.1* 28.10.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.62	19 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.93	6.50
1 MONTH	4.34	22 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.24	6.71
3 MONTHS	4.98	30 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.84	7.23
6 MONTHS	5.35	33 MONTHS	3710	7.25	99.61	7.53
12 MONTHS	5.92	59 MONTHS	5909	7.45	97.59	8.21

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 22,344 MN

CLOSED 28 OCTOBER 1994

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