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GOVERNOR OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED WORKERS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFERED CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF WORKERS WHO DIED IN AN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN NORTH POINT YESTERDAY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER INSPECTING THE SCENE, MR PATTEN SAID: "THIS HAS BEEN AN APPALLING TRAGEDY. OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF THEM."

"WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THAT WE CAN DEAL AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE," HE SAID.

HE SAID FACTORY INSPECTORS WERE CONDUCTING AN INQUIRY ON THE SITE AND THE REPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

THE REPORT WILL GO IN THE FIRST PLACE TO THE CORONER'S COURT WHICH WILL BE LOOKING AT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

"WE SHALL OBVIOUSLY WANT TO TAKE THE REPORT VERY SERIOUSLY AND IMPLEMENT WHATEVER ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AGAIN, AS YOU KNOW, AT LIFTS ON ALL THE OTHER CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE TERRITORY TO CHECK ON THEIR SAFETY."

THE GOVERNOR URGED BOTH THE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS NOT TO OVERLOAD LIFTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, HE SAID: "IT'S SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US TO DO. WE'VE GOT TO BE TOUGH ON PENALTIES FOR THOSE WHO FALL DOWN ON THE JOB AND WE'VE GOT TO BE TOUGH ON PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE."

"SAFETY DOES MATTER HUGELY AND WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT IDEA STICKS IN OUR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS ELSEWHERE," HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 66 INDUSTRIAL DEATHS IN HONG KONG. OF THEM, 48 WERE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

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MORE FACTORY INSPECTORS VISIT SITES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL DEPLOY MORE FACTORY INSPECTORS TO VISIT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE TERRITORY TO ENSURE THAT SAFETY MEASURES ON PASSENGER HOISTS ARE ADOPTED BY CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR DOMINIC MAK, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING THAT ABOUT 50 FACTORY INSPECTORS TAKING PART IN A SPECIAL SITE INSPECTION CAMPAIGN TODAY ALREADY VISITED 101 CONSTRUCTION SITES WITH 30 OF THEM HAVING 49 PASSENGER HOISTS.

"SO FAR, ONE OFFENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOIST GATE HAS BEEN DETECTED," MR MAK SAID.

"PROSECUTION ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN DUE COURSE AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR.

"THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS BEING DEPLOYED FOR THE SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL INCREASE TO 60 FROM TOMORROW, HOPING THAT ALL SUCH HOISTS CAN BE INSPECTED WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME," HE ADDED.

MR MAK CALLED ON ALL CONTRACTORS AND PEOPLE WORKING ON CONSTRUCTION SITES TO OBSERVE SAFETY RULES, PARTICULARLY ON OVERLOADING, PERIODICAL EXAMINATIONS AND REGULAR INSPECTIONS, WHEN USING PASSENGER HOISTS.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD EARLIER TODAY THAT FACTORY INSPECTORS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM ENGINEERS OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ARE STILL INVESTIGATING YESTERDAY'S INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT AT NORTH POINT IN WHICH 12 WORKERS DIED.

"WE HOPE A PRELIMINARY REPORT CAN BE COMPILED WITHIN TWO WEEKS," MR MAK SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR MAK SAID FACTORY INSPECTORS HAD BEEN GIVING SAFETY TALKS SINCE LAST MONTH TO STUDENTS IN MORE THAN 10 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO INTENDED TO SEEK SUMMER JOBS.

HE SAID THE STUDENTS WERE ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS JOBS AND JOBS WITH DANGEROUS WORK PROCESSES.

"THESE TALKS FORMED PART OF A SERIES OF SAFETY PROMOTIONS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," MR MAK SAID.

"AS MANY STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP TEMPORARY JOBS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO EQUIP THEM WITH WORK SAFETY KNOWLEDGE," HE SAID.

"OUR FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL BE VISITING ANOTHER 34 SCHOOLS IN DUE COURSE," HE ADDED.

/MR MAK .....

MR MAK POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE TALKS, THE INSPECTORS EXPLAINED THE TYPES OF DANGEROUS JOBS STUDENTS SHOULD AVOID.

THESE INCLUDE:

- \* JOBS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, ESPECIALLY THOSE REQUIRING TO WORK AT HEIGHT;
- \* JOBS REQUIRING THE OPERATION OF HEAVY MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY, WOOD-WORKING MACHINES OR VIGOROUS MANUAL WORK;
- \* JOBS INVOLVING THE HANDLING OF CHEMICALS, TOXIC SUBSTANCES OR FIRE-RELATED PROCESSES;
- \* JOBS INVOLVING ASBESTOS PROCESSES, AND
- \* JOBS INVOLVING THE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES OR GIVING SIGNALS IN LIFTING OPERATIONS.

"FACTORY INSPECTORS ALSO EXPLAINED TO STUDENTS THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED AND THE GENERAL DUTIES IMPOSED ON PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE SAFETY AT WORKPLACES," HE SAID.

"IF IN DOUBT, STUDENTS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR PARENTS, CAREERS TEACHERS OR THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION ON 852 3565 FOR ADVICE."

HE ALSO CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUMMER JOB WORKERS ARE CLOSELY AND PROPERLY SUPERVISED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS ANGELA HO, SAID LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAD MET DEPENDANTS OF 10 DECEASED WORKERS AND ARE HELPING THEM TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

"WE HAVE ALSO SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE AND A TELEPHONE HOTLINE 852 4036 TO DEAL WITH COMPENSATION MATTERS RELATING TO THE INCIDENT," MRS HO SAID.

"WE HOPE THAT DEPENDANTS OF THE REMAINING TWO VICTIMS CAN CALL OUR HOTLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED.

"FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON COMPENSATION MATTERS CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE HOTLINE," SHE ADDED.

LABOUR OFFICE OFFERS HELP TO HOIST ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE TO HELP DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED WORKERS IN THE ACCIDENT AT NORTH POINT YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) TO GET EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION.

"UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, DEPENDANTS OF A DECEASED WORKER WILL BE ENTITLED TO A MAXIMUM COMPENSATION PAYMENT OF \$542,000," THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS ANGELA HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"OFFICERS OF THE FATAL CASES OFFICE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE CONCERNED TO GET THE PARTICULARS OF THE DECEASED WORKERS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WORKERS GENERAL UNION IN ORDER TO REACH THE DEPENDANTS OF THE DECEASED WORKERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"A TELEPHONE HOTLINE 852 4036 HAS ALSO BEEN SET UP IN OUR EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED WORKERS ON COMPENSATION MATTERS," SHE SAID.

MRS HO APPEALED TO DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED WORKERS TO CONTACT THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT THE SOONEST.

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DISCUSSIONS IN CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL

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IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

HE SAID: "THE CHINESE SIDE ARE AWARE THAT BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL HAVE DISCUSSED CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE PAST."

"LEGCO PANELS ARE NON-STATUTORY AND THEIR DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT PART OF THE FORMAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"THE PARTICULAR DISCUSSIONS THEY ARE NOW PROPOSING TO HOLD WERE NOT INSTIGATED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. ANY RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY LEGCO PANELS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE GOVERNMENT OR ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL CANNOT TAKE ACTION ON THE BILL WHICH WAS GAZETTED ON MARCH 12, SINCE THE BILL HAS NOT BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE FORUM TO PROCESS ANY BILL INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS THE FULL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ANY BILLS COMMITTEE THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY IT TO DEAL WITH A PARTICULAR BILL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL DISCUSSIONS CANNOT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF THE ONGOING TALKS WITH CHINA ON THE 1994/95 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE TALKS WERE PROPOSED BY BRITAIN IN THE FIRST PLACE AND BOTH THE UK GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HOPE THEY LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL BE REGARDED AS OPEN, FAIR AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REVISES FEES  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL INCREASE FEES FOR A NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ON A COST-RECOVERY BASIS UNLESS OTHERWISE JUSTIFIED."

THE LAST REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS MADE IN MARCH 1991.

AFTER THE SHORT FREEZE ON GOVERNMENT CHARGES IN 1991/92, A RECENT REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHOWS THAT THERE IS UNDER-RECOVERY OF THE COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED, IN RESPECT OF REGISTRATION OF PERSONS, REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE, AND ISSUE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REGULAR FEES ADJUSTMENT EXERCISES WERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT INFLATION AND INCREASED OPERATING COSTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, RATHER THAN SIMPLY PASSING ON TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ACTUALLY USE THE SERVICES.

TO DELAY THE INCREASE WOULD EXTEND THE PERIOD OF LOSS TO THE GENERAL TAXPAYER, AND THE NEW FEES ARE, IN SOME AREAS, STILL BELOW THE COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES, HE SAID.

"IN MANY AREAS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH GREAT AND INCREASING PRESSURES OF DEMAND ON SERVICES AND STAFF, THE GOVERNMENT MUST REINFORCE THE VERY FAIR AND APPROPRIATE PRINCIPLE THAT THOSE WHO USE AND CAN AFFORD THE SERVICES SHOULD BEAR THE COSTS," HE SAID.

THE OLD FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BEFORE TOMORROW.

FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY POST, THE DATE OF THE POST MARK WILL BE TAKEN AS THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

## Fees and charges collected by the Immigration Department

<u>Issue of Travel Documents</u>	Old Fees \$	New Fees \$
Seaman's Identity Book	85	110
Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity	85	110
Renewal of a Seaman's Certificate of Nationality and Identity	15	20
Hong Kong Certificate of Identity (44-page)	180	225
Hong Kong Certificate of Identity (92-page)	360	450
Multiple Re-entry Permit (whether of full or restricted validity)	55	70
Re-entry Permit for 1 visit	15	20
Endorsement to a travel document for which no specific fee is provided	65	85
Service charge for supplying, on application a copy of any document, or for making or forwarding, or both, a request or recommendation to any authority of a foreign state or Commonwealth country, for consular or nationality registration or for the issue or renewal of a passport or other travel document or of a document of identity or for the grant of a visa or entry permit	70	90
Document of Identity for Visa Purposes (44-page)	160	200
Document of Identity for Visa Purposes (92-page)	320	400
<u>Registration of Births</u>		
Post registration of birth (after 42 days) within 12 months from the date of birth	20	40
Post registration of birth after 12 months from the date of birth	120	200
A certificate of Registration of addition or alteration of name of child	20	40

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	Old Fee \$	New Fee \$
Addition or alteration of name of child after 42 days from the date of the birth	75	125
A certified copy of an entry in the register to a local applicant	20	40
A certified copy of an entry in the register to overseas applicant	40*	80*
A particular search of the births and deaths records	20	40
A general search of the births and deaths records	120	200
A shortened form of birth certificate under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance	10	20
Correction of an error of fact of substance in registers of births and deaths	75	125
A particular search for a birth entry	20	40
A general search for a birth entry	110	200
A correction of an error in any register book of birth registration	75	125
A certified copy of an entry in any of the register books of birth registration to local applicant	20	40
A certified copy of an entry in any of register books of birth registration to overseas applicant	40*	80*
Re-registration of birth if information not furnished within the specified time	65	100
A certified copy of an entry of the birth of a legitimated person	20	40

Note : \*on top of charge for the same service given to local applicant plus an additional amount equal to the airmail postage at the normal rate.

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	Old Fee \$	New Fee \$
A particular search for an adoption record	20	40
A general search for an adoption record	120	200
A shortened form of birth certificate under the Adoption Ordinance	10	20
A certified copy of any entry in the Adopted Children Register to local applicant	20	40
A certified copy of any entry in the Adopted Children Register to overseas applicant	40*	80*
<u>Registration of Deaths</u>		
A particular search for a death entry	20	40
A general search for a death entry	110	200
A correction of an error in any register books of death registration	75	125
A certified copy of an entry in any of the register books of death registration to local applicant	20	40
A certified copy of an entry in any of the register books of death registration to overseas applicant	40*	80*
<u>Registration of Marriage</u>		
Filing of application for registration of marriage under the Marriage Reform Ordinance	20	40
Certificate of registration of marriage under Section 9 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance	75	125

Note : \*on top of charge for the same service given to local applicant plus an additional amount equal to the airmail postage at the normal rate.

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	Old Fee \$	New Fee \$
A search for marriage entry made under Section 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance during any number of successive hours not exceeding 6, without the object of the search being specified	110	200
A search for a specified marriage entry where the search is made by the applicant or by the Registrar on his behalf under Section 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance	20	40
Certified copy of a marriage entry given under Section 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance to local applicant	35	70
Additional charge for the certified copy of an entry given under S. 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance to <u>overseas</u> applicant	15*	20*
Certificate under Section 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance of the absence of any record to local applicant	110	200
Additional postage charge for the certificate under Section 13 of the Marriage Reform Ordinance of the absence of any record to <u>overseas</u> applicant	15*	20*
A certificate by Registrar of Marriage given under Section 5 of the Foreign Marriage Ordinance	10	20
Governor's licence given under Section 6 of the Foreign Marriage Ordinance	120	200
Filing and exhibition of notice of marriage	50	90
Certificate of notice when issued under the proviso to Section 9 of the Marriage Ordinance	925	1800

Note : \*on top of charge for the same service given to local applicant plus an additional amount equal to the airmail postage at the normal rate.

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	Old Fee \$	New Fee \$
Search for marriage entry made under Section 26 of the Marriage Ordinance during any number of successive hours not exceeding 6, without the object of the search being specified	120	200
Search under Section 26 of the Marriage Ordinance for a specified entry of Marriage whether the search is made by the applicant or by the Registrar on his behalf	20	40
Certified copy of an entry of marriage given under Section 26 of the Marriage Ordinance to local applicant	40	80
Additional charge for the certified copy of an entry given under S.26 to <u>overseas</u> applicant	15*	20*
Certificate under Section 26 of the Marriage Ordinance of absence of any marriage record to local applicant	120	200
Additional postage charge for the certificate under S.26 of absence of any record to <u>overseas</u> applicant	15*	20*
Special licence under Section 11 of the Marriage Ordinance granted by the Governor	1,850	3,200
Marriage at the office of the Registrar - during normal office hours	155	210
Marriage at the office of the Registrar - outside normal office hours	335	570
Celebration by the Registrar, elsewhere than in his office, or marriage by special licence or of person in articulo mortis	755	1500
Celebration by the Registrar of Marriages under paragraph (b) of the proviso to Section 21(3), per marriage and in addition \$1,060 (to be paid proportionately by the parties being married) or \$140 per marriage, whichever is the greater	370	700

Note : \*on top of charge for the same service given to local applicant plus an additional amount equal to the airmail postage at the normal rate.

/Registration .....

<u>Registration of Persons</u>	Old Fee	New Fee
	\$	\$
Lost or destroyed identity card replaced under Regulation 13 of the Registration of Persons Ordinance	170	220
Damaged or defaced identity card replaced under Regulation 13 of the Registration of Persons Ordinance	70	120
Identity card requiring alteration replaced under Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance	170	220
Certificate or a certified copy issued under Regulation 23 of the Registration of Persons Ordinance	170	220

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LEGCO BY-ELECTION FOR INDUSTRIAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMING BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL ELECTORAL DIVISION TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY THE LATE STEPHEN CHEONG KAM-CHUEN WILL BE CALLED FOR BETWEEN JUNE 11 AND 25.

UNLESS THE BY-ELECTION IS UNCONTESTED, A POLL WILL BE CONDUCTED ON JULY 15 BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM AT THE HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM LECTURE HALL, TSIM SHA TSUI.

CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS UNDER THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL, HAVE BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOMINATION, AND HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL ELECTORAL DIVISION.

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI (ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE 827 9175) OR FROM MR KIM SALKELD, THE RETURNING OFFICER, IN ROOM 233, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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COMPANY LAW REFORM COMMITTEE RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED ITS NINTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1992.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "AMONG THE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE DURING THE YEAR WAS A PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE FUNCTION TO PROSPECTUS VETTING FROM THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC)."

THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992, WHICH CONTAINED THIS PROPOSAL, WAS PASSED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 24, 1992.

"THE SFC SUBSEQUENTLY DELEGATED THIS RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF LISTED COMPANIES TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER ISSUE CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE WAS A PROPOSAL TO GIVE SMALL DEPOSITORS IN BANKS PREFERENTIAL PAYMENTS UNDER SECTION 265 OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME.

"ON THIS SUBJECT, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT ANY PREFERENCE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN TYPES OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND BE LIMITED TO A SPECIFIC CEILING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE LIQUIDATOR SHOULD BE GIVEN POWER TO MAKE PAYMENTS QUICKLY WITH IMMUNITY EXCEPT IN CASES OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

/"THE COMMITTEE .....

"THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT TECHNICAL DETAILS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK OUT," HE ADDED.

DURING THE YEAR, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ALSO CONTINUED ITS STUDY ON THE NEED FOR NEW LEGISLATION ON ULTRA VIRES IN HONG KONG AFTER NEW PROVISIONS ON THE SUBJECT WERE INTRODUCED IN THE UK COMPANIES ACT 1989.

"THE TWO MAIN APPROACHES TO DEFINING THE POWERS OF A LIMITED COMPANY ARE EITHER TO INVEST A COMPANY WITH THE CAPACITY AND POWERS OF A NATURAL PERSON, WHICH IS THE APPROACH ADOPTED IN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, OR TO LIMIT A COMPANY TO PURSUING ONLY THOSE OBJECTS WHICH IT IS EXPRESSLY AUTHORISED TO PURSUE, WHICH IS THE APPROACH FOLLOWED IN THE UK.

"THE STANDING COMMITTEE HAS NOW RECOMMENDED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE 'POWER OF A NATURAL PERSON' APPROACH, BASED ON THE CANADIAN MODEL, SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN HONG KONG AND THAT THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING 1992 INCLUDED THE UK CADBURY REPORT, PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN COMPANY ACCOUNTS, TO ALLOW AUDITORS TO INCORPORATE, AND TO AMEND SECTION 165 OF THE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A COMPANY TO PURCHASE NEGLIGENCE INSURANCE FOR ITS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

"THESE ISSUES ARE STILL BEING EXAMINED BY THE COMMITTEE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO WRITE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMPANY LAW REFORM, COMPANIES REGISTRY, COMMERCIAL DIVISION, 12TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES COVERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, ROOM 1802, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER I, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 2, 1993.

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PROVISIONAL RETAIL SALES FIGURES FOR MARCH

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN MARCH, ESTIMATED AT \$13.6 BILLION, INCREASED BY 13% WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 10% IN VOLUME TERMS.

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THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO STRONG GROWTH IN SPENDING ON CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR AS WELL AS CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS.

SALES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR REGISTERED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN MARCH 1993 COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO, BY 45% IN VALUE AND 34% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS WENT UP BY 25% IN VALUE AND 26% IN VOLUME.

MODERATE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES, BY 10% IN VALUE AND 3% IN VOLUME; SALES OF JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AND VALUABLE GIFTS, BY 7% IN VALUE AND 14% IN VOLUME; AND SALES IN SUPERMARKETS, BY 9% IN VALUE AND 2% IN VOLUME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED BY 4% IN VOLUME, DESPITE AN INCREASE OF 3% IN VALUE. SALES OF FUELS REGISTERED A DECREASE OF 1% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 11% IN VALUE AND 7% IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1993, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN MARCH 1993 INCREASED BY 9% IN VALUE AND 10% IN VOLUME.

THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AFTER ADJUSTING FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE USED AS DEFLATORS.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE MARCH 1993 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 802 1258.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR FEBRUARY 1993 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR MARCH 1993.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1993 FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS AND BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF THE MARCH 1993 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR FEBRUARY 1993 AND WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1992, AS WELL AS COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for March 1993 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$13,579.9 million

for February 1993 (Revised Figure) = HK\$12,419.5 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR FEBRUARY 1993 AND MARCH 1993

(Monthly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

Item	Index of Retail Sales	February 1993	March 1993	March 1993 compared with February 1993		March 1993 compared with March 1992		Jan-Mar. 1993 compared with Jan-Mar. 1992	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
<b>(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS</b>									
	Value	132.2	144.6	+12.4	+9.3	+16.3	+12.7	+14.7	+11.1
	Volume	114.2	125.3	+11.1	+9.7	+11.4	+10.1	+8.4	+7.0
<b>(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET</b>									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	111.0	119.6	+8.6	+7.7	+4.1	+3.5	+6.4	+5.5
	Volume	88.0	98.7	+10.7	+12.2	+2.8	+2.9	+1.2	+1.3
Supermarkets $\phi$	Value	111.3	133.4	+22.1	+19.9	+11.3	+9.2	+9.7	+7.8
	Volume	87.4	103.6	+16.1	+18.5	+1.7	+1.7	+0.7	+0.6
Fuels	Value	117.6	128.4	+10.8	+9.2	-1.3	-1.0	+5.9	+4.8
	Volume	89.1	94.9	+5.8	+6.5	-6.5	-6.4	+0.5	+0.5
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	135.7	171.0	+35.3	+26.0	+53.0	+44.9	+42.0	+29.5
	Volume	113.2	139.9	+26.7	+23.6	+35.6	+34.1	+25.1	+19.8
Consumer durable goods *	Value	168.7	171.4	+2.7	+1.6	+21.3	+14.2	+19.6	+13.3
	Volume	146.2	150.5	+4.3	+2.9	+15.6	+11.6	+13.4	+10.1
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	234.3	181.8	-52.5	-22.4	+4.8	+2.7	+9.3	+5.1
	Volume	189.7	145.6	-44.2	-23.3	-6.3	-4.1	-2.1	-1.3
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	121.3	163.9	+42.7	+35.2	+33.2	+25.4	+27.1	+22.5
	Volume	114.7	154.1	+39.3	+34.3	+31.5	+25.7	+24.7	+21.6
Department stores $\sigma$	Value	123.6	118.6	-5.0	-4.1	+10.8	+10.0	+13.6	+10.5
	Volume	104.2	97.6	-6.6	-6.3	+3.2	+3.4	+3.9	+3.4
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	Value	124.8	155.5	+30.8	+24.7	+9.7	+6.6	+11.2	+8.5
	Volume	133.0	165.6	+32.6	+24.5	+20.2	+13.9	+18.1	+13.5
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	138.2	140.1	+1.9	+1.4	+14.7	+11.7	+5.7	+4.1
	Volume	115.4	116.5	+1.1	+1.0	+7.3	+6.7	-2.5	-2.0

NOTE :  $\phi$  Excludes supermarkets operating in Department Stores.

\* This covers both "Motor vehicles and parts" and "Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts".

 $\sigma$  Supermarkets of the same entities are also included.

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## AMENDMENTS TO MODEL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOR COMPANIES

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THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES) ORDER 1993 AND THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES) REGULATION 1993 WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

"THEY WILL PUT IN PLACE AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOR COMPANIES IN KEEPING WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIMARY LEGISLATION MADE UNDER THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1991, THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE BY A COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES AND THE GIVING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY A COMPANY FOR THAT PURPOSE WERE LIBERALISED.

"THE AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO THE SCHEDULES WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 47A, 47G, 48 AND 49-49S OF THE ORDINANCE SO THAT THE MODEL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION MAY BE READILY ADOPTED BY NEWLY FORMED COMPANIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THESE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATE TO THE FIRST, SECOND, FOURTH, 10TH AND 11TH SCHEDULES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE," HE ADDED.

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## SUMMER TRAVELLERS URGED TO GET DOCUMENTS EARLY

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT URGES RESIDENTS WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO APPLY FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

"THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING OVERSEAS WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED DURING THIS PERIOD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST-MINUTE RUSH, PEOPLE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR PASSPORTS AND CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE OF TRAVEL," HE SAID.

FOR FIRST TIME APPLICATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT TAKES 20 WORKING DAYS (ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS) TO ISSUE A HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORT.

FOR REPLACEMENTS, 10 WORKING DAYS ARE REQUIRED IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED AT THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND 15 WORKING DAYS AT THE BRANCH OFFICES.

FOR HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY, 10 WORKING DAYS ARE REQUIRED IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED AT THE HEADQUARTERS AND 15 WORKING DAYS AT THE BRANCH OFFICES.

THE PROCESSING TIME IS THE SAME FOR BOTH FIRST-TIME AND REPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS.

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AS AN IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SINCE MID-1992 THE DEPARTMENT HAD STARTED TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORTS, BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORTS AND HONG KONG CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY BY POST.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, AN APPLICANT DOES NOT NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN PERSON.

APPLICATIONS MAY EITHER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY POST OR DEPOSITED INTO THE DROP-IN BOXES INSTALLED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OR AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE.

THE PROCESSING TIME REQUIRED IS THE SAME AS SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION IN PERSON.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ARE ISSUED TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND DESIGNATED POST OFFICES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO CALL 824 6111 FOR DETAILS.

"RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY BUT DELAY IS LIKELY IF THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS COMING AT THE SAME TIME, FOR EXAMPLE, ON SATURDAY IN WHICH WE COULD ONLY PROVIDE A LIMITED SERVICE WITH HALF STRENGTH," HE SAID.

"THE PERIOD BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE YEAR. BY APPLYING EARLY, IT WILL NOT ONLY SPREAD THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT WILL ALSO GIVE APPLICANTS EXTRA TIME TO MEET ANY FURTHER VISA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS WHERE NECESSARY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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#### SEARCH FOR CHINESE TRANSLATION OF AIDS THEME

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CARITAS-HONG KONG ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A COMPETITION TO SEEK THE BEST CHINESE TRANSLATION OF "TIME TO ACT" - THE THEME OF THE 1993 WORLD AIDS DAY.

THE WORLD AIDS DAY HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR SINCE 1988. IT FEATURES A SERIES OF LOCAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES AROUND A THEME SET BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO).

WHO HAS CHOSEN "TIME TO ACT" AS THE THEME FOR 1993 TO HIGHLIGHT AN URGENCY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS.

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ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY): "AS THE AIDS PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO SPREAD, EVERY COMMUNITY SHOULD REALISE THAT IT IS TIME TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF FIGHTING THE DISEASE."

"THE THEME CALLS FOR URGENCY TO FIGHT DENIAL AND DISCRIMINATION, TO SET UP FORCEFUL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, AND TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN CARE FOR AIDS PATIENTS IS AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE.

"IT IS TIME TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND MEANS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM INFECTION OF AIDS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE SAID THE CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE THEME SHOULD NOT EXCEED EIGHT CHARACTERS AND SHOULD BE PRECISE AND BE ABLE TO REFLECT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY.

THE BEST ENTRY WILL BE USED AS THE OFFICIAL THEME FOR THE COMING WORLD AIDS DAY IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BELOW 30. EACH PERSON CAN ONLY SUBMIT ONE ENTRY. ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 10.

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL TO BE FORMED BY THE ORGANISERS. RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE WILL BE 21 PRIZES. THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A NOTE-BOOK COMPUTER DONATED BY THE WONG'S INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

TWENTY OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRANTS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE VARIOUS CARITAS COMMUNITY CENTRES AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE ABERDEEN CARITAS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TEL 552 4211 EXT 44.

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HK A TOP MAKER OF JEWELRY AND WATCHES

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HONG KONG HAS MADE A NAME FOR ITSELF IN THE RANKS OF WORLD'S TOP MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS OF JEWELRY AND WATCHES ALTHOUGH THAT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY BATTLE, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

AGAINST PREJUDICE AND PROTECTIONISM DESIGN SKILLS, QUALITY AND THE SUPPORT OF EXCELLENT CRAFTSMEN HAVE PREVAILED, AND EVERY VISITOR TO HONG KONG WAS IMPRESSED BY THE ENORMOUS NUMBER OF JEWELRY SHOPS HERE, AND THE VARIETY AND QUALITY OF THEIR STOCK, HE SAID.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JUNE HONG KONG JEWELRY AND WATCH FAIR, MR MILLER SAID THE POTENTIAL MARKET FOR JEWELRY AND WATCHES WAS ENORMOUS AND GROWING.

"THE GROWTH OF WEALTH THROUGH TRADE HAS CHANGED BOTH ASPIRATIONS AND FASHIONS DRASTICALLY.

"MORE PEOPLE BUY MORE, AND NOT JUST THE RARER METALS AND STONES.

"COSTUME JEWELRY HAS COME OF AGE, ADDING CONTINUING VARIETY AND A DARING TOUCH TO MUCH WOMEN'S APPAREL, AND PROVIDING AN EXCITING COMPLEMENT TO TRADITIONAL JEWELRY."

WHEN IT CAME TO WATCHES, HE SAID, THE IMAGINATION OF DESIGNERS SEEMED TO RUN EVER WILDER.

THEY CAME IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE SIZE, SHAPE AND COLOUR AND DID MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY TELL THE TIME, HE SAID.

"HONG KONG TAKES PRIDE IN BEING ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST MARKET PLACES FOR THESE GOODS.

"OURS IS A SOCIETY THAT IS SENSITIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO FASHION TRENDS AND, ON TOP OF THAT, HAS THE BUYING POWER TO MAKE BUSINESSES HAPPEN," THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAID.

DURING THE FOUR-DAY FAIR, HE SAID, VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BROWSE THE EXCELLENT ARRAY OF JEWELRY DISPLAYS, WATCHES AND ASSOCIATED MANUFACTURING SUPPLY, AND COMPARE THE QUALITY AND DESIGN OF THE VARIOUS PRODUCTS.

"I AM SURE THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION WILL BE FRUITFUL IN BRINGING BOTH NEW IDEAS, CONTACTS, AND CONTRACTS AS WELL AS CONSOLIDATING AND RENEWING EXISTING TIES," MR MILLER SAID.

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CROWN RENTS DUE ON JUNE 24  
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THE TREASURY REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PAY CROWN RENTS EXCEEDING \$100 PER ANNUM BY JUNE 24.

DEMAND NOTES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR SUCH CROWN RENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 24.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY POST TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, PO BOX 8000, GPO, HONG KONG OR, IN PERSON, AT:

- \* THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, IMMIGRATION TOWER, FIRST FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- \* THE CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;

- \* THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, MAX SHARE CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, 373 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG;
- \* THE SAI WAN HO SUB-TREASURY, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO, HONG KONG;
- \* THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON;
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON; AND
- \* THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN OR KWAI TSING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID CROWN RENT PAYERS WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED THEIR DEMAND NOTES SHOULD BRING ALONG THE DEMAND NOTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD TO ANY OF THE TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES.

DUPLICATE DEMAND NOTES WILL BE ISSUED TO THEM, HE SAID.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT PRODUCE DEMAND NOTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS PERIOD, THEY SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE CROWN RENT UNIT OF THE TREASURY AT IMMIGRATION TOWER, 30TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

"NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CROWN RENTS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 24, 1993," HE SAID.

CROWN RENT PAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT IF THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTES, PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JUNE 24.

THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

IF THE ABOVE WORDING IS NOT SHOWN, THEY SHOULD PAY ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT IN THE DEMAND NOTES.

TO SAVE TIME OF QUEUING, THE SPOKESMAN URGED PAYERS TO PAY EARLY IN PERSON OR BY POST AT ANY OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST CONVENIENT METHOD FOR PAYMENT WAS AUTOPAY.

APPLICATIONS FOR AUTOPAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL MAJOR BANKS IN HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONING 829 4999.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED CROWN RENT PAYERS TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- \* TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION FOR RE-ENTRY OF A PROPERTY THE OWNER FOR THE TIME BEING OF THAT PROPERTY IS OBLIGED TO PAY CROWN RENT INCLUDING ANY ARREARS AS DEMANDED;

- \* THE CROWN RENT PAYABLE UNDER A LEASE OF A PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN RENEWED UNDER THE CROWN LEASES ORDINANCE AND REDEVELOPED, WILL BE 3 PER CENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THAT PROPERTY AS ASSESSED FOLLOWING THE REDEVELOPMENT.

PENDING COMPLETION OF THE ASSESSMENT AND OTHER RELATED PROCEDURES, CROWN RENT DEMANDS WILL BE BASED UPON THE PRE-REDEVELOPMENT RATEABLE VALUE.

IN DUE COURSE, CROWN RENT FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RENT BASED UPON PRE- AND POST-REDEVELOPMENT RATEABLE VALUES WILL BE DEMANDED AND THE OWNER FOR THE TIME BEING IS OBLIGED TO PAY THE RENT AS DEMANDED.

IF HE DOES NOT, LEGAL ACTION FOR RE-ENTRY OF THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSTITUTED.

HE ADVISED PROPERTY BUYERS TO INSTRUCT THEIR SOLICITORS TO ENSURE THAT AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE THE CROWN RENT WAS PAID UP TO DATE.

IF A PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE CROWN LEASES ORDINANCE AND HAS BEEN REDEVELOPED BUT THE RENTAL PAID UP TO THE DATE OF THE PURCHASE IS NOT BASED UPON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SINCE ITS REDEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE PURCHASER OR HIS SOLICITORS TO PROTECT THE PURCHASER, HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ON OUTSTANDING CROWN RENT ACCOUNTS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES. THE FEE IS \$50 FOR EACH ENQUIRY PER PROPERTY.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SURVEY UNDER WAY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1992 HAS STARTED.

THE ANNUAL SURVEY IS PART OF A CONTINUAL PROGRAMME TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL DATA WILL BE OBTAINED FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

/THE COMMISSIONER .....

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FREDERICK HO, APPEALED TO THE MANagements OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY RETURNING PROMPTLY THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND CO-OPERATING WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

ABOUT 8,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, COVERING THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES: MANUFACTURING; MINING AND QUARRYING; AND ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER.

INFORMATION TO BE SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, ORIGIN OF INVESTMENT, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (WAGES, SALARIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), PAYMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, VALUE OF PURCHASES AND OTHER EXPENSES, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND STOCKS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 15 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO HELP THEM COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE OFFICERS WILL EACH CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILE ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 839 3230 OR 805 6441.

BEACH WATER GRADES

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT 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.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GRADING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATER WAS USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E.COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT 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 THAT 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 WATER 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.

"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 :

- \* 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 POOR. 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" .....

\* GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS VERY 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 ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A GRADE "4" OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTE. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING 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 TODAY ARE :

BEACH -----	PREVIOUS GRADING ----- (AS AT 20.5.93)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 3.6.93)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	3	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	2	2
DEEP WATER BAY	2	1
HAIRPIN	2	2
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST. STEPHEN'S	2	2
TURTLE COVE	1	1
STANLEY MAIN	2	3
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT -----		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	3	2
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	3	2

## SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	1	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	2
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	2	1

## ISLANDS DISTRICT

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

## TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	3	3
APPROACH	4	4
CASAM	3	3
GEMINI	3	3
HOI MEI WAN	3	4
LIDO	3	3
TING KAU	4	4
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	2	2

NOTE : "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING  
 \* NON-GAZETTED BEACH

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

DEEP WATER BAY, CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH AND TRIO (HEBE HAVEN) FROM "2" TO "1"; BIG WAVE BAY, NEW CAFETERIA AND BUTTERFLY FROM "3" TO "2"; CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND AND PUI O FROM "1" TO "2"; STANLEY MAIN FROM "2" TO "3"; AND HOI MEI WAN FROM "3" TO "4".

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

THE VERY POOR WATER QUALITY AT APPROACH, HOI MEI WAN AND TING KAU BEACHES IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE RECENT HEAVY RAINFALL WHICH WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE BEACH HINTERLAND TO BE FLUSHED INTO THE SEA WATER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR M J BROOM, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, ON TELEPHONE 835 1234.

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DTC REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE MONETARY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF ONG FINANCE (H.K.) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY (THURSDAY) AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31 (2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,794
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,006
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,140
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,660
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 111.8 *+0.2* 3.6.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.45 PCT	15 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.81	3.71
1 MONTH	2.73 PCT	18 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.09	3.88
3 MONTHS	3.00 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.18	4.06
6 MONTHS	3.25 PCT	24 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.17	4.24
12 MONTHS	3.53 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 11,818 MN

CLOSED JUNE 3, 1993

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