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APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR DARWIN CHEN, CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, WILL SUCCEED MR TONY HAMMOND AS COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR NEXT MONTH.

MR HAMMOND WILL BE RETIRING AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MR CHEN AND MR HAMMOND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR DARWIN CHEN, ISO, JP  
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AGED 58, MR CHEN JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS ASSISTANT MANAGER, CITY HALL IN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 1961.

HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IN 1979 AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES FROM 1980 TO 1985, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN DECEMBER 1989.

SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, MR CHEN HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR FROM FEBRUARY 1985 TO AUGUST 1987, COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING FROM AUGUST 1987 TO JANUARY 1989 AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE FORMER GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH FROM JANUARY 1989 TO MARCH 1990.

HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS IN APRIL 1990.

MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, ISO, JP  
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AGED 57, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1964 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN 1985.

HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS DIRECTOR, COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH FROM AUGUST 1982 TO MARCH 1985 AND DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 1985 TO JUNE 1986, WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

MR HAMMOND WILL RETIRE IN MARCH 1991, AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

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BUSINESSMAN JAILED FOR TAX EVASION

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A 51-YEAR-OLD BUSINESSMAN WAS SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AND FINED A TOTAL OF \$3,347,584 IN THE WANCHAI DISTRICT COURT TODAY AFTER HE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF SIX COUNTS OF TAX EVASION-RELATED CHARGES ON MONDAY (YESTERDAY).

THE FINE WAS EQUIVALENT TO 200 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL TAX EVADED.

THE DEFENDANT, KWOK HING-FOR KINGSFORD, THE SOLE PROPRIETOR OF FEDERAL CHEMICAL CO, WAS CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF SUBMITTING INACCURATE TAX RETURNS CONTRARY TO SECTION 82(1)(D) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE AND THREE COUNTS OF CREATING FALSE PURCHASES IN THE COMPANY'S BOOKS AND CONSEQUENTLY, TO OVERSTATE PURCHASES IN THE TAX RETURNS, CONTRARY TO SECTION 82(1)(G) OF THE ORDINANCE.

DELIVERING HIS JUDGEMENT, DEPUTY JUDGE DAVIES SAID THE EVIDENCE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONVICTION. THE DEFENDANT HAD DELIBERATELY FALSIFIED THE PROFITS TAX RETURNS IN ORDER TO SAVE THE PAYMENT OF LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PUBLIC PURSE.

HE SENTENCED THE DEFENDANT TO 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH CHARGE, TO BE EXECUTED CONCURRENTLY.

THE OFFENCES INVOLVED THE SUBMISSIONS BY THE DEFENDANT TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT (IRD) OF PROFITS TAX RETURNS FOR THE TAX ASSESSMENT YEARS 1985/86 TO 1987/88 IN WHICH ASSESSABLE PROFITS HAD BEEN UNDERSTATED, AND AS A RESULT, PROFITS TAX EVADED.

SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL, MR MICHAEL BLANCHFLOWER, WHO REPRESENTED THE CROWN, TOLD THE COURT THAT THE DEFENDANT UNDERSTATED SALES OF \$7.3 MILLION AND OVERSTATED PURCHASES \$2.5 MILLION IN THE TAX RETURNS AND CONSEQUENTLY UNDERSTATED PROFITS OF \$9,795,100 WHICH WAS 94 PERCENT OF THE FULL PROFITS AND EVADED TAX OF \$1,673,792.

THIS IS THE LARGEST CASE IN RECENT YEARS IN TERMS OF THE QUANTUM OF UNDERSTATED PROFITS AND EVADED TAX.

THE COURT WAS TOLD THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1988, THE IRD INVESTIGATED AND SEARCHED THE DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS PREMISES AT CHAI WAN KOK STREET, TSUEN WAN.

DURING THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEFENDANT CLOSED THE BUSINESS AND LEFT FOR CANADA WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE LATER INFORMED THE IRD THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO HONG KONG. THE IRD THEN INITIATED EXTRADITION ACTIONS AGAINST HIM.

THE DEFENDANT WAS ARRESTED ON APRIL 28 LAST YEAR AFTER HE HAD SLIPPED INTO HONG KONG. HE WAS CHARGED AND APPEARED IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY ON APRIL 30, LAST YEAR.

THE CASE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO WAN CHAI DISTRICT COURT AND WAS HEARD BEFORE DEPUTY JUDGE DAVIES FROM JANUARY 10 TO JANUARY 25. THE DEFENDANT PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO ALL THE CHARGES.

AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CROWN'S CASE, THE DEFENCE COUNSEL SUBMITTED THERE WAS NO CASE TO ANSWER. BUT THE JUDGE RULED OTHERWISE. THE DEFENDANT ELECTED TO REMAIN SILENT.

THE IRD REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT TAX EVASION IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE. UPON CONVICTION, THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE IS THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$20,000 ON EACH CHARGE, IN ADDITION TO A FURTHER FINE EQUIVALENT TO THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF TAX UNDERCHARGED.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF BERMUDA FINANCE (FAR EAST) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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EXHIBITION PUBLICISES DB ELECTIONS  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE IS HOLDING A MOBILE EXHIBITION AT FOUR SHOPPING CENTRES THIS MONTH TO GIVE RESIDENTS AN INSIGHT INTO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE EXHIBITION, WHICH STARTED TODAY (TUESDAY), WAS PART OF THE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO REMIND REGISTERED ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 3.

THROUGH GRAPHICS AND CHARTS, THE EXHIBITION EXPLAINS THE ROLE AND COMPOSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AS WELL AS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 18 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE VOTING PROCEDURE, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE POLLING STATIONS AND PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF THE 45 CANDIDATES ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND VENUES OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITION:

| DATE              | VENUE  |
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| FEBRUARY 5 TO 10  | HENG FA CHUEN WEST WING SHOPPING ARCADE,<br>CHAI WAN |
| FEBRUARY 11 TO 20 | MAXI MALL, CITY GARDEN, NORTH POINT                  |
| FEBRUARY 21 TO 24 | WEST BRIDGE, CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING                 |
| FEBRUARY 25 TO 28 | NEW JADE SHOPPING CENTRE, CHAI WAN.                  |

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SPECIAL POSTAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE SPECIAL POSTAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY EACH ON FEBRUARY 14 (LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE) AND FEBRUARY 17 (THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR).

LETTERS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 15 AND 16.

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 14 TO 17, EXCEPT FOR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE BOTH OF WHICH WILL OPEN FOR SERVICE FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON FEBRUARY 14.

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"LAISEES" FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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MORE THAN 400 SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED NEW YEAR "LAISEES" (RED PACKETS) OF \$150 EACH FROM THE TANG SHIU-KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND.

A FURTHER 3,000 FAMILIES IN THIS CATEGORY, LIVING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR, WILL RECEIVE THEIR LAISEES IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

ABOUT 660 ELDERLY, COMPRISING AGED PATIENTS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND RESIDENTS OF HO'S CLANSMAN ASSOCIATION HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY, WILL ALSO RECEIVE THEIR "LAISEES" OF \$100 EACH BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY AT PO LEUNG KUK WERE A FOUNDER OF THE FUND, DR HO TIM; ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI; POPSINGER, MR PATRICK TAM, AND THE FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES TO COPE WITH HARDSHIP BROUGHT ABOUT BY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN EDUCATION, PURCHASE OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL TREATMENT OR OTHER NEEDS.

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO MADE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARISING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OF CHRONIC ILLNESS. IN PARTICULAR, THE FUND HELPS VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH URGENT NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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NEW KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE OPENS

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S NEW MAP SALES OUTLET, THE MAP PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND GASCOIGNE ROAD IN KOWLOON, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY OMELCO MEMBER MR CHENG HON-KWAN THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR A.G. EASON, HOSTED THE OCCASION.

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, MR CHENG STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAPS AND PLANS IN TOWN PLANNING, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH STANDARD OF SURVEY AND MAPPING WORK BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE WHICH PUBLISHES A WIDE RANGE OF EXCELLENT MAPS FOR USE BY PROFESSIONALS IN THE DEVELOPMENT FIELD, AND BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO SHOULD FIND THE STREET GUIDES AND LEISURE MAP SERIES USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE.

APART FROM THE CONVENTIONAL PAPER MAPS, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO KEEPING PACE WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF A LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH WOULD ENABLE COMPUTER PROCESSING AND UPDATING OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND LAND RELATED DATA.

THE NEW MAP SALES OFFICE IS LOCATED IN A CONVENIENT AND PLEASANT SETTING, BEING IN THE HEART OF YAU MA TEI, ADJOINING A URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT LANDSCAPED GARDEN AND A SHOPPING MALL.

THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM (NO LUNCHEBREAK), MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

MAP SALES SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT MURRAY BUILDING (14TH FLOOR) AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE (GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING) IN CENTRAL, AND AT VARIOUS DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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