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GOVT COMMITTED TO IMPROVE KAI TAK EFFICIENCY: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH COMPANIES COMMITTED TO GROWTH, WILL WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT KAI TAK AIRPORT CAN MEET THE DEMANDS MADE ON IT UNTIL THE NEW AIRPORT OPENS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF TERMINAL 2 OF THE HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS (HACTL), SIR DAVID SAID HACTL OBVIOUSLY HAD GOOD REASON TO FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FUTURE AS IT HAD INCREASED ITS VOLUME OF BUSINESS BY FIVE TIMES IN THE 15 YEARS SINCE IT BEGAN OPERATIONS.

HE SAID HACTL ALREADY HAD THE LARGEST SINGLE AIR CARGO HANDLING FACILITY IN THE WORLD.

"AND NOW IT HAS INVESTED IN THIS IMPRESSIVE NEW SECOND TERMINAL. THE COMPANY IS CLEARLY COMMITTED TO GROWTH," HE SAID.

"SO IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING TO IMPROVE KAI TAK'S EFFICIENCY.

PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY WOULD INCREASE BY 20 PER CENT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

SIR DAVID SAID THE KAI TAK AIRPORT IS NOW THE FOURTH BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD FOR FREIGHT.

"IT IS A MARK OF HONG KONG'S RESOURCEFULNESS THAT A CITY NOTABLE HISTORICALLY FOR ITS SUPERB DEEP NATURAL HARBOUR HAS MADE SUCH EXCELLENT USE OF AIR FREIGHT," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT AIR FREIGHT WAS A RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE WAY TO MOVE GOODS.

"IT ONLY MAKES SENSE IF THE GOODS ARE TOP QUALITY, HIGH VALUE AND NEEDED URGENTLY SOMEWHERE ELSE," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IT WORKED IF DESPATCH AND DELIVERY WERE WELL ORGANISED AND THOROUGHLY RELIABLE.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE FACT THAT NEARLY ONE THIRD OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS, IN TERMS OF VALUE, LEFT BY AIR SAID A GREAT DEAL FOR THE VIGOUR OF HONG KONG BUSINESS AND FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY HACTL.

SIR DAVID ALSO FORESAW TREMENDOUS PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER GROWTH OF AIR CARGO ONCE THE NEW AIRPORT OPENS AT CHEK LAP KOK.

"THE PLANS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT ENVISAGE A 10-FOLD INCREASE IN THE ALREADY IMPRESSIVE QUANTITIES OF AIR FREIGHT THAT HONG KONG HANDLES," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

DUTCH COMMUNITY PRAISED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN HK: CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HOLLAND IS NOW ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "HOLLAND IN HONG KONG PROMOTION" EVENT, SIR DAVID SAID HOLLAND WAS NOW THE 13TH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER OF HONG KONG AND THE NINTH LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS.

NOTING THAT MANY DUTCH COMPANIES HAD SET UP BRANCHES, SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS HERE, SIR DAVID SAID AS A RESULT, HOLLAND HAD BECOME THE FIFTH LARGEST SOURCE OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG.

"THE INAUGURATION OF THE DUTCH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LAST MONTH IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH THE DUTCH BUSINESS COMMUNITY ATTACHES TO HONG KONG," HE SAID.

BESIDES, DUTCH COMPANIES WERE ALSO VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS, SIR DAVID SAID.

"FOR EXAMPLE, AMONGST THE SIX PRE-QUALIFIED TENDERERS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT SITE FORMATION CONTRACT, FOUR CONSORTIA HAVE DUTCH COMPANIES IN THEIR TEAMS.

"SEVERAL DUTCH CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS FOR OTHER AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT MORE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND HOLLAND WERE BEING BUILT UP THROUGH TOURISM.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT 40,000 DUTCH PEOPLE COMING TO HONG KONG FOR HOLIDAY WHILE AMONGST HONG KONG'S 170,000 HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO EUROPE LAST YEAR, MANY OF THEM VISITED HOLLAND.

"I AM SURE SUCH VISITS AND CONTACTS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE YEARS TO COME," HE SAID.

ON THE SIZE OF THE DUTCH COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS RELATIVELY SMALL, ABOUT 1,700 PEOPLE WORKING AND RESIDING HERE.

HOWEVER, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE VOLUNTARY SERVICE WHICH WAS BEING DONE BY DUTCH PEOPLE HERE.

NOTING THAT APART FROM TRADE AND TOURISM, HOLLAND HAD MUCH TO OFFER, SIR DAVID SAID THE EVENT PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOLLAND.

CONGRATULATING THE ORGANISERS FOR BUILDING SUCH A WONDERFUL AND ATTRACTIVE DUTCH VILLAGE IN VICTORIA PARK, SIR DAVID SAID: "THIS IS A MOST INNOVATIVE AND INTERESTING WAY TO PROMOTE DUTCH PRODUCTS AND CULTURE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY."

PRIVATE SECTOR URGED TO KEEP PAY LEVEL UNDER RESTRAINT

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD KEEP THE LEVEL OF ITS PAY AWARDS WITHIN INFLATION AND CONTROL PRICE INCREASES IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN CURBING INFLATION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

"ANY RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE PAY TREND SURVEY AND WILL BE MATCHED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"IT IS IMPORTANT ALSO THAT THE BENEFITS OF PAY RESTRAINT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE USED TO KEEP PRICE INCREASES TOO UNDER RESTRAINT, SO BENEFITTING EVERYONE BY BREAKING THE PRESENT COST-PRICE SPIRAL."

"FOR OUR PART, IN KEEPING WITH OUR OBJECTIVE THAT THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE MUST NOT AGGRAVATE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADOPT AN AUSTERE APPROACH IN CONSIDERING THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES NEXT YEAR," HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL BALL OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR MACLEOD NOTED THAT CIVIL SERVANTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORT TO CURB INFLATION THIS YEAR BY ACCEPTING A NON-INFLATIONARY PAY INCREASE.

THE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR 1991-92, ANNOUNCED IN MAY, WAS 10.43 PER CENT. THIS WAS BASED ON THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING MEASURED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

"AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF HIGH INFLATION AND SLOWER ECONOMIC GROWTH, IT WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED A FAIR AWARD," HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO TACKLE THE INFLATION PROBLEM. "BUT THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT GO IT ALONE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. WE LOOK TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO JOIN FORCES WITH US."

"THE DECISION OF LEADING BANKS THIS WEEK TO TIGHTEN THEIR MORTGAGE LENDING POLICIES IN A BID TO DAMPEN PROPERTY SPECULATION IS A WELCOME EXAMPLE."

"THE MOVE PROVIDES A TIMELY BOOST TO THE OTHER MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN WITH THE AIM OF TAKING THE STEAM OUT OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURES," HE SAID.

ON THE RETAIL INDUSTRY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST REACHED OVER \$12 BILLION, UP 27 PER CENT IN VALUE ON A YEAR PREVIOUSLY.

"AND SOME OF THE RESULTANT PROFIT IS BEING PLOUGHED BACK IN THE FORM OF LABOUR SAVING TECHNOLOGY."

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"I AM SURE YOUR ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS SINCE ITS INCEPTION EIGHT YEARS AGO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN THESE ADVANCES," HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPEECH IS ALSO EMBARGOED FOR USE UNTIL 8 PM TODAY (FRIDAY).

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ADDITIONAL WORK AREAS FOR NEW AIRPORT APPROVED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED WITHOUT MODIFICATION THE PROPOSAL OF RECLAMATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS OF ABOUT 497 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED IN THE VICINITY OF CHEK LAP KOK FOR THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE AREAS ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE AREA OF ABOUT 1,900 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED PREVIOUSLY AUTHORISED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN JULY THIS YEAR FOR AIRPORT WORKS TO TAKE PLACE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKS BRANCH EXPLAINED THAT THE ADDITIONAL AREAS INVOLVED COVERED 112 HECTARES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND A TRIANGULAR AREA OF ABOUT 385 HECTARES TO THE EAST OF IT.

THE 112 HECTARES ARE REQUIRED FOR RECLAMATION TO ACCOMODATE THE WIDER RUNWAY SEPARATION OF THE NEW AIRPORT. THE SEABED OF THE TRIANGULAR AREA OF 385 HECTARES WILL BE LOWERED BY DREDGING WORKS TO ALLOW FOR DEEPER MARINE ACCESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSAL ON SUCH WORKS HAD BEEN MET WITH A SINGLE OBJECTION FROM THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF) ON THE GROUNDS OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE OBJECTION HAS NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN.

SINCE THE OBJECTION ARISES FROM THE AIRPORT PROJECT AS A WHOLE AND THE RECLAMATION AND DREDGING UNDER THE PROPOSAL CANNOT BE MODIFIED OR CONDITIONED TO MEET THE OBJECTION, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH SUCH WORKS WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

THIS HAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE AND URGENCY OF THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS FOR WHICH IF APPROVAL WERE NOT GIVEN OR NOT APPROVED IN FULL, IT WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO EITHER THE AIRPORT BEING UNABLE TO BE COMPLETED TO ITS MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE OR A DELAY OF ITS OPENING.

/REGARDING EFFORTS

REGARDING EFFORTS MADE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED THAT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AN INTEGRATED APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR CO-ORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION MEASURES RECOMMENDED UNDER VARIOUS PORT AND AIRPORT STRATEGY STUDIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AFFECTED MAY SUBMIT A CLAIM BEFORE NOVEMBER 14 NEXT YEAR TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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GOVT INTRODUCES MEASURES TO TACKLE TAX AVOIDANCE

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A BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO STOP TAX AVOIDANCE INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND THE LEASING OF ITEMS SUCH AS SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT, IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST PART OF THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) BILL, 1991 SEEKS TO AMEND SECTION 16E OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS SECTION WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE UPGRADING OF TECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG BY ALLOWING DEDUCTION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON THE PURCHASE OF PATENT RIGHTS, OR RIGHTS TO ANY TRADE MARK OR DESIGN.

"BUT IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THE MEASURE HAS BEEN EXPLOITED AS A TAX AVOIDANCE SCHEME," HE SAID.

THE AMENDMENTS DEFINE MORE STRICTLY THE TYPES OF EXPENDITURE WHICH QUALIFY FOR DEDUCTION.

IN ESSENCE, DEDUCTIONS WOULD IN FUTURE BE RESTRICTED TO EXPENDITURE ON PATENT RIGHTS, OR EXPENDITURE ON INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES LIKELY TO ASSIST IN THE MANUFACTURE OR PROCESSING OF GOODS AND MATERIALS.

DEDUCTIONS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN RESPECT OF TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN ASSOCIATED PARTIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY GAVE CLEAR NOTICE OF THESE MEASURES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 17 THIS YEAR WHEN CONCLUDING THE 1991-92 BUDGET DEBATE.

"HE INDICATED THAT THE AMENDMENTS WOULD APPLY TO TRANSACTIONS ENTERED INTO AFTER THAT DATE," HE SAID.

THE SECOND PART OF THE BILL DEALS WITH LEVERAGED LEASING. IN 1986, LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED TO RESTRICT DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES FOR TAX PURPOSES WHERE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN ACQUIRED THROUGH LEVERAGED LEASE TRANSACTIONS AND THE USER OF THE SHIP OR AIRCRAFT WAS NOT A HONG KONG OPERATOR.

"SINCE 1986, MANY INSTANCES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED WHERE THE USER IS A FOREIGN OPERATOR BUT WHERE, UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION, DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES CANNOT BE DENIED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "THE AMOUNT OF TAX LEAKAGE WHICH HAS OCCURRED THROUGH THESE TRANSACTIONS HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL."

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1990, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INFORMED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO DENY DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES TO ALL FOREIGN OPERATORS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW BILL WOULD THEREFORE GENERALLY APPLY TO TRANSACTIONS ENTERED INTO AFTER THAT DATE.

"THIS TYPE OF LEVERAGED LEASING TRANSACTION HAS GENERALLY BEEN CARRIED OUT THROUGH A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP WITH LIMITED LIABILITY.

"OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT THE SHARE OF ANY PARTNER'S LOSS FROM SUCH A PARTNERSHIP BE SET OFF AGAINST HIS OTHER INCOME WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE AMOUNT HE ACTUALLY HAD AT RISK IN THE PARTNERSHIP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 27.

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CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA TO BE REINFORCED.

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BOTH THE HONG KONG AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO REINFORCE CULTURAL LINKS AND STAGE RECIPROCAL FESTIVALS TO STRENGTHEN THE GROWING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"IN MAY AND JUNE THIS YEAR, CANADA MOUNTED FESTIVAL CANADA '91 HERE, AND PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 TO BE HELD IN CANADA NEXT YEAR," MR SO SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT CAUSEWAY BAY, MR SO SAID LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA WERE GROWING AT A VERY FAST PACE DURING THE LAST DECADE.

"INCREASING NUMBERS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE SETTling IN CANADA AND MANY CANADIANS ARE COMING HERE TO WORK OR DO BUSINESS," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING DEPENDED ON ITS BEING AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN TO MAKE HONG KONG AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO LIVE IN, INCLUDING FOR THOSE FOREIGN NATIONALS AND RETURNED EMIGRANTS WHO WERE WORKING OR DOING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

"PROVIDING SUITABLE EDUCATION TO THEIR CHILDREN IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN HELPING THEM DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO COME TO HONG KONG TO WORK OR DO BUSINESS.

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"THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL THEREFORE LIES NOT ONLY IN PROVIDING A CANADIAN CURRICULUM EDUCATION FOR THE CANADIAN EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, IT ALSO SERVES THE WIDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR SO, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP OVERSEEING THE ORGANISATION OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, WELCOMED THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE GROWING BOND BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA BY THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL, AND INVITED IT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 IN CANADA NEXT SEPTEMBER.

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MEMBERSHIP OF TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE
APPEAL BOARD PANEL ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR HENRY LITTON, QC, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL BOARD PANEL UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

THE PANEL IS SET UP UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1991.

ALSO ANNOUNCED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE ARE THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS TO THE PANEL.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM NOVEMBER 18, THE DATE ON WHICH THE ORDINANCE COMMENCES.

MR LITTON IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF A NUMBER OF STATUTORY APPEAL BODIES ON POLLUTION CONTROL MATTERS AND A MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF ARBITRATION.

THE MEMBERS ARE FROM A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONS, INCLUDING LEGAL, ACCOUNTING, ADMINISTRATION, ARCHITECTURE, ACADEMIC AND OTHERS. THEY ARE:

MR ROBERT TANG CHING (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

MR CHAN PAK-KEUNG

MRS PAMELA CHAN WONG SHUI

MR STEPHEN CHENG WUI-YAU

THE HON MARVIN CHEUNG KIN-TUNG

DR NELSON CHOW WING-SUN

MR DAVID C. DA SILVA

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MR FAN SAI-YEE

MR H.M.G. FORSGATE

DR PETER RONALD HILLS

DR LAM KIN-CHE

MRS ALICE PIERA LAM LEE KIU-YUE

DR JOHN LO SIEW-KIONG

THE HON MAN SAI-CHEONG

DR MARGARET NG NGOI-YEE

THE HON HOWARD YOUNG HOW-WAH

MR JASON YUEN KING-YUK

ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE, APPEAL BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

IT ALSO STIPULATES THAT THE CHAIRMAN OR THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE APPEAL BOARD PANEL WOULD CONSTITUTE AN APPEAL BOARD TO HEAR AN APPEAL.

THE DECISION OF THE APPEAL BOARD AGAINST THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S DECISION ON A PLANNING APPLICATION IS FINAL.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER
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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WAS 2.1%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.5%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST TO OCTOBER 1991 WAS 1.9%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.6%.

THE RECENT MODERATE DECLINE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INDICATED THAT CONDITION IN THE LABOUR MARKET HAD TIGHTENED UP SLIGHTLY. MEANWHILE, THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED GENERALLY STABLE.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS 2.1%, COMPARED WITH 2.4% FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1991 AND 1.7% FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

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THE DECREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE INCREASE OF 0.4 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER ARE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS ESTIMATED AT 57,700, COMPARED WITH 66,900 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1991 AND 46,600 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS 1.5%, COMPARED WITH 1.7% FOR APRIL TO JUNE 1991 AND 1.0% FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS 43,200, COMPARED WITH 46,700 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1991 AND 28,500 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

AS THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1991 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,700 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1991 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND DECEMBER 20 AT \$13.50 PER COPY.

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DIRECTOR OF MARINE VISITS SHIPYARDS

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER, TODAY (FRIDAY) HAD A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF TWO OF HONG KONG'S LEADING SHIPYARDS AS PART OF HIS SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

THE TWO ARE THE HONG KONG SHIPYARD LIMITED AND CHEOY LEE SHIPYARDS, LTD.

MR MILLER STARTED HIS HALF-DAY PROGRAMME WITH A VISIT TO HONG KONG SHIPYARD IN TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON WHERE HE WAS WELCOMED BY MR BRIAN KA-CHUN LO, THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER.

MR LO TOLD MR MILLER THAT HONG KONG SHIPYARD IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG FERRY GROUP AND ITS MAIN ROLE IS TO PROVIDE THE NORMAL AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES TO THE HONG KONG FERRY'S FLEET OF 84 CONVENTIONAL AND HOVERCRAFT FERRIES.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG SHIPYARD ALSO PROVIDES MAINTENANCE AND DOCKING FACILITIES TO DRYDOCK VESSELS UP TO 1,500 TONS INCLUDING CATAMARANS, OIL BARGES AND PATROL CRAFT.

SOME 700 VESSELS ARE DRYDOCKED AT HONG KONG SHIPYARD ANNUALLY, MR LO SAID.

MR MILLER LATER SAILED TO THE 19.5-HECTARE CHEOY LEE SHIPYARD IN PENNY'S BAY, LANTAU ISLAND WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE COMPANY'S DIRECTOR MR KEN LO.

MR KEN LO SAID CHEOY LEE SHIPYARD IS MAINLY INVOLVED IN SHIP AND BOAT BUILDING AND CATERS TO BOTH HONG KONG AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS INCLUDING NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THE SHIPYARD BUILDS PLEASURE CRAFT UP TO 40 METRES IN LENGTH, GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC WORK BOATS UP TO 30 METRES AND STEEL SHIPS UP TO 60 METRES. CHEOY LEE IS NOW WORKING ON ORDERS FOR A TOTAL OF 48 NEW BOATS INCLUDING THREE FOR THE GOVERNMENT FLEET.

THE SHIPYARD ALSO HAS A TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF 20 GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES, MR LO SAID.

DURING THE VISITS, MR MILLER ALSO MET OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM BOTH SHIPYARDS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE (GOVERNMENT FLEET), MR PETER CRISP.

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REGISTRATION OF A DEPOSIT-TAKING CO REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF DBS ASIA LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 15, 1991 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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CONSTRUCTION OF BUS TERMINUS AND COACH PARK AT NGONG PING

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A BUS TERMINUS AND COACH PARK AT NGONG PING ON LANTAU ISLAND TO FACILITATE THE PICKING-UP AND SETTING-DOWN ACTIVITIES FOR BUS AND COACH PASSENGERS.

"AT PRESENT, SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED AT THE TURN-ROUND AREA NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF PO LIN MONASTERY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THIS ARRANGEMENT IS UNSATISFACTORY AS IT REDUCES EFFECTIVE ROAD SPACE AND LEADS TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES AT THE TURN-ROUND AREA.

"THE SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO DETERIORATE AS THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO NGONG PING WILL INCREASE ON COMPLETION OF THE STATUE OF BUDDHA AT PO LIN MONASTERY," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BUS BAYS AND SIX COACH PARKING SPACES AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED CARRIAGEWAYS, FOOTPATHS, EARTHWORKS, STAIRCASE, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WORKS.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS TOGETHER WITH A SCHEME DESCRIPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 19TH AND 20TH FLOOR RESPECTIVELY OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND

- * THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE'S MUI WO SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, MUI WO, LANTAU.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 14 NEXT YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS.

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READY ACCEPTANCE OF THE DISABLED URGED

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THE SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS IN OPEN EMPLOYMENT DEPENDS ON THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR BY EMPLOYERS.

THIS WAS STATED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR NG MING-YUM TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN OPENING THE "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED" EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION (SPD) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SPD, APART FROM KEEPING UP PLACEMENT EFFORTS, ALSO ORGANISES MANY PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP THE PUBLIC BETTER UNDERSTAND THE DISABLED, ESPECIALLY THEIR WORKING ABILITIES," MR NG SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED 415 VISITS TO EMPLOYERS IN DIFFERENT TRADES IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS THIS YEAR TO SECURE SUITABLE JOBS FOR DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS.

THE SPD HAS ALSO INCREASED THE CIRCULATION OF ITS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER TO 8,000 COPIES TO KEEP EMPLOYERS AND REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS POSTED ON THE SPD'S LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND TO GIVE PROFILES OF SOME DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS.

"TODAY'S EXHIBITION DOES NOT ONLY BROADEN OUR HORIZON IN RESPECT OF THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED, IT ALSO TELLS US THAT SUCCESSFUL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DEPEND ON THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF ALL THE RELATED ORGANISATIONS," HE NOTED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN, SAID: "LIKE MOST OF THEIR ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPARTS, DISABLED PERSONS WANT TO EARN A LIVING BY THEMSELVES AND BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY."

MR CHEN APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO GIVE THE DISABLED A CHANCE TO PROVE THEIR ABILITIES, AND URGED EVERY ABLE-BODIED PERSON TO ACCEPT THEM WITH AN OPEN MIND.

"THE SPD, IN THEIR FULL CONVICTION OF 'TOGETHER WE CONTRIBUTE', WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ASSIST THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, THE HEARING IMPAIRED, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY-RETARDED AND THE EX-MENTALLY ILL IN SECURING OPEN EMPLOYMENT," MR CHEN SAID.

IN EACH OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE SPD ON AVERAGE MADE MORE THAN 1,000 PLACEMENTS FOR THE DISABLED.

MORE EMPLOYERS ARE USING THE FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE SPD, SOME 530 SO FAR THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH 500 LAST YEAR.

THE "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED" EXHIBITION, STAGED AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY, FROM 10 AM TO 6.30 PM, UNTIL NOVEMBER 21.

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MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS WITH TWO SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLES ON SALE
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THE SEPTEMBER 1991 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH CONTAINS TWO SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLES ENTITLED "THE NEW HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION" (HSIC) AND "HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE IN 1989 AND 1990", IS NOW ON SALE.

THE HSIC AIMS AT STANDARDISING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES BEING USED IN THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, HAVING REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL COMPARABILITY, CONTINUITY OF STATISTICS AND THE PREVAILING LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE.

THE HSIC IS DEvised BY USING THE UNITED NATIONS' INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION AS A FRAMEWORK AND ADAPTING IT TO REFLECT THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE HSIC HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS FROM THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HSIC AND THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATIONS PREVIOUSLY USED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE HSIC.

EXAMPLES ON USING THE HSIC IN THE QUARTERLY SURVEYS OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL, AND THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS ARE ALSO GIVEN IN THIS ARTICLE.

THE SECOND SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE PRESENTS STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA OF OUTWARD PROCESSING NATURE IN 1989 AND LAST YEAR, BASED ON RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ON EXPORTS TO CHINA FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING AND THE SURVEY ON IMPORTS FROM CHINA RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING.

COMPARISONS ARE FOCUSED ON TWO AREAS, NAMELY THE TREND OF OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE WITH CHINA AND BREAKDOWN STATISTICS BY NINE BROAD COMMODITY GROUPS AND BY AREA IN CHINA WHERE PROCESSING WORK WAS DONE.

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BESIDES, TO ENABLE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG - CHINA TRADE, SOME BROAD ANALYSES ON HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA AFTER EXCLUDING OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE ARE ALSO PRESENTED IN THIS ARTICLE.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$48 PER COPY.

PURCHASES MAY BE MADE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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RECLAMATION PROPOSED IN FOUR AREAS
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THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR RECLAMATION IN FOUR AREAS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN TUEN MUN, THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED INTENDS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND DREDGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 923 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT BLACK POINT.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE ABOUT 86 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THERMAL POWER STATION.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN LATE NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1995.

ON NORTH TSING YI, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.47 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CEMENT PLANT.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN LATE NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1993.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING TENANCY TO ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,300 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE NORTHERN COAST OF TONG PO CHAU (MIDDLE ISLAND).

THIS IS TO PROVIDE ABOUT 760 SQUARE METRES OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLUBHOUSE, BOATSHED AND ADDITIONAL HARDSTANDING FOR THE CLUB.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

ALSO, IT IS INTENDED TO PERMIT HO TIN AND ASSOCIATES TO CONSTRUCT TWO REINFORCED CONCRETE PLATFORMS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 128 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SHAM WAN/ABERDEEN CHANNEL.

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THE PLATFORMS WILL BE USED FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO TAI PAK AND SEA PALACE FLOATING RESTAURANTS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START ONCE AUTHORISATION IS GRANTED AND TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IN THE PROJECTS MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 14 NEXT YEAR.

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RECLAMATION ON LANTAU AND CHA KWO LING

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION IN TWO AREAS.

THE FIRST PROJECT IS TO BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 19.65 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TA PANG PO, NORTH LANTAU.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LANDFALLS TO RECEIVE SUBMARINE GAS AND WATER PIPELINES FROM TAI LAM KOK.

WORK WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1995.

THE OTHER PROJECT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 720-METRE VERTICAL SEAWALL AND THE RECLAMATION OF FOUR HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT CHA KWO LING, KOWLOON.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA, A MARINE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A SEWAGE TREATMENT LANDING AREA.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 1993.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORES AND SEABEDS INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 14 NEXT YEAR.

DETAILS OF THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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LAND RESUMPTION IN NORTH DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN THE NORTH DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDFILL SITE WITH WORKS PROGRAMMED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

LOCATED IN TA KWU LING, THE LAND TO BE RESUMED COMPRISES 15 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 17,781 SQUARE METRES.

THE LAND WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPIRY OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING OF NOTICES ON THE LOTS.

DETAILS OF THE RESUMPTION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHA TIN WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN SHEUNG/HA KENG HAU AND HIN TIN IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR ACCESS ROAD, ELECTRIC SUBSTATIONS, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AS WELL AS DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE WORKS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 6.

FORMS OF TENDER AND PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANT ASIA LTD AT 4 FUNG WO LANE, WO CHE, SHA TIN.

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ARTS FESTIVAL IN YUEN LONG

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THE ELEVENTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF ON NOVEMBER 30 (SATURDAY).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL STEERING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW KEE-WING SAID THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON THAT THE FESTIVAL WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WILL FEATURE 14 EVENTS, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, DANCES, DRAMAS. MUSIC AND FILM SHOWS.

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COSTING OVER \$1 MILLION, MR CHOW SAID THE FESTIVAL WAS SPONSORED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY CUM VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 30 AT 7.30 PM IN LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CEREMONY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, FUNG KAM STREET INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, NANYANG COMMERCIAL BANK, LONG PING YOUTH CENTRE, DAH SING BANK, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES COUNTER.

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KEEP HK CLEAN CARNIVAL IN NORTH DISTRICT

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A CARNIVAL TO PROMOTE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE IN THE NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT FANLING PLAYGROUND, BEGINNING AT 2 PM.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE. ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS IS A 10-METRE BY 2.5-METRE DRAWING WALL FOR CHILDREN TO PAINT ON.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE AN INFLATABLE CASTLE, STALL GAMES, SINGING AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR GILBERT LEUNG; THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR PANG HANG-YIN; AND A REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR CHEUNG KUEN.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT 2 PM AT FANLING PLAYGROUND.

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KWAI TSING FESTIVAL SPORTS SECTION TO CLOSE

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THE SHENZHEN MARTIAL ARTS TEAM AND GYMNASTIC TEAM WILL PERFORM AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SPORTS SECTION OF THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AFTERNOON.

OVER 30 ATHLETES WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AT THE CHEUNG FAT ESTATE INDOOR GAMES HALL ON TSING YI ISLAND. THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG, AND A REGIONAL COUNCILLOR, MR CHOW YICK-HAY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

THE KWAI TSING FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE \$1.6 MILLION EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

THE ARTS ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH AND WILL LAST FOR THREE WEEKS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SHENZHEN MARTIAL ARTS TEAM AND GYMNASTIC TEAM TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT THE CHEUNG FAT ESTATE INDOOR GAMES HALL, TSING YI ISLAND.

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CHILDREN DRAWING COMPETITION IN YAU TSIM

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CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 13 ARE INVITED TO JOIN A DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17) AT THE PIAZZA OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD.

CONTESTANTS WILL DRAW ON THE THEME "LOVELY YAM TSIM" WHILE THOSE UNDER NINE YEARS OLD CAN ALSO TAKE PART IN THE PAINTING SECTION.

GIFT AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART SHOULD ENROL AT THE RECEPTION AREA AT THE PIAZZA BEFORE 1.30 PM.

CRAYONS, DRAWING BOARDS AND PAPERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 5 PM. ASSISTANT YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CLARA TANG; URBAN COUNCILLOR MR IP KWOK-CHUNG; POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR GILBERT JORGE AND THE DB'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR NG KIN-SUN, WILL BE PRESENT.

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SINGING AND DANCING WILL START AT 3.30 PM, AFTER THE COMPETITION.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION WHICH WILL START AT 1.30 PM, SUNDAY. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL START AT 5 PM.

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FISHERMEN ON STUDY TOUR TO JAPAN

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A GROUP OF 20 LOCAL FISHERMEN WILL SET OFF FOR JAPAN ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 18) FOR AN EIGHT-DAY TOUR TO STUDY MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING SYSTEMS THERE.

THE STUDY TOUR, THE 10TH SINCE 1981, IS THE BIGGEST IN SIZE. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO).

SPEAKING AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY) TO MARK THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID APART FROM SIX OUTSTANDING FISHERMEN BEING SPONSORED BY THE FMO, 14 FISHERMEN WOULD TAKE PART IN THE TRIP AT THEIR OWN COST.

"THIS REFLECTS THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN ARE PLACING MORE AND MORE EMPHASIS ON MODERN FISHING TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS.

"IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THEIR POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY."

DR LEE HOPED THAT THE FISHERMEN WOULD MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER FISHERMEN TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY ON THEIR RETURN TO HONG KONG.

THE GROUP, LED BY SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER, MR RAYMOND CHUNG, WILL VISIT FISHING PORTS IN SAPPORO, SENDAI, HAKODATE AND SHIOGAMA.

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THEY WILL ALSO TOUR A NUMBER OF FISHING GEAR FACTORIES, FISHERIES PRODUCT PROCESSING PLANTS, FISH MARKETS, FISHING BOATS AND SHIPYARDS.

DURING THE TOUR, THEY WILL MEET FISHERMEN AND PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR NEW FISHING TECHNOLOGY.

COUNTRIES VISITED BY PREVIOUS STUDY GROUPS INCLUDED SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, CHINA, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, NORWAY, AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES, HOLLAND, GERMANY AND DENMARK.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, DR LEE PRESENTED A BANNER TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DELEGATION, MR KWOK SO, TO WISH THEM A SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TIN WAN NEW STREET PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CLOSE TIN WAN NEW STREET TEMPORARILY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TIN WAN ESTATE IN ABERDEEN.

THE REDEVELOPMENT, WHEN COMPLETED IN 1995/96, WILL PROVIDE 2,724 RENTAL AND 700 HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS FOR ABOUT 12,750 PEOPLE.

TIN WAN NEW STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM MARCH NEXT YEAR TO APRIL 1996 TO FACILITATE THE NECESSARY WORKS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.
- * HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 20TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI; AND
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND AND SECOND FLOORS, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 14 NEXT YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS OR THE USE.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN MONG KOK TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AT TWO BUILDINGS IN MONG KOK SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER THE THIRD FLOOR OF NO. 27 HAK PO STREET AND THE ROOF OVER THE THIRD FLOOR OF NO. 78 SHAN TUNG STREET.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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NO NOMINATION RECEIVED TODAY FOR LEGCO BY-ELECTION

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NO NOMINATION IS RECEIVED TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST CONSTITUENCY.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD FOR THE BY-ELECTION, TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8, WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 18.

THREE NOMINATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE NOMINATION STARTED ON NOVEMBER 4.

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AMENDED TIME FOR FIRING PRACTICE

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THE AMENDED TIME FOR FIRING PRACTICE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON NOVEMBER 20 (WEDNESDAY) WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRACTICE WILL LAST FROM 8.30 AM TO 11 PM.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	14.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	15.11.91	+574
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-574
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.1 *+0.0* 15.11.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	14.11.91	15.11.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	3.57 PCT	3.51 PCT
1 MONTH	3.53 PCT	3.60 PCT
3 MONTHS	3.90 PCT	3.89 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.15 PCT	4.15 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.93 PCT	4.85 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	5,210 MN	7,012 MN

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