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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR DUTY VISIT TO LONDON

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LEFT TONIGHT (THURSDAY) FOR LONDON ON A REGULAR DUTY VISIT.

SIR DAVID WILL MEET THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR; THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS HURD; THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS; AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

HE WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA IN LONDON.

SIR DAVID WOULD DISCUSS A WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES WITH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE AIRPORT ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIS VIEWS AND TO THE EXTENT THAT HE COULD, LOCAL PEOPLE'S VIEWS ON THE ISSUE.

"THERE ARE OF COURSE A DIVERSITY OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT LIKE EVERYTHING, BUT I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE GENERAL VIEW IN HONG KONG IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO GET ON WITH BUILDING AN AIRPORT," HE SAID.

"BUT WE WANT TO KNOW THAT WE CAN DO IT, CARRY THROUGH THE PROJECT IN A SENSIBLE WAY BEFORE WE ACTUALLY LAUNCH INTO IT," HE ADDED.

"THERE IS NO POINT IN STARTING OFF ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT UNLESS YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE WHOLE THING THROUGH," SIR DAVID SAID.

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APRIL ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES RELEASED

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IN APRIL 1991, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES INCREASED BY 1% WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991 AND BY 2% WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

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COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, THE ORDERS POSITION IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN APRIL 1991 DECREASED BY 1% WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991 AND BY 10% WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1991 DECREASED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH SUBSTANTIAL DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE TEXTILES INDUSTRIES. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

IN APRIL 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 3% IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991. AS SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED HAD EFFECTED SALARY REVISION IN APRIL 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, PARTICULARLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN APRIL 1991 WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF BONUSES IN MARCH BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 17% IN MONEY TERMS IN APRIL 1991. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1991 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, BUT DECREASED MODERATELY WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, DUE TO THE ISSUE OF BONUSES AND SALARY REVISION BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

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COMPARED WITH APRIL 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1991 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER APRIL 1990.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1991 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1991, DUE TO THE ISSUE OF BONUSES AND SALARY REVISION BY SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1991 INCREASED MODERATELY OVER APRIL 1990 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY IS NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE MAGNITUDES OF CHANGE INDICATED BY THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE MERELY A REFLECTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED.

HOWEVER, GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1991 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT $4.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6441.

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TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND AS AT THE END OF APRIL 1991 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAR 91 (%)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APR 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.44	+1	+2
WEARING APPAREL	4.75	+1	+2
TEXTILES	2.47	+2	-4
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.52	+2	+6
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.24	+1	-1
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.38	+1	+2
OTHERS	4.10	*	-1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF APRIL 1991 CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAR 91 (%)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APR 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-1	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	-4
WEARING APPAREL	*	-5
TEXTILES	+1	-17
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	-31
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+1	+2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-12
OTHERS	-1	-3
CONSTRUCTION #	*	-8
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SERVICES	*	+1
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BANKS	*	+4
HOTELS	*	-8
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-2
OTHERS	+1	+3

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS: AVERAGE AS IN APRIL 1991 (HK$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAR 91 (%)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH APR 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,716	+3	+17
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,827	+6	+16
WEARING APPAREL	5,030	+1	+14
TEXTILES	5,830	+3	+12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	6,619	+2	+31
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6,228	-12	+2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	6,951	+7	+23
OTHERS	8,863	+6	+15
CONSTRUCTION #	9,653	+10	+21
SERVICES	13,540	+22	+8
BANKS	10,400	+7	+10
HOTELS	7,140	-2	+12
PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,468	-8	+17
OTHERS	21,800	+69 @	+1

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

@ THIS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES IN APRIL 1991.

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NOTE : DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 : UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL ELECTORAL REGISTERS FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS

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THE PROVISIONAL REGISTERS FOR GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES AND FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

FOR GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES, THE UPDATED GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL SEES AN OVERALL REDUCTION OF 34,045 ENTRIES.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 44,495 OMISSIONS, COVERING 1,950 DEATHS, 35,752 CASES OF LOSS OF CONTACT AND 6,378 DOUBTFUL IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS AND/OR DOUBTFUL ADDRESSES.

THIS IS PARTLY OFFSET BY THE ADDITION OF 10,450 NEW ENTRIES, RESULTED FROM THE APPLICANTS RECEIVED BETWEEN LATE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND MAY 6 THIS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR LAI KWAN-TAT, THE SIZE OF REDUCTION IS QUITE NORMAL.

"IT HAPPENS AFTER EACH ROUND OF ELECTIONS AND SUCH UPDATING INDEED HELPS TO MAINTAIN THE ACCURACY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL," HE SAID.

GIVEN THAT THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE ONLY STARTED AFTER THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MAY 5, MORE APPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON JULY 1. UP TO JUNE 19, A FURTHER 26,379 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

THE LEGCO ELECTORAL ROLL FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES SHOWS AN INTAKE OF 4,073 ELECTORS AND AN OMISSION OF 233 ENTRIES.

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THERE IS AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN THE REGISTRATION RATE (FROM 56.3 PER CENT INCREASING TO 60.1 PER CENT), AND THE TEACHING CONSTITUENCY HAS THE HIGHEST NET INTAKE OF 1,865 ELECTORS AND ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY HALF OF NET TOTAL INTAKE OF 3,840 ELECTORS.

THREE OF THE SEVEN NEW CONSTITUENCIES, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE RURAL CONSTITUENCIES, WILL HAVE THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION CONDUCTED AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW TERM OF OFFICE OF THEIR MEMBERS ON JUNE 1.

THE ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING CONSTITUENCY SHOWS A HEALTHY REGISTRATION RATE OF 53 PER CENT.

THE TOURISM CONSTITUENCY REGISTERS A RATE OF 43.7 PER CENT, WHILE THE REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION AND THE FINANCIAL SERVICES CONSTITUENCIES SHOW A RATHER SLACK RESPONSE, WITH A REGISTRATION RATE OF 17 PER CENT AND 16 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE AS LATE APPLICATION FORMS ARE BEING RECEIVED AND THERE ARE STILL 10 DAYS BEFORE THE REGISTRATION PERIOD CLOSES.

THE NUMBER OF LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THESE CONSTITUENCIES BY JUNE 19 STANDS AT:

TOURISM	193
REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION	97
FINANCIAL SERVICES	201

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER MAKES A FURTHER APPEAL TO ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS TO COME FORWARD AND REGISTER AS ELECTORS BY JULY 1.

REGISTERED ELECTORS SHOULD ALSO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF PARTICULARS, ESPECIALLY THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL ELECTORS.

THE PROVISIONAL REGISTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FROM JUNE 21 TO JULY 1 AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AND AT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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Changes in the Size of the General Electoral Roll

District	No. of Electors in the 1990 Final Register	No. of Deletions	No. of Additions	Gain/Loss in inter-district movement of electors	No. of Electors in the 1991 Provisional Register	Net Increase/ Decrease	
A Islands	23,342	567	93	48	22,916	-426	-2%
B North	55,369	344	126	63	55,214	-155	0%
C Sai Kung	34,972	184	357	1,446	36,591	1,619	5%
D Sha Tin	151,359	901	935	308	151,701	342	0%
E Tai Po	62,399	187	303	382	62,897	498	1%
F Tsuen Wan	81,524	1,251	366	162	80,801	-723	-1%
G Tuen Mun	115,953	466	471	357	116,315	362	0%
H Yuen Long	70,138	990	462	-12	69,598	-540	-1%
J Kwai Tsing	136,095	2,099	721	-297	134,420	-1675	-1%
Regional Council Area Sub-total	731,151	6,989	3,834	2,457	730,453	-698	0%
M Central & Western	75,333	5,232	598	36	70,735	-4598	-6%
N Wan Chai	59,302	931	243	-53	58,561	-741	-1%
P Eastern	193,606	3,602	779	311	191,094	-2512	-1%
Q Southern	90,995	2,666	641	-168	88,802	-2193	-2%
R Kowloon City	124,043	3,025	612	9	121,639	-2404	-2%
S Kwun Tong	213,013	6,743	1,250	-1967	205,553	-7460	-4%
T Mong Kok	48,702	589	259	-103	48,269	-433	-1%
U Sham Shui Po	123,064	1,394	554	-132	122,092	-972	-1%
V Wong Tai Sin	158,520	10,778	1,446	-204	148,984	-9536	-6%
W Yau Tsim	37,714	2,546	234	-186	35,216	-2498	-7%
Urban Council Area Sub-total	1,124,292	37,506	6,616	-2457	1,090,945	-33347	-3%
Total	1,855,443	44,495	10,450	0	1,821,398	-34045	-2%

Registration and Electoral Office,
Constitutional Affairs Branch,
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	1,990	1,991
Potential electorate	3,696,000	3,696,000
Registered electorate	1,855,443	1,821,398
Registration Rate	50.2%	49.3%

No. of Registered Electors in the 1991 Provisional Register

Legislative Council Constituency*	District	No. of Electors by District	No. of Electors by Constituency
1. New Territories East			188,292
	Sai Kung	36,591	
	Sha Tin	151,701	
2. New Territories South			238,137
	Islands	22,916	
	Tsuen Wan	80,801	
	Kwai Tsing	134,420	
3. New Territories West			185,913
	Tuen Mun	116,315	
	Yuen Long	69,598	
4. New Territories North			118,111
	North	55,214	
	Tai Po	62,897	
5. Kowloon East			205,553
	Kwun Tong	205,553	
6. Kowloon Central			270,623
	Kowloon City	121,639	
	Wong Tai Sin	148,984	
7. Kowloon West			205,577
	Mong Kok	48,269	
	Sham Shui Po	122,092	
	Yau Tsim	35,216	
8. Hong Kong Island East			249,655
	Wan Chai	58,561	
	Eastern	191,094	
9. Hong Kong Island West			159,537
	Central & Western	70,735	
	Southern	88,802	
		Total :	1,821,398

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL

1991 Provisional Register

June 1991

Constituency	Electoral Division	1990 Final Register	1991 Deletions	1991 Additions	1991 Change of Constituency	1991 Provisional Register	Eligible Electorate	Registration Rate
Commercial	First Commercial	1,267	4	74	(8)	1,329	2,540	52.32%
Commercial	Second Commercial	2,349	19	28	(19)	2,339	5,658	41.34%
Industrial	First Industrial	474	0	12	1	487	744	65.46%
Industrial	Second Industrial	1,367	10	13	(3)	1,367	2,090	65.41%
Finance & Financial Services	Finance	149	2	39	0	186	396	46.97%
	Financial Services	-	-	187	9	196	1,200	16.33%
Labour	-	351	2	15	0	364	455	80.00%
Social Services	-	171	0	6	0	177	195	90.77%
Tourism	-	-	-	515	11	526	1,204	43.69%
Real Estate & Construction	-	-	-	89	11	100	579	17.27%
Medical & Health Care	Medical	3,641	6	172	0	3,807	6,518	58.41%
	Health Care	9,955	7	179	(1)	10,126	17,073	59.31%
Teaching	-	32,979	148	2,013	(8)	34,836	53,243	65.43%
Legal	-	1,110	2	83	(1)	1,190	2,544	46.78%
Engineering,Architectual, Surveying and Planning	Engineering	3,171	5	167	(898)	2,435	3,033	80.28%
	Architectural, Surveying & Planning	-	-	130	904	1,034	1,945	53.16%
Accountancy	-	1,786	28	351	2	2,111	4,500	46.91%
Urban Council	-	-	-	0	0	0	40	0.00%
Regional Council	-	-	-	0	0	0	36	0.00%
Rural	-	-	-	0	0	0	139	0.00%
Functional Constituency Total		58,770	233	4,073	0	62,610	104,132	60.13%
Electoral College Constituency Total		464	464	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total		59,234	697	4,073	0	62,610	104,132	60.13%

83 APPLICATIONS FOR SMATV LICENCES RECEIVED

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT 83 APPLICATIONS FOR SATELLITE MASTER ANTENNA TELEVISION (SMATV) LICENCES WERE RECEIVED BY MAY 31.

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, AN INITIAL BATCH OF 47 COMPANIES WERE APPROVED.

THESE APPLICANTS WOULD BE INVITED TO COMPLETE THE LICENSING FORMALITIES AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO THE LICENCES.

"ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT FROM 18 APPLICANTS, AND THE REMAINDER DO NOT APPEAR TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED," MR WONG ADDED.

"THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SHOWS THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN RECEIVING SATELLITE TELEVISION IN HONG KONG.

"THE NUMBER OF LICENCES AWARDED WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS HEALTHY COMPETITION IN THE MARKET," MR WONG SAID.

"I WOULD ADVISE THOSE INTERESTED IN INSTALLING SATELLITE TELEVISION SYSTEMS TO DECIDE THE BEST DEAL FOR THEMSELVES."

APPLICATIONS FOR SMATV LICENCES MAY STILL BE SUBMITTED BY INTERESTED PARTIES AND WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN RECEIVED.

IT IS A REQUIREMENT UNDER THE LAW THAT SMATV SYSTEMS SHOULD BE INSTALLED AND OPERATED BY LICENSED SMATV OPERATORS ONLY, OTHERWISE THE SYSTEMS WILL BE ILLEGAL.

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

A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL LICENSED SMATV OPERATORS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR PUBLIC REFERENCE IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, SINCERE BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 852 9600.

MR WONG ALSO REMINDED THE OWNERS OF EXISTING SMATV SYSTEMS REGISTERED WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY BEFORE AUGUST 31 THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO TRANSFER THE OPERATION OF THESE SYSTEMS TO LICENSED SMATV OPERATORS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

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NEW STRATEGIC ROAD TO COME INTO USE ON JUNE 26

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THE ENTIRE ROUTE 6 - A NEW STRATEGIC EXPRESSWAY - CONNECTING SHA TIN IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL COME INTO USE ON JUNE 26.

THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IS THE FINAL LINK IN THE NEW ROUTE 6.

IT WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC ON JUNE 26. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE TUNNEL WILL BE OPENED AT 8 PM. THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN IT ON JULY 1.

AS FROM JUNE 26, MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AN UNINTERRUPTED JOURNEY ON THIS NEW ROUTE BETWEEN THE TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND QUARRY BAY VIA NEW TRUNK ROADS CONNECTING INTO THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD INTERCHANGE, KWUN TONG BY-PASS AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

THE JOURNEY WILL TAKE ABOUT 25 MINUTES.

ROUTE 6 IS AN 18-KILOMETRE LONG EXPRESSWAY WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 80 KPH.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL STARTED IN JULY 1988 AND WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE BY NEARLY TWO MONTHS.

THE ADJOINING GOVERNMENT ROADWORKS WERE ALSO COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE TO TIE IN WITH THE OPENING OF THE TUNNEL.

ROUTE 6 IS EXPECTED TO BRING SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF TO CONGESTION AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE MOTORISTS TO USE THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

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CENTRALISED COLLECTION TO REDUCE STOCKBROKERS' DEALINGS COSTS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO PERMIT THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO COLLECT ON ITS BEHALF STAMP DUTY ON SHARE TRANSACTIONS AND TO REMIT AT REGULAR INTERVALS THE COLLECTIONS TO THE COLLECTOR OF STAMP REVENUE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CENTRALISED COLLECTION SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE STOCKBROKERS' DEALING COSTS.

CURRENTLY ANY STOCKBROKER EFFECTING A SALE OR PURCHASE OF HONG KONG STOCK MUST EXECUTE A CONTRACT NOTE AND STAMP IT WITH THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT OF DUTY.

/THE STAMPING .....

THE STAMPING IS USUALLY DONE BY AFFIXING TO THE CONTRACT NOTES ADHESIVE STAMPS PURCHASED FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WHO ACTS IN THE CAPACITY OF THE COLLECTOR OF STAMP REVENUE. THESE STAMPS MUST THEN BE IMMEDIATELY CANCELLED TO RENDER THEM INCAPABLE OF BEING RE-USED.

"TO CUT DOWN ON LABOUR COSTS AND TO SAVE TIME, THE STOCKBROKERS HAVE BEEN SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE STAMPING SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE PHYSICALLY ATTACHING AND CANCELLING STAMPS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESPONDING TO A PROPOSAL PUT FORTH BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE TO SET UP A SYSTEM FOR THE CENTRALISED COLLECTION OF CONTRACT NOTE DUTY, THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS UNDER THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1991.

"THE BILL, IF PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL ENABLE THE COLLECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTION CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE AUTHORISED TO COLLECT CONTRACT NOTE DUTY FROM BROKERS IN RESPECT OF SPECIFIED TRANSACTIONS AND TO REMIT THOSE COLLECTIONS TO THE COLLECTOR AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

THE AGREEMENT WILL ALSO SPECIFY THE EXTENT OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S LIABILITIES TO MAKE GOOD ANY DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF DUTY BY BROKERS AND TO INDEMNIFY THE COLLECTOR AGAINST ANY LOSSES ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE CONTRACT NOTES TO WHICH THE AGREEMENT RELATES WILL IN FUTURE BE REGARDED AS DULY STAMPED IF THEY BEAR AN IMPRINT OF THE STAMP DUTY CHARGEABLE AND AN ENDORSEMENT THAT THE IMPRINTED DUTY HAS BEEN OR WILL BE PAID TO THE COLLECTOR THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

"THE IMPRINT OF THE DUTY PAYABLE AND THE ENDORSEMENT MAY ONLY BE MADE BY PERSONS AUTHORISED BY THE COLLECTOR.

"THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WILL RELIEVE BROKERS OF THE BURDEN OF AFFIXING ADHESIVE STAMPS TO CONTRACT NOTES AND CANCELLING THEM AFTERWARDS.

"THROUGH THIS, BROKERS WILL BE ABLE TO REDUCE THEIR DEALING COSTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1991 WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 26.

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'FOOD SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS' CAMPAIGN STARTS

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PEOPLE IN THE FOOD TRADE AND INDUSTRY ARE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED TO OBSERVE GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DR RONALD LEUNG, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1991 FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOOD TRADE.

DR LEUNG SAID WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN FOOD MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND THE GREAT VARIETY OF NEW FOOD PRODUCTS, FOOD HYGIENE MONITORING WORK HAD BECOME HEAVIER AND EVEN MORE COMPLICATED.

"TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH, THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS SPARE NO EFFORT IN MAINTAINING FOOD HYGIENE AND SAFETY," HE SAID.

"MEASURES BEING TAKEN INCLUDE A LICENSING SYSTEM, REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES AND SYSTEMATIC AND STRATEGIC SAMPLING OF LOCALLY-MANUFACTURED AND IMPORTED FOOD PRODUCTS."

TO IMPROVE HEALTH CONTROL ON LICENSED FOOD PREMISES, DR LEUNG SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD SINCE LAST JULY ADOPTED A MORE EFFECTIVE AND FAIRER MONITORING SYSTEM - THE "DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM" - IN A BID TO RAISE THE HYGIENE STANDARD OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY.

HE STRESSED THAT CO-OPERATION FROM PEOPLE IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY WAS UTMOST IMPORTANT IF FOOD SAFETY WAS TO BE ACHIEVED.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WAS, THEREFORE, APTLY TITLED "FOOD SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS", HE SAID.

ECHOING THE APPEAL AT THE SAME OCCASION, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, SAID PEOPLE IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY WERE ON THE FRONTLINE OF SAFEGUARDING FOOD SAFETY.

HE SAID CUSTOMERS WOULD NOT MERELY GO FOR DELICIOUS FOOD BUT WOULD ALSO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO FOOD SAFETY AND CLEANLINESS.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO BUILD UP CUSTOMERS' CONFIDENCE WAS, THEREFORE, TO OBSERVE FOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES AND SAFETY, HE ADDED.

THE THREE-MONTH FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

IT AIMS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES TO MINIMISE THE CHANCES OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, 24 FOOD HYGIENE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD FOR PEOPLE IN THE FOOD TRADE, INCLUDING LICENSEES AND STAFF OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES, COOKED FOOD STALLS AND CANTEENS AT CONVENIENTLY-LOCATED VENUES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

/THE SEMINARS .....

THE SEMINARS, WHICH ARE EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE, WILL EACH COMPRISE A TALK, A SLIDE SHOW AND A FILM ON FOOD HYGIENE, FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN DISCUSSION.

PRINTED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TALK.

AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FOUR OTHER SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHO WILL IN TURN CONVEY THE MESSAGES TO THEIR STUDENTS.

TO DRIVE HOME THE FOOD HYGIENE MESSAGE, A TELEVISION API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN PUBLIC INTEREST) WILL BE SHOWN AND A 24-HOUR HEALTH EDUCATION HOTLINE (723 0013) WILL BE SET UP TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON FOOD HYGIENE MATTERS.

A BROADCASTING VAN WILL BE DEPLOYED TO STEP UP PUBLICITY AT VARIOUS STRATEGIC LOCALITIES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR MAHOMMED BIN ALI.

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LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON AN INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF FOUR CHILDREN KILLED IN A FIRE INSIDE THEIR FLAT IN HO MAN TIN ESTATE, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, HAD BEEN LAUNCHING A LARGE-SCALE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES INCLUDE THE BROADCAST OF TV API'S AND THE PRODUCTION OF POSTERS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE HAZARDS OF LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED," HE SAID.

LEAFLETS ARE BEING PRODUCED TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE.

TURNING TO CHILD CARE SERVICES, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE 19,556 DAY NURSERY PLACES TERRITORY-WIDE AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL OF 1,400 PLACES ARE IN THE PIPELINE IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.

OTHER MEASURES INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SERVICES, HE NOTED.

FROM MAY THIS YEAR, THERE ARE 50 CENTRES PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 150 PLACES AS A RESULT OF AN EXPANSION TO THE OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE.

FOR CHILDREN STUDYING PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THEIR PARENTS COULD MAKE USE OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SERVICE - A SCHEME PUT ON TRIAL AT FIVE DISTRICTS.

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CSD MONG KOK RECRUITMENT CENTRE OPENS

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S (CSD) NEW RECRUITMENT CENTRE IN MONG KOK WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CSD'S ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (PERSONNEL), MR PETER PI, SAID MANY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS WOULD FIND THE CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE MONG KOK RAILWAY STATION, MORE CONVENIENT.

"OUR STATISTICS SHOW THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF OUR APPLICANTS COME FROM KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES," MR PI SAID.

"THEY CAN NOW ATTEND PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS AND HAVE SOME OF THEIR APPLICATION PROCEDURES PROCESSED AT THE NEW CENTRE RATHER THAN IN THE RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT THE CSD HEADQUARTERS IN WAN CHAI."

MR PI SAID A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE CENTRE WAS A NEWLY INSTALLED MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM WHICH STORED INFORMATION ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

"INFORMATION ON ANY PARTICULAR CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMME OR PENAL INSTITUTION CAN BE RETRIEVED BY SIMPLY A TOUCH OF A KEY.

"THE COMPUTER SCREEN CAN DISPLAY CHARTS AND COLOUR PICTURES ON VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND STAFF TRAINING," MR PI ADDED.

WITH AN AREA OF 105 SQUARE METRES, THE MONG KOK RECRUITMENT CENTRE CONSISTS OF A RECEPTION COUNTER AND AN INTERVIEW ROOM.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO JOIN THE CSD CAN COME TO THE CENTRE ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 399 2560.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIOLOGICAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

/THE GRADING .....

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME. AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID BEACHES WITH HIGHLY DEVELOPED HINTERLANDS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE POLLUTED THAN THE GRADES SUGGEST DURING AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN.

"BATHERS SHOULD AVOID SUCH BEACHES FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER A STORM, LONGER IF THE WEATHER REMAINS OVERCAST OR LESS IF THERE IS STRONG SUNSHINE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE. NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADE OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

/AT PRESENT .....

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS.

THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES. IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH	PREVIOUS GRADING (AS AT 6.6.91)	PRESENT GRADING (AS AT 20.6.91)
HONG KONG SOUTH		
BIG WAVE BAY	1	1
CHUNG HOM KOK	1	1
DEEP WATER BAY	1	1
HAIRPIN	1	1
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	1	1
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	1	1
TURTLE COVE	1	1
STANLEY MAIN	2	2
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	2	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	2	3
BUTTERFLY	2	2
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		
CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	1
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	1	1
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	1	1

/ISLANDS DISTRICT .....

ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	1	1
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	1
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	2	2
SILVERMINE BAY	3	3
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	1	1

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	3	3
APPROACH	2	2
CASAM	2	2
GEMINI	2	3
HOI MEI WAN	2	3
LIDO	2	2
TING KAU	3	3
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

GEMINI, HOI MEI WAN AND KADOORIE, FROM "2" TO "3".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, MR P.R. HOLMES, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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FIRST QUARTER GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT ON SALE

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR JANUARY-MARCH 1991, CONTAINING STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER, IS NOW ON SALE.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT, AT $13.5 PER COPY, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	19.6.91	380
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	20.6.91	-520*
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+520
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

*TAKE UP OF BILLS -579 MN
OTHER FORWARDS +59 MN

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 114.5 *-0.5* 20.6.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

		20.6.91	19.6.91
MATURING IN	1 WEEK	7.82 PCT	7.68 PCT
	1 MONTH	7.74 PCT	7.62 PCT
	3 MONTHS	7.65 PCT	7.61 PCT
	6 MONTHS	7.63 PCT	7.59 PCT
	12 MONTHS	7.59 PCT	7.60 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED		1,902 MN	2,083 MN

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