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CONTINUITY THE HALLMARK OF GOVT POLICIES FOR TRANSITION

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THE CHALLENGE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG IS TO MANAGE THE POLITICS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND 1997 WHILE MAINTAINING ECONOMIC MOMENTUM AND RETAINING HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIONS AS A SERVICE CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON SAID IN MELBOURNE TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THE HALLMARK OF OUR POLICIES FOR THE TRANSITION IS THEREFORE CONTINUITY: CONTINUITY OF POLICIES, OF INSTITUTIONS, OF PERSONNEL, OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT, AND OF PURPOSE," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA IN WHICH HE OUTLINED THE CHALLENGES WHICH FACED HONG KONG BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY IN THE LAST DECADE OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

HE SAID ONE POINT WHICH HE HAD FOUND ON HIS TRAVELS TO BE POORLY UNDERSTOOD WAS THAT, WHETHER PEOPLE LIKED THE 1997 ARRANGEMENT OR NOT, THERE WAS NO OTHER PRACTICAL SOLUTION FOR HONG KONG.

"THE EXPIRY THAT YEAR OF THE LEASE WHICH COVERS ALMOST THE ENTIRE TERRITORY PUTS A DEFINITE END TO BRITISH RULE. THE REMARKABLE IDEA OF 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS', PUT FORWARD BY THE CHINESE, IS NOT JUST A CATCH-PHRASE.

"IT IS A POLITICALLY PRAGMATIC WAY OF ACHIEVING CHINA'S LONG DESIRED OBJECTIVE ON REUNIFICATION, WHILE PRESERVING HONG KONG AS AN ECONOMIC SUCCESS. FACING THIS REALITY, AND THIS CHALLENGE, IT IS OUR TASK TO GIVE IT THE BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING," HE SAID.

TURNING TO ECONOMIC CHALLENGE, THE GOVERNOR SAID IF HONG KONG WAS TO MANAGE THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEXT FEW YEARS IT MUST, ABOVE ALL ELSE, REMAINED ECONOMICALLY STRONG.

"THIS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT NOW FOR CHINA AS IT IS FOR HONG KONG. HONG KONG HAS BECOME A KEY ELEMENT IN THE GROWTH OF MUCH OF SOUTHERN CHINA," SIR DAVID ADDED.

HE SAID WHILE ATTENTION TENDED TO BE FOCUSED ON THE CURRENT TALKS OVER THE AIRPORT PLANS, IT WAS AS WELL TO REMEMBER THAT HONG KONG'S PHYSICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA HAD IMPROVED OUT OF ALL RECOGNITION OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS.

"A KEY FACTOR IN THIS HAS BEEN CHINA'S OWN DRIVE FOR MODERNISATION AND ITS MORE OPEN ATTITUDE TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT," HE SAID.

ON PRACTICAL DAILY MATTERS, SIR DAVID SAID RELATIONS WERE AS NORMAL AS ACROSS ANY BORDER IN EUROPE.

"BORDER LIAISON ON POLICE AND CUSTOMS IS CLOSE AND CO-OPERATIVE. FOR THE BUSINESSMAN AND POTENTIAL INVESTOR THIS IS WHAT MATTERS," HE SAID.

/SIR DAVID .....

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA BOTH WERE PLACES OF OPPORTUNITY AND BOTH WERE DYNAMIC, BUSINESS-ORIENTED, COMMUNITIES INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF BELONGING TO A GREATER PACIFIC COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNOR PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PART AUSTRALIA HAD PLAYED IN INITIATING AND CEMENTING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN THE REGION, FIRST THROUGH THE PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE (PECC) AND MORE RECENTLY IN PROPOSING THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION FORUM (APEC).

"HONG KONG LOOKS FORWARD TO RATIFICATION OF ITS ENTRY AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE PECC AT THE MEETING IN SINGAPORE IN TWO WEEKS TIME," HE SAID.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE IMPORTANT ROLE AUSTRALIA HAD PLAYED IN THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE GATT.

"IN HONG KONG, WHERE SO MUCH OF OUR ECONOMY DEPENDS ON TRADE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MOMENTUM HAS BEEN LOST. I KNOW THAT IN AUSTRALIA, AS LEADERS OF THE CAIRNS GROUP, YOU SHARE THIS CONCERN," SIR DAVID ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE WAS TO FOCUS THE MINDS OF THE LARGER PLAYERS ON THE VITAL NECESSITY OF PRESERVING A NON-DISCRIMINATORY FREE TRADE REGIME.

"THE CHALLENGE IS TO IMPROVE ON WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR ACHIEVED, NOT TO DISCARD IT JUST BECAUSE IT IS NOT PERFECT.

"THIS IS WHERE I HOPE TO SEE US WORK TOGETHER AS WE HAVE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. REGIONAL TRADE BLOCKS ARE VERY MUCH A SECOND BEST," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG FACED MANY CHALLENGES AND LIKE OTHERS IT HAD FACED, THEY CONTAINED THE SEEDS OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

"HONG KONG HAS NEVER BEEN A PLACE FOR THE FAINT OF HEART. IT HAS ALWAYS REWARDED THOSE WHO, WITHOUT FLINCHING AT THE CHALLENGES, HAVE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITIES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

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MELBOURNE CHINESE COMMUNITY GIVES WARM WELCOME TO GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FROM CHINESE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS IN MELBOURNE.

MORE THAN 200 CHINESE AND AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS PEOPLE, STUDENTS AND WORKERS PACKED THE STATE BANK THEATRETTA IN MELBOURNE TO LISTEN AND TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.

IN A BRIEF SPEECH, SIR DAVID SAID THERE WERE TWO MAIN REASONS FOR HIS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA - THE FIRST BY A HONG KONG GOVERNOR.

"FIRSTLY I BELIEVE IT'S NECESSARY FOR US IN HONG KONG TO GO OUT AND TO TELL PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE TERRITORY, NOT TO TRY TO OBSCURE THE EXISTENCE OF PROBLEMS, NOT TO OBSCURE THE WORRIES THAT EXIST ABOUT 1997, BUT TO FIT IN WITH THE BACKGROUND SCENERY ABOUT THE CONTINUING SUCCESS STORY OF HONG KONG.

"SECONDLY, AUSTRALIA IS LOOMING MUCH MORE LARGELY IN HONG KONG AFFAIRS, IT'S NOT JUST THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG WHO ARE COMING TO SETTLE HERE OR THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA - THAT'S PART OF THE STORY.

"THE OTHER PART OF THE STORY IS THE INCREASING WAY IN WHICH AUSTRALIA IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR TRADE," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT ON A PER CAPITA BASIS HONG KONG BOUGHT MORE GOODS FROM AUSTRALIA THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

HE SAID THAT BUSINESSMEN IN AUSTRALIA SEEMED TO BE MOST INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA.

ASKED ABOUT THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT, SIR DAVID SAID HE BELIEVED THE FEELING IN AUSTRALIA WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN HONG KONG THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO GET ON WITH THE PROJECT. HE HOPED THE DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINA WOULD REACH A GOOD, SENSIBLE RESOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THIS HOPE HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BY A NUMBER OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE GOVERNOR SPENT ONE AND A HALF HOURS IN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH SOME OF AUSTRALIA'S LEADING BUSINESS PEOPLE.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BHP LTD, MR BRIAN LOTON, AND INCLUDED SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMPANIES SUCH AS DAVEY MCKEE PACIFIC, MAUNSELL & PARTNERS, NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK, PRICE WATERHOUSE AND AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INTERNATIONAL.

SIR DAVID ALSO GAVE A KEYNOTE SPEECH TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA BEFORE GOING ON TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MELBOURNE - A GROUP OF BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF THE CITY.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR SMATV LICENCES

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE LICENCE FOR SATELLITE MASTER ANTENNA TELEVISION (SMATV) SYSTEM OPERATORS.

THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1991 WHICH PROVIDE FOR THIS LICENCE ARE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THIS LICENCE, OPERATORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO INSTALL AND OPERATE SATELLITE TELEVISION RECEIVING DISHES ON BUILDINGS AND DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMMES TO INDIVIDUAL FLATS IN SINGLE BUILDINGS OR BUILDING BLOCKS WITHIN A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT.

THE SMATV LICENCE PLACES A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS ON OPERATORS, WHO WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CHARGE VIEWERS ANY FEE FOR VIEWING SATELLITE TV PROGRAMMES, EXCEPT FOR SMATV SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES.

LICENSEES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMMES INTENDED FOR GENERAL RECEPTION.

THEY MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE TECHNICAL AND SAFETY STANDARDS LAID DOWN IN THE LICENCE.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, HAS TODAY INVITED COMPANIES INTERESTED TO BE SMATV SYSTEM OPERATORS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES.

DETAILED GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 852 9653 OR BY FAX ON 541 9058.

APPLICATIONS WITH FULL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 WILL BE PROCESSED AS A GROUP.

THOSE WHICH ARE SUCCESSFUL WILL BE ISSUED LICENCES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

APPLICATIONS WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION OR THOSE SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE HANDLED AFTER THE FIRST GROUP OF APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED.

"THIS WILL CERTAINLY ENABLE SATELLITE DISHES TO BE INSTALLED UNDER LICENCE VERY SOON TO RECEIVE SATELLITE TELEVISION SIGNALS," MR WONG SAID.

"SMATV LICENSEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUBLISH THEIR CHARGES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SMATV SYSTEMS.

"CONSUMERS SHOULD THEREFORE BE ABLE TO SELECT A LICENSEE WHO OFFERS THE BEST PRICE AND SERVICE TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS," MR WONG ADDED.

/EXISTING SMATV .....

EXISTING SMATV INSTALLATIONS REGISTERED WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY BEFORE AUGUST 31 LAST YEAR WILL NEED TO BE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED BY A LICENSED SMATV OPERATOR NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

SATELLITE TELEVISION RECEIVE-ONLY AERIALS FOR CONNECTION TO A SINGLE TELEVISION SET (THAT IS TVRO) WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERMITTED WITHOUT LICENCE.

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METRO BROADCAST LTD AWARDED SECOND COMMERCIAL RADIO LICENCE  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AWARDED HONG KONG'S SECOND SOUND BROADCASTING LICENCE TO METRO BROADCAST CORPORATION LIMITED.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASED COMPETITION TO BE PROVIDED BY METRO WAS A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE INDUSTRY.

"THE PUBLIC COULD EXPECT TO BE INTRODUCED TO NEW CONCEPTS OF PROGRAMMING FOR HONG KONG, TO HAVE A WIDER CHOICE OF PROGRAMMES AND TO BENEFIT FROM STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY," HE SAID.

METRO WHO EXPECT TO COMMENCE THEIR SERVICE IN JULY WILL OPERATE TWO FM CHANNELS - ONE IN CANTONESE DEDICATED TO THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG, AND THE OTHER, WHICH WILL BE BILINGUAL, IN AN ADULT ORIENTED EASY LISTENING FORMAT - AND ONE AM CHANNEL, WHICH WILL BE AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ALL-NEWS SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AWARD OF THE LICENCE HAD BEEN MADE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY.

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BILL BRINGS CHANGES TO LEGAL PRACTICES  
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE LAW SOCIETY TO INTRODUCE A MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (MCLE) SCHEME UNDER THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL WOULD ALSO EMPOWER THE BAR ASSOCIATION TO ISSUE PRACTISING CERTIFICATES TO ITS MEMBERS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REMOVING RESTRICTIONS FOR SOLICITORS TO SEEK ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG TRAINEE SOLICITORS (ARTICLED CLERKS) AND SOLICITORS THAT THERE SHOULD BE COURSES RELATING TO SUBSTANTIVE LAW AND SKILLS WHICH COMPLEMENTED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN PRACTICES.

JUDGING FROM SUCCESS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS WITH SIMILAR SCHEMES, THE LAW SOCIETY DECIDED THAT MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE THE TRAINING AND COMPETENCE OF SOLICITORS.

IT WAS INTENDED TO BENEFIT THE SOLICITORS AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVISION OF BETTER LEGAL SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INITIALLY, THE SCHEME WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TRAINEE SOLICITORS AND JUNIOR SOLICITORS IN THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS OF PRACTICE.

CLAUSES 3, 4 AND 10 OF THE BILL AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE BY PERMITTING THE LAW SOCIETY TO IMPLEMENT AND SUPERVISE A MCLE SCHEME AND TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHEME.

AT PRESENT, THE ISSUANCE OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES FOR LAWYERS IN HONG KONG IS DONE BY THE LAW SOCIETY FOR SOLICITORS AND BY THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR BARRISTERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE BAR ASSOCIATION SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER THE ISSUANCE OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATES FOR BARRISTERS, SO THAT THE BAR COULD BE SEEN TO BE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-REGULATING.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT THE BAR COUNCIL WOULD REPLACE THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT TO ISSUE PRACTISING CERTIFICATES, AND WOULD MAKE RULES ON ISSUANCE SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

ON ADMISSION OF BARRISTERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT UNDER THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE FOR SOME SOLICITORS WHO HAD PRACTISED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN HONG KONG TO CHANGE THEIR LEGAL PRACTICE TO BARRISTERS.

CLAUSE 5(a) OF THE BILL AMENDS THE ORDINANCE TO PERMIT A HONG KONG SOLICITOR WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS' RECENT EXPERIENCE TO BE ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER.

FOR BARRISTERS WHO PRACTISED OUTSIDE HONG KONG IN JURISDICTIONS WITH A FUSED PROFESSION (WHERE PERSONS COULD BE BOTH SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY), CLAUSES 5(b) AND 7 OF THE BILL REMOVE RESTRICTIONS UPON THEM FROM BEING QUALIFIED AND ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER.

THIS WOULD ENABLE MORE PERSONS FROM OVERSEAS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE BAR, SUBJECT TO THEIR BEING QUALIFIED AS A BARRISTER UNDER THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE.

IT WOULD ALSO PERMIT BARRISTERS IN HONG KONG TO BE ADMITTED TO PRACTISE IN JURISDICTIONS WITH A FUSED PROFESSION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO MAKES MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE BY REPLACING THE TERM "ARTICLED CLERK" WITH "TRAINEE SOLICITOR" AND THE TERM "BAR COMMITTEE" WITH "BAR COUNCIL".

THESE AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED UPON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 22.

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ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 GAZETTED

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THE EXISTING POWERS OF THE HIGH COURT WILL APPLY TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATIONS UNDER THE ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 WHICH IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE POWERS RELATE TO THE ISSUING OF WRITS OF SUBPOENA REQUIRING A PERSON TO TESTIFY OR PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AT AN ARBITRATION; AND THE MAKING OF VARIOUS ORDERS OF INTERIM RELIEF, SUCH AS INJUNCTION.

IN 1989, THE ARBITRATION ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT ARBITRATIONS COULD BE BROUGHT IN HONG KONG UNDER TWO REGIMES: THE DOMESTIC ARBITRATION LAW OR THE UNCITRAL (UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW) MODEL LAW.

BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, THE BILL MAKES CLEAR THAT SECTION 14(4), (5) AND (6) OF THE ARBITRATION ORDINANCE APPLY TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION GOVERNED BY THE UNCITRAL MODEL LAW.

THE BILL IS DUE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 22.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TENANCY OF OLD STANLEY POLICE STATION

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THE OLD POLICE STATION AT 88 STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, HONG KONG IS TO BE LEASED OUT FOR RESTAURANT OR COMMERCIAL USE.

A TENDER INVITATION WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS IS NOON ON JUNE 21.

CLOSE TO STANLEY MARKET, THE OLD STANLEY POLICE STATION IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BUILT IN 1859 AND HAS BEEN DECLARED A MONUMENT.

"IT IS A VERY ATTRACTIVE OLD BUILDING AND WE EXPECT IT TO BE IN GREAT DEMAND FOR RESTAURANT OR COMMERCIAL USE," THE CHIEF PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY, MR GRAHAM HEATH, SAID.

SINCE THE POLICE HAS MOVED OUT INTO A NEW STATION, THE BUILDING HAS BEEN USED FOR OTHER OFFICE PURPOSES, BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DEMAND TO FULLY UTILISE THE BUILDING.

MR HEATH SAID IN CASES SUCH AS THIS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE BUILDING SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND THIS WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF CASES WHERE BUILDINGS WOULD BE OFFERED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR RENT.

IT COULD NOT BE SOLD FOR REDEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT WAS LISTED UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

FUTURE USERS WILL HAVE TO RESPECT THE HISTORICAL FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS WHICH WOULD IMPAIR ITS ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE TENDER CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 523 7606. FORMS OF TENDER MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY, EIGHTH FLOOR, ST JOHN'S BUILDING, 33 GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

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#### PREQUALIFICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR LANDFILLS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO TAKE PART IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THREE MAJOR LANDFILLS.

A NOTICE OF PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID TENDERS WOULD BE INVITED LATER THIS YEAR AND EARLY NEXT YEAR FROM APPLICANTS SELECTED IN THIS PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, FINAL RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE OF THREE MAJOR NEW LANDFILL SITES.

THEY ARE THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES (WENT), NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES (NENT) AND SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES (SENT), LANDFILLS.

THE THREE CONTRACTS FOR THE THREE LANDFILLS WILL BE LET SEPARATELY, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ONE CONTRACTOR WILL BE AWARDED ALL THREE CONTRACTS.

EACH CONTRACT WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS INCLUDING LINING OF THE SITES AND A FULL RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES TO BE PROVIDED TO HIGH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

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LARGE INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES, CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES WITH PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE OF MAJOR LANDFILL SITES RECEIVING HOUSEHOLD, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE OF HONG KONG CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE INVITED TO SEND IN PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS.

PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK & CO LTD, 1720 OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON FROM MONDAY (MAY 13).

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN AS DIRECTED IN THE PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT NOT LATER THAN NOON ON JUNE 27.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF THE SUBMISSIONS WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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HEUNG YEE KUK MEMBERS BRIEFED ON WATER CONTROL REQUIREMENTS  
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GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TODAY (FRIDAY) ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE LAND POLICY LIAISON COMMITTEE'S SMALL HOUSE WORKING GROUP TO EXPLAIN TO HEUNG YEE KUK MEMBERS THE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SEPTIC TANKS OF VILLAGE HOUSES IN THE UNSEWERED AREAS.

THEY ARE MR TONY COOPER FROM THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, AND MR MURRAY LUO AND MR BARRY CHOW FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE MEETING WAS TOLD THAT UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1 LAST YEAR, ALL DISCHARGES IN A DECLARED WATER CONTROL ZONE, EXCEPT FOR DOMESTIC SEWAGE DISCHARGES INTO PUBLIC SEWERS AND UNPOLLUTED DISCHARGES INTO ENVIRONMENTAL WATERS, ARE SUBJECT TO CONTROL.

THE OFFICERS EXPLAINED THAT LICENSING OF ALL THE DISCHARGES, INCLUDING LICENSING OF SEPTIC TANKS, IN A WATER CONTROL ZONE IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH THIS WAY THAT THE DATABASE NECESSARY FOR ENFORCEMENT WORK CAN BE BUILT UP AND THAT PARTICULAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE CAN BE IMPOSED TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL.

THEY STRESSED THAT CONTROL OF SEPTIC TANKS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE MANY SEPTIC TANKS DO CAUSE POLLUTION DUE TO LACK OF MAINTENANCE.

THE EXTENT OF THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SEPTIC TANKS WAS AGAIN EXPLAINED TO HEUNG YEE KUK MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

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THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE ON COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPTIC TANK TO CERTIFY THAT THE TANK HAS BEEN BUILT TO THE DESIGN STANDARDS.

THE SEPTIC TANK, HOWEVER, REQUIRES REGULAR DESLUDGING AND OTHER GENERAL MAINTENANCE, OTHERWISE, THE SOAKAWAY PIT WHICH ALLOWS THE SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT TO SEEP INTO THE GROUND MAY BE CLOGGED, CAUSING SURFACE OVERFLOW OF THE EFFLUENT INTO STREAMS.

THE LICENCE FOR A SEPTIC TANK WILL LAST FOR ITS ENTIRE USEFUL LIFE WITHOUT THE NEED TO RENEW AND THE \$120 LICENCE APPLICATION FEE IS FAR LESS THAN THE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS TO BE INCURRED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

AS AN ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO UPGRADE THE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TERRITORY FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN STUDIES.

TO DATE, MORE THAN \$400 MILLION HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THE RURAL SEWERAGE SCHEMES WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SOME OF THE WORKS ALREADY STARTED.

ALSO, \$230 MILLION HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE UNDER THE RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR IMPROVING THE SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE RURAL AREAS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND MORE FUNDS WILL BE INJECTED LATER.

THE MEETING WAS TOLD THAT THE VILLAGERS WILL BE GRANTED LICENCES TO CONTINUE DISCHARGING DOMESTIC SEWAGE UNDER THE PRESENT CONDITIONS PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE NOT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LEASE CONDITIONS OR AGREEMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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#### HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS AT TUEN MUN HOSPITAL

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A SERIES OF HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS ARE BEING HELD IN TUEN MUN HOSPITAL TO HELP RESIDENTS IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY LIFE.

THE EXHIBITIONS, WHICH COVER SEVEN TOPICS, ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL.

HELD IN THE HOSPITAL'S ENTRANCE LOBBY, THE EXHIBITIONS WHICH STARTED ON MAY 1 WILL CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 24.

THE TOPICS AND THE DATES OF THE EXHIBITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- HEALTH MESSAGES (MAY 1 - 21)
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MAY 22 - JUNE 11)

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- SMOKING AND HEALTH (JUNE 12 - JULY 2)
- HEART DISEASE (JULY 3 - 23)
- AIDS (JULY 24 - AUGUST 13)
- PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES (AUGUST 14 - SEPTEMBER 3)
- HEPATITIS (SEPTEMBER 4 - 24)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITIONS, WHICH ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM DAILY. HEALTH EDUCATION LEAFLETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE VENUE.

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FARE INCREASE OF GMB ROUTES 1, 1M AND 2

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE FARE OF THREE GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES IN KOWLOON WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM SUNDAY (MAY 12).

THE FARE OF BOTH GMB ROUTE 1 AND 1M WILL BE ADJUSTED TO \$2 AND THAT OF GMB ROUTE 2 TO \$4.

THE SECTIONAL FARE OF GMB ROUTE 1 WILL BE ADJUSTED TO \$1.60 AND THAT OF ROUTE 2 TO \$2.30.

A NOTICE OF THE NEW FARES WILL BE PUT UP AT THE BUS TERMINUS.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN 1916-22

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WOMEN BORN IN 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM MAY 20 TO JULY 6.

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

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THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE  
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

"AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

HE REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 AND 1928 WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS ONLY ANOTHER WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON MAY 18.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1991

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1990 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT ON SALE  
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THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR 1990, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE CPI'S DURING LAST YEAR, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE BILINGUAL REPORT, PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ALSO INCLUDES THREE CHARTS AND FIVE TABLES SHOWING MOVEMENTS OF THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BY SECTION AND BY GROUP OF COMMODITY/SERVICE, AS WELL AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OVERALL CHANGE IN THE INDEXES.

APART FROM STATISTICS ON THE CPI'S, THE REPORT ALSO EXPLAINS THE CONCEPTS AND COMPUTATION METHOD OF THE CPI'S TO HELP READERS OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND PROPER INTERPRETATION OF THE CPI'S.

THE REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$27 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS REPORT CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

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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	9.5.91	480
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	10.5.91	+10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.4 *-0.1*	10.5.91	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
91-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Q115	10.7.91	350	+130
Q116	17.7.91	350	+130
Q117	24.7.91	378.5	+101.5
Q118	31.7.91	460	+20
Q119	7.8.91	430	+50
Q107	15.5.91	351	+129
Q108	22.5.91	470	+10
Q109	29.5.91	580	-100
Q110	5.6.91	410	+70
Q111	12.6.91	444	+36
Q112	19.6.91	610	-130
Q113	26.6.91	480	+0
Q114	3.7.91	480	+0

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
182-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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H002	15.5.91	227.5	+32.5
H003	29.5.91	210	+50
H004	12.6.91	250	+10
H005	26.6.91	230	+30
H101	10.7.91	143	+117
H156	24.7.91	150	+110
H157	7.8.91	209.5	+50.5
H158	21.8.91	150	+110
H159	4.9.91	170	+90
H160	18.9.91	140	+120
H161	2.10.91	110	+150
H162	17.10.91	74	+186
H163	30.10.91	170	+90

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
364-DAY EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

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ISSUE NUMBER	MATURING ON	OUTSTANDING \$ MILLION	
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Y187	26.2.92	230	+30
Y188	25.3.92	180	+80
Y189	22.4.92	190	+70

AVERAGE DAILY TRANSFER FOR WEEK ENDING 10.5.91 WAS 3,882 MN

STUDY ON EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION ON RESPIRATORY HEALTH COMMISSIONED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A \$1.4 MILLION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO COMMENCE A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION ON RESPIRATORY HEALTH.

THE STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HKU DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AIR AND NOISE), MR FRED TROMP, SAID THE STUDY WOULD GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION ON HUMAN HEALTH.

HE HOPED THE STUDY COULD ALSO SHOW THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION IN JULY LAST YEAR OF REGULATIONS WHICH CONTROL THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF INDUSTRIAL FUELS.

"SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS, WE HAVE RECORDED DRASTIC REDUCTIONS IN THE LEVELS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE AND SOME IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL FOR OTHER AIR POLLUTANTS AROUND THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

"WE EXPECT THAT FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE AREAS, THERE SHOULD BE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPIRATORY HEALTH. I HOPE WE CAN FIND OUT THE EXTENT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS STUDY," MR TROMP SAID.

DURING THE STUDY PERIOD, QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE ISSUED TO 9,000 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AS WELL AS THEIR PARENTS IN THE KWAI TSING AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT ON THESE CHILDREN.

PROFESSOR HEDLEY OF HKU'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE SAID THE KWAI TSING AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS WERE CHOSEN FOR THE STUDY BECAUSE THEY SHOULD REPRESENT THE GREATEST CONTRAST IN AIR POLLUTION IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID HE HOPED TO FIND OUT HOW THIS CONTRAST WAS REFLECTED IN THE RESPIRATORY HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE HAS CONDUCTED A SMALLER SCALE STUDY OF SIMILAR NATURE IN 1989, BEFORE THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS CAME INTO FORCE.

THE RESULTS OF THAT STUDY SHOWED THAT OVER 35 PER CENT OF THE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS SUFFERED BY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN KWAI TSING MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD THE AIR BEEN CLEANER.