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NEW BANKING COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT MR DAVID CARSE WILL BE SECONDED FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND TO SUCCEED MR TONY NICOLLE AS COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

MR NICOLLE WILL PROCEED ON LEAVE AT THE END OF MAY PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE HAS BEEN SECONDED FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND SINCE 1987.

AGED 44, MR CARSE FIRST JOINED THE BANK OF ENGLAND IN 1969 AND HAS WORKED IN VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT OF FINANCIAL MARKETS AND A TWO-YEAR SECONDMENT TO THE CABINET OFFICE.

SINCE 1986, HE HAS BEEN MANAGER, MAJOR ENGLISH CLEARING BANKS, IN THE BANKING SUPERVISION DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF MAJOR ENGLISH CLEARING BANKS.

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INVITATION TO OPERATE INT'L RADIO PAGING SERVICE

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, WILL ISSUE A PUBLIC NOTICE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO INVITE INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO OPERATE AN INTERNATIONAL RADIO PAGING SERVICE ON FREQUENCY 931.9375 MHZ.

THIS FREQUENCY HAS BEEN ADOPTED RECENTLY AS A COMMON ONE FOR INTERNATIONAL RADIO PAGING IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

"HONG KONG INTENDS TO PROVIDE A SIMILAR SERVICE LATER THIS YEAR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL FREQUENTLY TO OR FROM HONG KONG," MR WONG SAID.

"THIS SERVICE WILL FURTHER BROADEN THE RANGE OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WE PROVIDE."

A SUBSCRIBER TO THIS SERVICE IN HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAGING MESSAGES COMING FROM THE TERRITORIES COVERED BY THE SERVICE.

WHEN OVERSEAS, HE MAY BE CONTACTED BY ANYONE IN HONG KONG WHO ONLY NEEDS TO DIAL A LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND THE PAGING MESSAGE WILL REACH HIM ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. SIMILARLY A FOREIGN VISITOR TO HONG KONG MAY ENJOY THESE FACILITIES.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE AT SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ALL PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 7 THIS YEAR.

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DEATH PENALTY POLICY EXPLAINED TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK, SAID ON TUESDAY THAT EVEN THOUGH NO ONE HAS BEEN EXECUTED IN HONG KONG SINCE NOVEMBER 1966, THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS OF ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY OR CHANGING THE POLICY OF COMMUTING DEATH SENTENCES.

DURING THE SECOND OF A THREE-DAY HEARING BY THE UN COMMITTEE, MR STOCK SAID WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN CALLS BY LEGISLATORS AND SOME SECTIONS OF THE MEDIA TO CARRY OUT THE DEATH PENALTY BECAUSE OF LOCAL CONCERNS OVER THE HIGH LEVEL OF CRIMES, THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN CALLS FOR ABOLISHING THE PENALTY IN CAPITAL CRIMES.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS REVIEWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, MR STOCK NOTED THAT SURVEYS HAVE SHOWN THAT A MAJORITY OF HONG KONG'S ADULT POPULATION IS IN FAVOR OF RETAINING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AS A DETERRENT AGAINST SERIOUS CRIMES.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS RAISED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OVER THE POSSIBILITY THE RANGE OF CAPITAL CRIMES MIGHT BE EXTENDED AFTER 1997, MR STOCK SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION PROVIDED FOR A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR HONG KONG'S LEGISLATURE, AND THAT PENAL POLICY, INCLUDING THE DEATH PENALTY, WAS A MATTER FOR THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION ITSELF.

MR STOCK, NEVERTHELESS, SAID HE WOULD BRING BACK TO THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION THE COMMITTEE'S STRONG CONCERNS OVER THIS ISSUE.

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HK OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL VISIT PEKING AND SHANGHAI FROM APRIL 7 TO 17 AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF CHINA.

MR TSAO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIX OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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PROPOSED ROADWORKS FOR MUI WO DEVELOPMENT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD AND CHUNG HAU STREET AT THE OLD TOWN AREA OF MUI WO.

IT ALSO PURPOSES TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MUI WO.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE ANCILLARY WORKS SUCH AS FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, BICYCLE HIRING AND PARKING AREAS, CARPARK AND AMENITY AREAS.

TO FACILITATE THE WORKS, THE EXISTING ACCESS ROAD TO THE CARPARK IN THE OLD TOWN WILL BE CLOSED WHILE EXISTING SERVICES AND UTILITIES MAY REQUIRE ALTERATION AND REPOSITIONING.

IN ADDITION, THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE LAND RESUMPTION AND RECLAMATION OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- \* ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND
- \* ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, MUI WO SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, LANTAU ISLAND.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JUNE 3.

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FINAL REPORT ON MARINE INQUIRY COMPLETED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR MICHAEL C.C. SZE, HAS ACCEPTED THE FINDINGS OF THE LOCAL MARINE INQUIRY INTO A COLLISION INVOLVING THE MOTOR FERRY "MAN LOY" AND PLEASURE VESSEL "LONG BOAT" IN VICTORIA HARBOUR IN FEBRUARY.

THE FINAL REPORT ON THE INQUIRY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) BY THE INQUIRING OFFICER, CAPTAIN JOHN MCPARTLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID: "AFTER THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAD CONSIDERED THE FINAL REPORT, A COPY WAS GIVEN TO THE MARINE POLICE FOR THE COMPILATION OF A DEATH REPORT TO THE CORONER.

"ANOTHER COPY WAS SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ADVICE ON POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP LEGAL ACTION."

THE INQUIRY WAS ORDERED UNDER THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL ORDINANCE (CAP. 313) ON FEBRUARY 18 THIS YEAR.

THE FINAL REPORT CONTAINED DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 16 THIS YEAR, THE CAUSES OF THE COLLISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE IS CONSIDERING THE INQUIRING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

ONE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IS THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE CONTROL OF MARINE TRAFFIC BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS. THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF THE FINDINGS AS THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT WAS LIKELY TO BE THE SUBJECT OF A DEATH INQUEST AND/OR LEGAL ACTION.

"HOWEVER, SUCH DETAILS WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN THE COURSE OF ANY DEATH INQUEST AND/OR COURT ACTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HONG KONG YEARBOOK TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW

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HONG KONG 1991, THE OFFICIAL YEARBOOK, WILL HIT THE STREET TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED TO BE WELCOMED BY ALL WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG, AND BY STUDENTS, WRITERS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE, AS A DEFINITIVE REFERENCE BOOK.

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STILL AT \$45 A COPY, IT REPRESENTS OUTSTANDING VALUE-FOR-MONEY.

THE YEARBOOK, WITHIN ITS 389 PAGES OF INFORMATION, 65 PAGES OF STATISTICS AND 10 SECTIONS OF COLOUR PICTURES, GIVES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF HONG KONG EVENTS IN 1990.

THE REVIEW CHAPTER "SHAPING UP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY" IS AN INSPIRING PERSONAL VIEW OF HONG KONG TODAY AND TOMORROW BY DENIS BRAY, WHO RETIRED AS SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IN 1985. HIS WIDE EXPERIENCE AND LOVE OF HONG KONG MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE OPENING CHAPTER.

THE COLOURFUL, EASY-TO-READ END-PAPER MAP THIS YEAR FEATURES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HONG KONG, HIGHLIGHTING PROBLEM AREAS AND SOME OF THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN OR IN THE PIPELINE.

THERE IS ALSO A CALENDAR OF EVENTS, PROVIDING A CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE MAJOR LANDMARKS OF 1990.

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON HONG KONG, COMPLEMENTED BY NUMEROUS COLOUR PRESENTATIONS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ITS LIFE AND EVENTS, MAKES THE YEARBOOK A CONSISTENT BESTSELLER.

HONG KONG 1991, PUBLISHED IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, DISTRICT OFFICES AND LEADING BOOKSTORES.

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476 HSD STAFF RECOGNISED FOR LONG AND GOOD SERVICES

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A TOTAL OF 476 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON AWARDED LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONG AND GOOD SERVICES IN THE GOVERNMENT.

AMONG THE RECIPIENTS, WHO INCLUDED DOCTORS, NURSES, PARAMEDICS AND SUPPORTING STAFF, 121 HAVE SERVED IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR 30 YEARS, WHILE THE REMAINING EACH HAVE 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

APART FROM A CERTIFICATE, THOSE WHO HAVE A 30-YEAR SERVICE WERE AWARDED A GOLD PIN.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, THE DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES, DR T.Y. CHAU, COMMENDED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

"OVER THESE YEARS, OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING AS A CO-OPERATIVE AND HARDWORKING TEAM TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT AND HIGH QUALITY MEDICAL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," DR CHAU SAID.

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WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, DR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT ALL GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE BROUGHT TOGETHER UNDER AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM TO ENSURE MORE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION AND UTILISATION OF FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES.

"I SINCERELY HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL, ON THE FACE OF THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS, CONTINUE TO EXERT YOUR EFFORTS AS IN THE PAST AND MEET NEW CHALLENGES, SO THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND ENSURE FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF OUR MEDICAL SERVICE UNDER THE NEW STRUCTURE."

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CLINIC SERVICE ON CHING MING

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EIGHT GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL REMAIN OPEN BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM ON FRIDAY, THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE: THE VIOLET PEEL HEALTH CENTRE AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB ON HONG KONG ISLAND; THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON; AND THE LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND LOCATED AT SHEUNG FUNG STREET, TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON.

MEASURING ABOUT 1,120 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PARKING AREA FOR THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 19.

FORM OF TENDER, TEND R NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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