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GOVERNOR TO UNDERTAKE TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL

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THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY (TUESDAY):

"THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HONOURABLE CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WILL ENTER THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL TOMORROW FOR TREATMENT OF A CORONARY DISORDER.

TESTS OVER RECENT WEEKS HAVE REVEALED THAT ALTHOUGH MR PATTEN'S HEART IS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY, THERE HAS BEEN NARROWING OF TWO OF HIS CORONARY ARTERIES.

THE TREATMENT, KNOWN AS PERCUTANEOUS TRANSLUMINAL CORONARY ANGIOPLASTY, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE LEWIS CARDIAC CATHETERISATION LABORATORY AT THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

IT INVOLVES THE DILATION OF THE ARTERIES USING BALLOON CATHETERS. THIS IS A COMMON FORM OF TREATMENT PERFORMED UNDER LOCAL ANAESTHETIC.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR PATTEN WILL BE IN HOSPITAL FOR UP TO FOUR DAYS AND WILL THEN NEED AROUND A WEEK TO 10 DAYS CONVALESCENCE BEFORE RETURNING TO WORK. HE WILL BE RECEIVING NO VISITORS OVER THIS PERIOD.

MR PATTEN HAS HAD ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECKS FOR MANY YEARS AND HAD A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE TAKING UP THE POST OF GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.

AT THAT STAGE THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE PRESENT PROBLEM.

DURING MR PATTEN'S PERIOD OF TREATMENT AND CONVALESCENCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SIR DAVID FORD WILL BE APPOINTED DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR."

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

REGULAR BULLETINS ON THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTH WILL BE ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE THROUGH GIS.

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FINAL ELECTION PACKAGE SOON TO LEGCO

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TODAY TOOK FURTHER THEIR WORK ON THE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT THE MAIN PACKAGE.

THE COUNCIL INTENDS THAT AS PLANNED THE FINAL PACKAGE SHOULD BE PUT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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REFORM ALLOWS GREATER PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS

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THE GOVERNOR'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WILL ALLOW HONG KONG PEOPLE TO MORE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR WONG STRESSED THAT THESE PROPOSALS WOULD ENSURE A CONTINUATION OF HONG KONG'S FLEXIBLE SYSTEM AND ITS UNIQUE WAY OF LIFE. THESE ELEMENTS, IN TURN, HAVE MADE HONG KONG A SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE.

NOTING THAT RELEVANT BILLS ON THE POLITICAL BLUEPRINT WOULD SOON BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR WONG WAS CONFIDENT THAT LEGISLATORS WOULD COME UP WITH A PACKAGE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

"I BELIEVE THE DECISION WOULD BE BASED ON THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND THAT THEIR WISHES TO MAINTAIN THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED," HE SAID.

HE MADE THESE REMARKS WHEN ATTENDING THE SPRING RECEPTIONS HOSTED SEPARATELY BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THANKING LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, MR WONG SAID THEIR ADVICES ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAD ENABLED THE ADMINISTRATION TO FORMULATE AND INTRODUCE THOSE THAT BEST SUIT PUBLIC NEEDS.

"AND IT IS HEARTENING TO LEARN THAT YOU HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED YOUR VIEWS ON THE GOVERNOR'S REFORM PACKAGE THROUGH DIFFERENT CHANNELS," HE SAID.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SPEAK OUT ON REFORMS

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK, TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK OUT ON THE GOVERNOR'S CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS BEFORE RELATED LEGISLATIONS ARE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S SPRING RECEPTION, MRS ALLCOCK REITERATED THAT THE PEOPLE'S OPINIONS WOULD BE RESPECTED AND DUE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN.

FOR INSTANCE, VIEWS OF THE RESIDENTS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY OF THE DISTRICT RECENTLY, SHE SAID.

"THIS SERVES TO ILLUSTRATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE PUBLIC'S VIEWS AND WISHES IN POLICY MATTERS." MRS ALLCOCK SAID.

SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSALS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS FORMED ONLY PART OF THE REFORM PACKAGE OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

"OF MR PATTEN'S VARIOUS PROPOSALS, THE 1995 ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN THE FOCUS OF HEATED DISCUSSION AMONG THE PUBLIC IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

"THE VALUABLE OPINIONS GENERATED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COLLATED INTO A COMPENDIUM WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC'S INSPECTION AT DISTRICT OFFICES," SHE ADDED.

TURNING TO LOCAL AFFAIRS, MRS ALLCOCK SAID THE WORK ON SEVERAL LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS - INCLUDING THE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 9, ROUTE THREE, THE DUPLICATE SOUTH BRIDGE AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY STATION AT LAI KING - WILL START THIS YEAR.

ADMITTING THAT THE WORKS WILL INEVITABLY CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS, SHE SAID THE PROJECTS WOULD IN THE LONG RUN, CREATE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS BRING ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE DISTRICT.

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NEW ZEALAND IMPOSES FINAL ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

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THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON THE IMPORTS OF CERTAIN MEN'S FOOTWEAR FROM CHINA, INDONESIA, KOREA, TAIWAN AND THAILAND.

ACCORDING TO A COMMERCIAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR PUBLISHED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY), THE AMOUNT OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTY TO BE PAID SHALL BE THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE NORMAL VALUE EXCEEDS THE VALUE FOR DUTY OF THE GOODS WHEN ENTERING NEW ZEALAND FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.

HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE TERRITORY'S RE-EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR UNDER HARMONISED SYSTEM CODE NOS. 6402, 6403, 6404 AND 6405, TO NEW ZEALAND AMOUNTED AT HK\$56 MILLION IN 1991 AND HK\$86.2 MILLION FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER IN 1992.

MEANWHILE, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED PROVISIONAL ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON IMPORTS OF PHOSPHORIC ACID PRODUCED IN CHINA.

WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 27, 1992, IMPORT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF PHOSPHORIC ACID ORIGINATING FROM CHINA, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COUNTRY OF EXPORT, WOULD, IN ADDITION TO NORMAL DUTIES, BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONAL ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES, RANGING FROM 44.73 PER CENT TO 59.34 PER CENT, FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF PHOSPHORIC ACID, UNDER HARMONISED SYSTEM CODE 2809.2000, OF CHINESE ORIGIN TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AMOUNTED TO HK\$2 MILLION IN 1991 AND HK\$1.9 MILLION FROM JANUARY TO OCTOBER IN 1992.

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PERMANENT MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

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THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR TAM HOP-HON, A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE SINCE 1985, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A PERMANENT MAGISTRATE, WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1993.

MR TAM WAS BORN IN CHINA IN 1946 AND WAS EDUCATED IN HONG KONG TO SECONDARY LEVEL.

HE LEFT SCHOOL IN 1966 AND JOINED GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS A LAND ASSISTANT. THROUGH EVENING CLASSES MR TAM REACHED MATRICULATION LEVEL IN 1968 AND OBTAINED A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ASIA IN MACAU IN 1986.

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FROM 1967 TO 1968, MR TAM WAS A WELFARE ASSISTANT IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. HE THEN LEFT THE GOVERNMENT AND SPENT TWO YEARS AS A LITIGATION CLERK WITH A SOLICITOR'S FIRM, THEN FOR A YEAR WAS A PROPRIETOR OF A MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND THEN FOR A FURTHER YEAR WORKED AS A CLERK IN A STOCKBROKER'S OFFICE.

IN 1974, MR TAM RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS A LAND EXECUTIVE AND IN 1977 TRANSFERRED TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS A COURT PROSECUTOR. HE REMAINED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED SPECIAL MAGISTRATE IN FEBRUARY 1985.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, MR TAM CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AS AN EXTERNAL STUDENT. IN 1970 HE ENROLLED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND OBTAINED HIS LL.B DEGREE IN 1989. HE THEN STUDIED PART-TIME FOR THE ENGLISH BAR AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR BY GRAY'S INN IN NOVEMBER 1991.

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#### 28 PASSED LICENTIATE EXAM

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT 28 CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED PART I OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS.

A TOTAL OF 216 CANDIDATES SAT FOR THE EXAMINATION ON JANUARY 6. PART I IS A MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PAPER ON PROFESSIONAL SUBJECTS.

PART II OF THE EXAMINATION, DESIGNED TO TEST THE CANDIDATES' ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 3 AND MAY 4, THIS YEAR. CANDIDATES MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE THIS EXAMINATION ON EITHER DATE.

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#### LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON TUESDAY, UP TO 4.30 PM

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HEARINGS IN "OPEN" SESSION AT COURT NO. 10 IN THE SUPREME COURT BY MR JUSTICE BOKHARY.

(NOTE: A TOTAL OF EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES FROM RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE EXAMINED. THEY INCLUDED MRS RITA LAU, COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, MR S N CHAN, SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH), URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR F H YEUNG, CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER (HONG KONG), HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR K S LIEW, CHIEF TRAFFIC ENGINEER (HONG KONG), TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR T THUMB, CHIEF ENGINEER (HONG KONG AND ISLANDS), DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.)

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	2 FEB 93	2 FEB 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q305	H357
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 3,475 MN	HKD 1,540 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 800 MN	HKD 300 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.03 PCT	3.31 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.05 PCT	3.33 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 81 PCT	ABOUT 28 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.09 PCT	3.38 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 8 FEBRUARY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	9 FEB 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q306
ISSUE DATE	10 FEB 93
MATURITY DATE	12 MAY 93
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD \$1,000 MN +200 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 115.00	**+0.0* 2.2.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.83 PCT	12 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.51	4.04
1 MONTH	2.84 PCT	15 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.56	4.28
3 MONTHS	3.00 PCT	18 MONTHS	2408	4.375	99.69	4.64
6 MONTHS	3.31 PCT	21 MONTHS	2411	4.625	99.69	4.86
12 MONTHS	3.96 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 15,307 MN

CLOSED 2 FEBRUARY 1993

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