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COURT OF FINAL APPEAL BILL PROVIDES  
CONTINUITY AND CERTAINTY IN LEGAL SYSTEM

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HONG KONG HAD A CLEAR AND STARK CHOICE ON THE QUESTION OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL (CFA): EITHER TO SET UP A CFA BEFORE 1997 ON THE BASIS OF THE 1991 AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP (JLG), OR NOT TO HAVE ONE UNTIL AFTER 1997.

SPEAKING AT A FORUM ON CFA ORGANISED BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION, MR MATHEWS SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM BELIEF WAS THAT THE ONLY OPTION THAT WAS WORTH PURSUING WAS THE OPTION OF ESTABLISHING THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL BEFORE 1997, ON THE BASIS OF THE JLG AGREEMENT, AND WITH DUE REGARD TO RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

HE SAID: "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL BY JULY 1996 AT THE LATEST, WITH AN ASSURANCE OF ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE BEYOND THAT DATE, WOULD AVOID A DAMAGING JUDICIAL VACUUM."

"IN ADDITION, IT WOULD ENABLE THE COURT TO GAIN EXPERIENCE, TO BUILD UP ITS REPUTATION, AND DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE, BEFORE 1997.

"THIS WOULD DO AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD TO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM. IT IS THEREFORE GREATLY IN THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL BY JULY 1996 AT THE LATEST."

MR MATHEWS SAID THE CURRENT POSITION WAS THAT A BILL HAD BEEN DRAFTED, ON THE BASIS OF THE JLG AGREEMENT AND HAVING DUE REGARD TO RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND BASIC LAW.

HE ADDED THAT THE JLG AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE COURT SHOULD, IN EVERY SITTING, BE COMPOSED OF FIVE JUDGES:

- \* THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL;
- \* THREE PERMANENT HONG KONG JUDGES; AND
- \* ONE JUDGE TO BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF NON-PERMANENT HONG KONG JUDGES OR FROM A LIST OF JUDGES FROM OTHER COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS.

"THE HONG KONG JUDGES (OTHER THAN THE CHIEF JUSTICE) MAY BE LOCAL OR EXPATRIATE. APART FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL, THE JUDGES DO NOT NEED TO BE CHINESE CITIZENS," HE SAID.

MR MATHEWS SAID THE APPROACH ADOPTED IN THE BILL WAS, BY AND LARGE, TO FOLLOW THE EXISTING JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURES OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

"WE CONSIDER THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM," HE SAID.

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AT PRESENT, APPEALS LIE TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN CIVIL CASES IN THREE SITUATIONS:

- \* AN APPEAL LIES AS OF RIGHT FROM A FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL IF THE MATTER IN DISPUTE IS OF THE VALUE OF \$500,000 OR MORE;
- \* AN APPEAL LIES WITH THE LEAVE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL FROM ANY JUDGMENT OF THAT COURT IF THE QUESTION INVOLVED ON THE APPEAL IS ONE WHICH, BY REASON OF ITS GREAT GENERAL OR PUBLIC IMPORTANCE OR OTHERWISE, OUGHT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL FOR DECISION; AND
- \* AN APPEAL LIES WITH THE SPECIAL LEAVE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN ANY CASE, BUT SPECIAL LEAVE IS NORMALLY GRANTED ONLY WHERE THE CASE RAISES EITHER A FAR-REACHING QUESTION OF LAW OR MATTERS OF DOMINANT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

APPEALS LIE IN RESPECT OF CRIMINAL CASES ONLY BY SPECIAL LEAVE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, AND THIS IS NORMALLY GRANTED ONLY WHERE QUESTIONS ARE RAISED OF GREAT AND GENERAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, OR WHERE SUBSTANTIAL AND GRAVE INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE.

MR MATHEWS ADDED THAT PROVISIONS IN THE BILL RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL WERE BROADLY THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

HE SAID THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT WERE SET OUT IN THE SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE.

HE SAID A PERSON WAS QUALIFIED FOR SUCH AN APPOINTMENT IF, AMONGST OTHER THINGS,

- \* HE OR SHE IS AN ADVOCATE WHO HAS FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS PRACTISED AS AN ADVOCATE OR A SOLICITOR; OR
- \* HE OR SHE IS A DISTRICT JUDGE OR PERMANENT MAGISTRATE, AND HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS' PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE; OR
- \* HE OR SHE IS EMPLOYED IN GOVERNMENT LEGAL WORK AND HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS' PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

MR MATHEWS SAID THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERMANENT JUDGES OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL SET OUT IN THE BILL WERE BASED UPON THOSE FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGES.

"HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO APPOINT SOMEONE DIRECTLY FROM GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICE TO THE COURT, AND SO SUCH SERVICE WILL NOT BE A BASIS FOR ELIGIBILITY."

"INSTEAD THE BILL PROVIDES THAT EXPERIENCED BARRISTERS AND SENIOR JUDGES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT JUDGES. THE BILL THEREFORE OFFERS THE REASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE NO RADICAL CHANGE IN THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING JUDGES," HE SAID.

APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS ARE ALSO SPECIFIED FOR APPOINTMENT AS A NON-PERMANENT HONG KONG JUDGE OR AS A NON-PERMANENT OVERSEAS JUDGE, HE SAID.

AS REGARDS PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT, MR MATHEWS SAID THE BILL PROVIDED THE SAME PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTING ALL JUDGES, OTHER THAN THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL, THAT IS, THE PERMANENT JUDGES, THE NON-PERMANENT HONG KONG JUDGES AND THE NON-PERMANENT OVERSEAS JUDGES.

THOSE PROCEDURES WERE SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT ONES, NAMELY, APPOINTMENT IS TO BE BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO REFLECT PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND BASIC LAW, THE BILL PROVIDES THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL COMPLY WITH EVERY RECOMMENDATION OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

HE STRESSED THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL RELATING TO THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING THE JUDGES WERE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT JUDGES OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE AND EXPERIENCE WOULD BE CHOSEN FOR THE COURT, WHETHER AS PERMANENT OR NON-PERMANENT JUDGES.

THE SELECTION OF THE NON-PERMANENT JUDGE WHO WAS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COURT TO HEAR ANY PARTICULAR CASE, WHETHER HE WAS FROM THE PANELS OF NON-PERMANENT HONG KONG OR OVERSEAS JUDGES, WAS A MATTER ENTIRELY FOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CFA, HE ADDED.

HE SAID: "THE PROCEDURES IN THE BILL FOR APPOINTING ALL CATEGORIES OF JUDGES, AND FOR SELECTING THE NON-PERMANENT JUDGE TO SIT IN EACH CASE, ENSURE THAT JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IS FULLY PROTECTED."

ON THE RETIREMENT OF JUDGES OF THE COURT, MR MATHEWS SAID THE BILL WAS CLOSELY MODELLED ON EXISTING LAW. HOWEVER, IN ORDER THAT EXPERIENCED BUT RETIRED JUDGES MAY SERVE AS NON-PERMANENT JUDGES (WHETHER LOCAL OR OVERSEAS) THE BILL PROVIDED NO RETIRING AGE FOR SUCH JUDGES. INSTEAD, APPOINTMENTS WILL BE FOR A FIXED TERM, AND MAY BE RENEWED.

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, MR MATHEWS SAID THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DISADVANTAGES TO ESTABLISH THE CFA AFTER 1997.

HE SAID: "THE DISADVANTAGES ARE THAT, FOR AT LEAST A YEAR BEFORE AND FOR SOME TIME AFTER THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY, THERE WOULD BE A JUDICIAL VACUUM - A GAPING HOLE AT THE APEX OF OUR JUDICIARY."

"THERE WOULD BE UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHEN AND HOW THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED, AND AS TO WHO THE JUDGES WILL BE. CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED."

ELABORATING ON THESE DISADVANTAGES, MR MATHEWS SAID THE FIRST WAS THE JUDICIAL VACUUM WHICH WOULD OCCUR, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"A VACUUM WILL OCCUR BEFORE THAT DATE BECAUSE IT CAN TAKE UP TO A YEAR FOR AN APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL TO BE HEARD.

"FROM ABOUT THE SUMMER OF 1996 ONWARDS THERE WILL THEREFORE BE INSUFFICIENT TIME IN WHICH TO APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL. AND THERE WILL BE NO OTHER COURT TO WHICH A FINAL APPEAL CAN BE MADE.

"THE VACUUM WILL CONTINUE BEYOND JULY 1, 1997 SINCE IT WILL INEVITABLY TAKE TIME TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL, TO APPOINT THE JUDGES AND TO GET THE COURT UNDER WAY," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE LACK OF ANY FINAL AVENUE OF APPEAL FOR MORE THAN A YEAR WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

HE SAID: "PARTIES TO PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE UNABLE TO CHALLENGE DECISIONS OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, EVEN IF THEY MAY HAVE SUFFERED A GRAVE INJUSTICE OR IF A QUESTION OF GREAT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE WAS INVOLVED."

"THE LEGAL SYSTEM WOULD BE DEPRIVED OF DECISIONS OF THE HIGHEST JUDICIAL AUTHORITY; DECISIONS THAT ARE VITAL TO THE EVOLUTION OF JURISPRUDENCE FOR HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

THE SECOND DISADVANTAGE IS THAT OF UNCERTAINTY.

MR MATHEWS SAID: "IF THE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE COURT IS NOT ENACTED UNTIL AFTER THE TRANSFER, THEN FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, AND PERHAPS LONGER, THERE WILL BE COMPLETE UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHAT FORM THE LEGISLATION WILL TAKE, WHETHER IT WILL BE BASED UPON EXISTING AND FAMILIAR PRINCIPLES OR NOT, AND AS TO WHO THE JUDGES OF THE COURT WILL BE."

THE THIRD DISADVANTAGE, HE NOTED, WAS THAT PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG'S LEGAL SYSTEM WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED IF THE COURT WAS NOT ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

HE SAID, IT WOULD BE VERY DAMAGING TO HAVE THE JUDICIAL VACUUM AND UNCERTAINTY IN RESPECT OF THE COURT FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN MEDIA AND BUSINESS COVERAGE OF HONG KONG.

MR MATHEWS NOTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE SEEKING COMMENTS FROM THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY ON THE DRAFT BILL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

IT AIMS TO INTRODUCE THE BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN EARLY 1995, WITH A VIEW TO ITS BEING ENACTED BY THE END OF THIS SESSION AND THE COURT'S ESTABLISHMENT BY JULY 1996 AT THE LATEST.

NEW MINIBUS SERVICE FOR HAU TAK ESTATE RESIDENTS  
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TWO NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 101 AND 102 WILL BE INTRODUCED ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1), RUNNING FROM HAU TAK ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O TO SAI KUNG AND SAN PO KONG RESPECTIVELY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

ROUTE 101  
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IT WILL TRAVEL VIA NGAN O ROAD, PUI SHING ROAD, SHEUNG NING ROAD, PO NING ROAD, HANG HAU ROAD, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, PO TUNG ROAD, FUK MAN ROAD AND WAI MAN ROAD.

IT WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 7 AM TO 8.10 PM DAILY AT 30/40-MINUTE INTERVALS AND ITS FARE IS \$6.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

ROUTE 102  
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IT WILL TRAVEL VIA NGAN O ROAD, CHIU SHUN ROAD, PO NING ROAD, ROAD P2, TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL ROAD, TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL, CHA KWO LING ROAD, LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, HAMMER HILL ROAD, CHOI HUNG ROAD, TAI YAU STREET, TSEUK LUK STREET, SHUNG LING STREET, YI LUN STREET AND HONG KEUNG STREET.

IT WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM DAILY AT 15/25-MINUTE INTERVALS.

ITS FULL FARE IS \$6.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY AND A SECTION FARE OF \$5 WILL BE CHARGED FOR PASSENGERS FROM KWUN TONG TO HAU TAK ESTATE OR SAN PO KONG.

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COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME POPULAR  
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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AMONG SECONDARY STUDENTS IN HONG KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, DR I J HODGKISS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

LAUNCHING THE SCHEME AT THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM, DR HODGKISS SAID THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAD RISEN FROM 10 WHEN THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1989, TO 70 THIS YEAR.

MORE THAN 5,600 CLUB MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE SCHEME WHICH IS AIMED AT PROMOTING COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY WORK, HE SAID.

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"IN THE COMING MONTHS, THE STUDENTS WILL CARRY OUT A RANGE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION SERVICE IN 10 COUNTRY PARKS. THEIR WORK WILL INCLUDE PLANTING AND TENDING TREES, CUTTING GRASS, MAINTAINING FOOTPATH AND COLLECTING LITTER ON RECREATIONAL SITES."

DR HODGKISS POINTED OUT THAT THE ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION OF CLUB MEMBERS IN THE SCHEME AND THEIR CARE AND CONCERN FOR COUNTRY PARKS WERE HIGHLY COMMENDABLE.

APART FROM KEEPING THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN, THEY WILL ALSO SET GOOD EXAMPLES FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HELP CONSERVE THESE PUBLIC SCENIC RESOURCES, HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR HO CHI-LEUNG, SAID BEGINNING 1993, THE SCHEME WOULD LAST A CYCLE OF THREE YEARS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WITH A MORE CONSISTENT AND BROADER RANGE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES THROUGH A LONGER PROJECT.

MR HO HIGHLY COMMENDED THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FIRST PART OF THE CYCLE LAST YEAR, ADDING THAT THEIR SERVICE WAS RECOGNISED BY THE COMMUNITY.

HE THANKED PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY WAS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR FRANK LAU SIN-PANG.

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#### BARGAINS AT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AUTUMN FAIR

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) WILL HOLD ITS 42ND AUTUMN FAIR ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 5) AT THE STANLEY FOOTBALL FIELD NEAR STANLEY PRISON.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS INCLUDING ARTS AND HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS, STUFFED TOYS, RATTAN AND WOODEN FURNITURE WILL BE ON SALE AT SOME 30 STALLS.

THE PRODUCTS ARE MADE BY INMATES AT THEIR LEISURE TIME DURING THEIR DETENTION IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS. LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF \$1.15 MILLION WAS RAISED.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE FAIR IS TO MOTIVATE THE INMATES TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE AND TO ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY," A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE FAIR HAD BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC AND PARTICULARLY BARGAIN-HUNTERS.

"LAST YEAR, OUR FAIR ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS WHO WERE HAPPY WITH THE WIDE RANGE OF GOOD-QUALITY AND LOW-PRICE PRODUCTS," HE ADDED.

WHILE TOURING THE FAIR AND MAKING FRUITFUL PURCHASES, VISITORS WILL ALSO ENJOY A RICH PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING MARCHING DISPLAY BY TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM; AEROBIC DANCE BY WAI YEE DANCE GROUP; CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE BY DELIAN'S CHINESE ORCHESTRA; WUSHU PERFORMANCE BY WUSHU TEAM OF HONG KONG WUSHU UNION; CHINESE DANCE BY SKH BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL; DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CSD DOG UNIT; PARACHUTE DISPLAY BY HONG KONG PARACHUTE CLUB AND MARCHING DISPLAY BY CAPE COLLINSON BAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SNACK STALLS AND GAME STALLS FOR CHILDREN.

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM. MRS V J MCCOSH WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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#### FUND-RAISING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

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SEVENTEEN ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

"ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE ADDED.

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PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

FLAG DAY  
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EVENT DATE  
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NOVEMBER 5

ORGANISATION  
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THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS,  
CHEST AND HEART DISEASES  
ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 12

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

NOVEMBER 19

HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

NOVEMBER 26

THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF  
HONG KONG LIMITED (HONG KONG  
OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL)

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION  
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EVENT DATE  
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NOVEMBER 1 TO 30

ORGANISATION  
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THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG  
KONG

NOVEMBER 3 TO 6, 10, 11, 13,  
19, 20, AND 24 TO 27

POK OI HOSPITAL

NOVEMBER 5 TO 8, 10 TO 16,  
AND 19 TO 27.

HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF

NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20 AND 27

JESUS IS LORD SCHOOL OF  
MINISTRY (HK) LTD

NOVEMBER 6 AND 13

CARITAS - HONG KONG

NOVEMBER 12

299TH EAST KOWLOON SCOUT GROUP

NOVEMBER 12 AND 13

HONG KONG EVANGELISM 2,000 LTD

NOVEMBER 13

SOWERS ACTION

NOVEMBER 13

ROTARACT CLUB OF HKU

NOVEMBER 17 TO 20

HONG KONG UNITED EVANGELISTIC  
MISSION LTD

/NOVEMBER 20 .....

NOVEMBER 20 AND 27

THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF JESUS CHRIST, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, ADMINISTRATOR, INC.

NOVEMBER 20 AND 27

LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD

NOVEMBER 27

YAN OI TONG LTD

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ARTICLE RECOUNTS GDP NON-ROUTINE REVISION

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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT NON-ROUTINE REVISION (1994 REVISION)" IS CONTAINED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

IN THE 1994 NON-ROUTINE REVISION EXERCISE, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GDP COMPILATION FRAMEWORK ARE MADE IN RESPECT OF A NUMBER OF AREAS.

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE-BASED GDP ESTIMATES INCLUDE ENHANCING COVERAGE OF TRADE IN SERVICES, ADOPTING REVISED DEFLATION METHOD FOR MERCHANDISE TRADE AGGREGATES, AND IMPLEMENTING REVISIONS AS RECOMMENDED IN THE UNITED NATIONS' LATEST VERSION OF THE SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS.

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION-BASED GDP ESTIMATES INCLUDE INCORPORATING ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOME COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS NOT COVERED IN ROUTINE ECONOMIC SURVEYS AND THOSE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE PREVIOUS GDP COMPILATION FRAMEWORK.

THE SEPTEMBER 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS OF THE 1994 ROUND OF NON-ROUTINE REVISION OF GDP ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT ENTITLED "REVISED ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 1961 TO FIRST QUARTER 1994" PUBLISHED AT END AUGUST THIS YEAR. THIS REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT \$38 A COPY.

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## FIRING PRACTICE IN NOVEMBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON EIGHT DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
NOVEMBER 1 (TUESDAY)	00.01 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 10 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
NOVEMBER 14 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 15 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 16 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 17 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
NOVEMBER 18 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM

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	\$ MILLION -----	TIME (HOURS) -----	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION) -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,868	0930	+20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,843	1000	+20
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+20
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+20	1130	+20
LAF TODAY	-2,045	1500	

LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER TWI 120.8 \*+0.2\* 29.10.94

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