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NEW TDC CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT BARONESS DUNN WOULD BE SUCCEEDED BY DR VICTOR FUNG KWOK-KING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, PRAISED BARONESS DUNN FOR HER STEWARDSHIP OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

"BARONESS DUNN HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WITH GREAT DISTINCTION FOR SOME EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HER FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OVER SUCH A LONG PERIOD.

"SHE HAS BROUGHT BOTH STYLE AND ENORMOUS ENERGY TO THE JOB, AND HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMBASSADOR FOR HONG KONG ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

"THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND HONG KONG AS A WHOLE, OWE HER A GREAT DEAL," SIR DAVID SAID.

DR VICTOR FUNG, AGED 45, IS THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF PRUDENTIAL ASIA.

HE HAS SERVED AS AN ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT IN MANY CAPACITIES. HE IS AT PRESENT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND WAS PREVIOUSLY A MEMBER OF BOTH THE TRADE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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GOVT AIMS TO MAKE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR SCHEME A SUCCESS

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE NEW MEASURES TO PREVENT THE EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS ADMITTED UNDER THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR SCHEME, AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHEME WILL BECOME A SUCCESS.

"THE TERMS AS STIPULATED IN THE STANDARD TWO-YEAR CONTRACT, THE REQUIREMENT OF MEDIAN WAGES AND OTHER MEASURES ARE ALL AIMED AT PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL INVESTIGATE INTO BREACHES OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 115 WITH A VIEW TO PROSECUTION. CASES OF ABUSE WILL BE LOOKED INTO BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MAKING FALSE REPRESENTATION TO AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 42 OF THE SAME ENACTMENT AND CONVICTED OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS ON SUMMARY CONVICTION AND TO A FINE OF \$50,000 AND 14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT.

APPLICANTS FOR IMMIGRATION FACILITIES ARE REMINDED TO FURNISH CORRECT INFORMATION.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT KEY TO HERITAGE PRESERVATION

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THE CONSERVATION OF HONG KONG'S HERITAGE REQUIRES A SENSIBLE BALANCE OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AND MUST THEREFORE BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS, WILL BE ORGANISING A SERIES OF PROJECTS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS AND INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR PAST.

"THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENT'S OFFICE (AMO) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH IS KEEN TO ENCOURAGE AN INTEREST AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR HERITAGE," MR SO SAID.

"STAFF OF THE OFFICE HAVE HELPED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A NEW HISTORY SYLLABUS FOR A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROJECT, STARTING WITH FORM 1 STUDENTS AND PROGRESSING TO FORM 3. THE RESULTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING," HE ADDED.

TO STIMULATE THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE OFFICE HAD ALSO CO-ORGANISED SEVERAL WORKSHOPS WITH YOUTH GROUPS TO TRAIN THEIR MEMBERS IN BASIC ARCHAEOLOGY.

"MANY OF THESE YOUNGSTERS HAVE HELPED US SUBSEQUENTLY WITH EXCAVATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP WORK," MR SO SAID.

HE SAID A THREE-MONTH PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, CENTRED ON THE THEME OF HONG KONG'S HERITAGE, WOULD BE LAUNCHED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AMO WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETIES AS PART OF AN OVERALL EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG'S HERITAGE.

"THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH IS JOINING WITH THE INSTITUTES OF ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS TO MOUNT A CONFERENCE ON 'THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG'S PAST' NEXT MONTH.

"SPEAKERS FROM BRITAIN, CHINA AND MACAU WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION," MR SO SAID.

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OTHER PROJECTS TO PUBLICISE HONG KONG'S PAST INCLUDE A JOINT PUBLICATION WITH THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD ON THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT, AND THE PUTTING UP OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO PROTECTED MONUMENTS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, MR SO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF MERITS TO SIX INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE CAUSE OF HERITAGE PRESERVATION.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES COMMITTEE OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD (AAB), MR DAVID LUNG, SAID UNTIL RECENTLY, MOST RESTORATION PROJECTS WERE FUNDED BY THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDINGS OR THE JOCKEY CLUB.

"I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW FUNDING THE RESTORATION OF FOUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE HAU KUI SHEK ANCESTRAL HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI, THE YEUNG HAU TEMPLE IN HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG, THE KANG YUNG SHU UK IN SHA TAU KOK AND THE FORMER KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL IN TSIM SHA TSUI," MR LUNG SAID.

ANOTHER SPEAKER AT THE CONFERENCE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALAEOANTHROPOLOGICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AAB, DR SOLOMON BARD, WHO INTRODUCED THE FINDINGS OF A RECENTLY COMPLETED EXCAVATION PROJECT ON CHEK LAP KOK.

EXAMPLES OF THE DISCOVERIES, SUCH AS TOOLS USED BY THE NEOLITHIC RESIDENTS SOME 3000 - 4000 YEARS AGO AND MATERIAL FROM THE BRONZE AGE, INCLUDING JEWELLERY, DOMESTIC UTENSILS, AND THREE SETS OF BIVALVE MOULDS FOR THE CASTING OF BRONZE AXES, WERE ON DISPLAY.

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THREE FILIPINAS FOUND ILLEGALLY DEPLOYED

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ACTING ON INFORMATION, IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) LOCATED THREE FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPERS SUSPECTED TO BE DEPLOYED ILLEGALLY TO TAKING UP UNAPPROVED EMPLOYMENT IN A GARMENT FACTORY IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE THREE FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPERS, ALL FEMALES, CLAIMED TO BE DEPLOYED BY THEIR CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYERS TO WORK AS GARMENT WORKERS IN THE FACTORY.

FOUR HONG KONG RESIDENTS ARE ASSISTING WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REMINDED THAT UNDER THE LAWS OF HONG KONG, A FOREIGN DOMESTIC HELPER IS ONLY ALLOWED TO PERFORM DOMESTIC DUTIES FOR A SPECIFIC EMPLOYER UNDER A SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT ATTESTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THOSE WHO HAVE BREACHED THEIR CONDITION OF STAY HERE ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND UPON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT. THOSE WHO AID AND ABET THESE PEOPLE TO COMMIT THE OFFENCES ARE ALSO LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND PENALTY.

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REGISTRATION AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF DG CAPITAL COMPANY LTD. AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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NONSCHEDULED WORK FOR WOMEN PROHIBITED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ENGAGE WOMEN TO WORK ON THEIR SCHEDULED REST DAYS.

THIS FOLLOWS RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH FOUR MANUFACTURERS WERE HEAVILY FINED FOR BREAKING THE REGULATIONS.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS TO EMPLOY WOMEN TO WORK ON THEIR REST DAYS, OR TO CHANGE THEIR REST DAYS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TWO DAYS BEFORE THE CHANGE TAKES EFFECT," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID.

THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE FACTORY A PRESCRIBED NOTICE SETTING OUT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, INTERVALS FOR MEAL OR REST, AND REST DAYS FOR WOMEN WORKERS," MR TSANG SAID.

"EMPLOYERS SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE REST DAY ARRANGEMENTS SET OUT IN THE PRESCRIBED NOTICE," HE SAID.

MR TSANG NOTED THAT THREE GARMENT FACTORIES, THE GOLDEN FOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LIMITED, KENNING KNITTERS LIMITED AND KINDON GARMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED HAD RECENTLY BEEN FINED \$7,000, \$6,300 AND \$7,500 RESPECTIVELY FOR EMPLOYING WOMEN TO WORK ON THEIR REST DAYS.

HE ADDED THAT A WATCH MANUFACTURING FACTORY, SUNCITI MANUFACTURERS LIMITED, WHICH EMPLOYED 60 WOMEN ON THEIR REST DAY, WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE.

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA CARE IN HANDLING FIRES WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE COMING MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY PERIOD.

"VISITORS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM RELEASING ANY HUNG MING LANTERN AND BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH BARBECUE FIRES AND HAND-HELD CANDLE-LIT LANTERNS," THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR C.C. LAY, SAID.

ACCORDING TO MR LAY, THE ANNUAL MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IS ONE OF THE HIGH FIRE-RISK PERIODS. A TOTAL OF SIX HILL FIRES BROKE OUT IN COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE LAST FESTIVAL.

MR LAY SAID IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FORESTS AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE AND THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE TO LIGHT FIRE ILLEGALLY OR TO RELEASE A HUNG MING LANTERN IN A COUNTRY PARK OR ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

"ILLEGAL LIGHTING OF FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT WHILE A SIMILAR OFFENCE COMMITTED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE FIVE PROSECUTIONS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIRE IN COUNTRY PARKS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND OFFENDERS WERE FINED AN AVERAGE OF \$500.

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AIDS EDUCATION CAMP INVITES APPLICATIONS

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INVITATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30 TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-DAY AIDS EDUCATION CAMP FOR YOUTH TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE BETWEEN OCTOBER 19 AND 20 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY).

BEARING THE THEME "SHARING THE CHALLENGE", A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CAMP IS AIMED AT AROUSING AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION ABOUT THE RISK OF HIV INFECTION AND ITS RELATION TO SEXUAL PRACTICES.

IT ALSO HELPS THEM FOSTER A SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE AMONG THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS, THE CAMP IS SUPPORTED BY THE CARITAS GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE; THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS; THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES; THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES OF THESE ORGANISATIONS.

AS THERE WILL ONLY BE ABOUT 200 PLACES, APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE OF \$50.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL.: 710 2429, 553 8850, 366 7271, 562 3964 AND 552 4211 EXT. 44.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	18.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	19.9.91	-67
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+67
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.1 *+0.1* 19.9.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	19.9.91	18.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.06 PCT	4.22 PCT
1 MONTH	4.24 PCT	4.40 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.58 PCT	4.65 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.15 PCT	5.24 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.85 PCT	5.86 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	10,390 MN	5,742 MN

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