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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT LAST OCTOBER ON THE REPATRIATION OF THOSE FOUND NOT TO BE REFUGEES FINALLY PROVIDES SOME LIGHT AT THE END OF A VERY LONG TUNNEL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) ANNUAL INSPECTION, SIR DAVID SAID THE CAREFUL AND SENSITIVE WAY IN WHICH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT WERE BEING PUT INTO EFFECT OWED A GREAT DEAL TO THE PROFESSIONALISM OF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE CSD HAD ESTABLISHED AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF COPING WITH PROBLEMS, RISING TO CHALLENGES AND FINDING SOLUTIONS.

SIR DAVID SAID ANOTHER ENCOURAGING SIGN HAD BEEN THE STEADY INCREASE IN RECENT MONTHS IN THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE VOLUNTEERING TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND.

HE SAID THE MORE PROMINENT ROLE THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOW PLAYING IN COUNSELLING VIETNAMESE IN THE DETENTION CENTRES HAD HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH THIS.

"THESE ARE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. BUT THE PROBLEM WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME TO COME," THE GOVERNOR SAID, ADDING THAT HE KNEW THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS PART WITH DETERMINATION AND EFFICIENCY.

"THE WAY IN WHICH IT TOOK ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE LAST SEPTEMBER WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT NEW COMMITMENTS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID LAST YEAR ALSO BROUGHT CHALLENGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS TRADITIONAL, BUT NO LESS IMPORTANT, WORK OF CARING FOR OFFENDERS.

HE SAID THE PRISON POPULATION FELL SLIGHTLY - BUT THE 19 INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT STILL HAD TO ACCOMMODATE MORE OFFENDERS THAN THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR.

"DESPITE THIS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING THE BALANCE BETWEEN DISCIPLINE AND THE TRAINING NECESSARY FOR A SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO COMMUNITY LIFE.

"AN EXAMPLE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS IN REHABILITATION IS THAT NO-ONE COVERED BY THE RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION SCHEME OR THE PRE-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME HAS REVERTED TO A LIFE OF CRIME SINCE THE SCHEMES BEGAN OVER THREE YEARS AGO," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE IMAGINATIVE PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE FURTHER SUPERVISION TO OFFENDERS ON RELEASE TO HELP THEM RETURN TO A NORMAL LIFE.

THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, AND THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE LAW WERE BEING PREPARED, SIR DAVID SAID.

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NOTING THAT THE YEARS AHEAD WOULD BRING NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG WAS IN A PERIOD OF RAPID SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE SOCIETY NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF A HUMANE, DISCIPLINED AND WELL-TRAINED CORRECTIONAL SERVICE.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT HAS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE, THAT SUPPORT," HE SAID.

AT THE INSPECTION, THE GOVERNOR PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 42 OFFICERS TO MARK THEIR 18 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

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GOVT TO ADOPT MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO RETRAINING

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT A MORE SYSTEMATIC AND STRUCTURED APPROACH IN PROVIDING RETRAINING FOR LOCAL WORKERS, SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A GROUP OF MANAGERS AT THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER OF THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT CLUB THIS EVENING, MR CHAN STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO MAKING THE NEW APPROACH WORK BECAUSE IT IS CONVINCED THAT THIS APPROACH WILL, IN THE LONG TERM, BENEFIT THE LOCAL WORKFORCE AND HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

IN DECIDING TO ADOPT THIS APPROACH, HE ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD LISTENED TO THE VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF LABOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND TAKEN THEM INTO CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

HE APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, THE RELEVANT TRAINING AUTHORITIES AND EXPERTS IN MANAGEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS AND HELP THE GOVERNMENT ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

"RETRAINING IS VERY MUCH AN ONGOING PROCESS AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALL ALONG RECOGNISED ITS IMPORTANCE," MR CHAN SAID.

"BUT WHAT IS NEW IS THAT WE ARE NOW PUTTING RETRAINING IN SPECIAL FOCUS AND GIVING IT GREATER IMPETUS.

"WE ALSO WANT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AND ACHIEVE A COMMON OBJECTIVE THROUGH 'PARTICIPATIVE MANAGEMENT'," THE SECRETARY SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO ASSIST IN-SERVICE WORKERS, WHOSE JOBS ARE BEING THREATENED, TO ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS OR TO UPGRADE THEIR EXISTING SKILLS, SO AS TO QUALIFY THEMSELVES EITHER FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ANOTHER TRADE OR FOR A HIGHER-LEVEL JOB IN THE SAME TRADE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT STARTING THIS YEAR, ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON THIS GROUP OF WORKERS TO MAKE SURE THAT SUFFICIENT PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO THEIR TRAINING NEEDS, AND SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE SECTORS WITH HIGH VACANCY RATES SO THAT THE RETRAINING COURSES WILL BE TARGETED AT AREAS MOST IN NEED OF MANPOWER.

ACCORDING TO MR CHAN, THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF RETRAINING IS TWOFOLD: IT SHOULD MEET THE ECONOMY'S NEED TO ALLEVIATE MANPOWER SHORTAGES IN GROWTH AREAS; AND IT SHOULD MEET WORKERS' NEED TO BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED.

"THE DESIGN OF RETRAINING PROGRAMMES MUST THEREFORE BE PRACTICALLY-BASED, BEARING IN MIND THAT THEY HAVE TO SUIT WORKERS WHO HAVE LIMITED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS OR WHOSE AGE IS A BARRIER TO THE ACQUISITION OF SOPHISTICATED SKILLS," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK THE ADVICE OF TRAINING AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE CO-OPERATION OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO IDENTIFY AND DESIGN PRACTICAL RETRAINING PROGRAMMES.

"SHORT CRASH COURSES WITH SUITABLE PRE-TRAINING COUNSELLING AND POST-TRAINING PLACEMENT SERVICES SHOULD FORM A USEFUL PACKAGE FOR IN-SERVICE WORKERS DISPLACED FROM THE INDUSTRIES WHICH ARE DECLINING IN TERMS OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES THEY CAN OFFER IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

APART FROM EXPANDING EXISTING TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR WORKERS IN TRADES WHERE THERE ARE WELL-KNOWN MANPOWER SHORTAGES, NEW COURSES ARE BEING EXPLORED TO PRODUCE TRAINED MANPOWER TO MEET SPECIFIC NEEDS.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SPENDING AT LEAST \$200 MILLION A YEAR ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ALONE.

THERE ARE ALSO SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYERS TO FUND THE CLOTHING AND CONSTRUCTION TRAINING AUTHORITIES THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED LEVY SYSTEM.

BUT TO CATER FOR A SPECIAL RETRAINING PROGRAMME, EXTRA RESOURCES WOULD BE REQUIRED, HE SAID.

TO ACQUIRE A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR RETRAINING PURPOSE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS WHO IMPORT LABOUR INTO HONG KONG TO PAY A LEVY IN RESPECT OF EACH WORKER THAT HE IMPORTS, AT THE RATE OF \$400 PER WORKER PER MONTH MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF MONTHS STIPULATED IN THE RELEVANT CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

AN EMPLOYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE LEVY UPON THE ALLOCATION OF A QUOTA TO HIM.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SET UP A STATUTORY FUND TO BE MANAGED BY A BOARD COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT TRAINING AUTHORITIES.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE LEVY ARE PROPERLY USED FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AND RETRAINING TO THE LOCAL WORKFORCE," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION, A PROVISIONAL RETRAINING FUND BOARD WILL BE SET UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE SAME BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

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"WE INTEND TO LOOK TO THIS BOARD ALSO AS A MEANS OF FACILITATING A MORE SYSTEMATIC FLOW AND ASSESSMENT OF UP-TO-DATE MARKET INFORMATION AND THE SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICAL RETRAINING PROGRAMMES," HE SAID.

THE PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF THE RETRAINING FUND BOARD IS AIMED AT ENSURING THAT RETRAINING IS PROVIDED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND MEETS THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE LABOUR MARKET.

MR CHAN SAID IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE IN-SERVICE WORKERS TO UNDERGO RETRAINING, AN ALLOWANCE WILL BE PAID TO TRAINEES IN APPROPRIATE CASES.

"WE SHALL NEED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO ENSURE THAT RECIPIENTS OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN BEING RETRAINED.

"WE MUST, FOR EXAMPLE, LIMIT PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE TO IN-SERVICE WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN PAID EMPLOYMENT IN THE SAME INDUSTRY FOR THREE YEARS OR MORE AND WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORD AT THE RETRAINING COURSE.

"THE RATE OF THE ALLOWANCE WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE PITCHED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL SO AS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS ADEQUATE FOR MAKING RETRAINING A VIABLE OPTION TO THE WORKER CONCERNED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT SO HIGH AS TO BE REGARDED AS AN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT," HE SAID.

THE PRECISE LEVEL OF THE ALLOWANCE WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER STAGE, FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE PROVISIONAL RETRAINING FUND BOARD.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN IMPORTANT - INDEED CENTRAL - ELEMENT OF THE RETRAINING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FORM OF ADVISORY, ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR WORKERS.

THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK TO IDENTIFY WORKERS INTERESTED IN RETRAINING AND TO ARRANGE PLACEMENTS FOR THEM ON SUITABLE COURSES.

WHEN A WORKER HAS COMPLETED HIS RETRAINING, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST HIM TO OBTAIN RELEVANT PLACEMENT.

IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, MR CHAN SAID: "THE RETRAINING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH I HAVE OUTLINED WILL SUPPLEMENT AND AUGMENT THE TRAINING AND RETRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE ALREADY BEING PROVIDED, AND WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED, BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITIES."

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INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS  
UNDER THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR SCHEME

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS FOR QUOTA TO IMPORT WORKERS UNDER THE NEW IMPORTATION OF LABOUR SCHEME WILL BE INVITED AS FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME MAY APPROACH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT OFFICES ON THAT DAY WHERE APPLICATION FORMS, INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, VACANCY ORDER FORM AND A LIST OF PRINCIPAL JOB TITLES IN EACH INDUSTRY (WITH ALLOWABLE MONTHLY WAGE LEVELS) ARE AVAILABLE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

INTERESTED EMPLOYERS MUST FIRST REGISTER THEIR VACANCIES WITH THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BY FORWARDING A COMPLETED VACANCY ORDER FORM TO THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE LES AT 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE LES WILL ISSUE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE EMPLOYER, A COPY OF WHICH SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION FORM WHEN HE APPLIES TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LABOUR.

JOB SEEKERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT ARE ADVISED TO APPROACH THE LES OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

THE LES WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSIST THEM AND REFER THEM TO SUITABLE JOBS FOR INTERVIEW BY THE RELEVANT EMPLOYERS.

ENQUIRIES ON IMMIGRATION-RELATED MATTERS MAY BE MADE TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 829 3220 AND 829 3225. ENQUIRIES ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 852 4158.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE FOLLOWING SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS AND POSTINGS WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MAY, THIS YEAR.

MR ANTHONY EASON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, WILL SUCCEED MR GRAHAM BARNES, AS SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS IN APRIL THIS YEAR. MR BARNES IS RETIRING AFTER 33 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR DARWIN CHEN, PRESENTLY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, WILL BE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

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ON ASSUMING THIS OFFICE, ONE OF MR CHEN'S PRINCIPLE TASKS WILL BE TO CONSIDER HOW THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE RE-ORGANISED INTO SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS.

TO SUCCEED MR CHEN AS COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WILL BE MRS KATHERINE FOK LO SHIU-CHING, PRESENTLY SECRETARY-GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH, POSTMASTER GENERAL, WILL SUCCEED MR LI YUET-TING, AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. MR LI IS RETIRING AFTER 31 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR WONG WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR MIKE PAGLIARI, PRESENTLY POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER.

MR MARTIN LEWIS, PRESENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT), PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, WILL BE POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER.

MR KEITH SHIPLEY, PRESENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE (APPOINTMENTS), WILL SUCCEED DR TERENCE CHAU TUEN-YIN AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TAKING OVER THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES ON DECEMBER 1 LAST YEAR, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RE-ORGANISED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS WORKING FOR THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY;

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THE OFFICERS INVOLVED:

MR GRAHAM BARNES, CBE, JP  
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AGED 57, MR BARNES JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1958 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN 1984. DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS CAREER, MR BARNES SERVED IN THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, LANDS BRANCH, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY HE WAS REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG & KOWLOON), CITY & NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FROM 1981 TO 1983, AND DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES FROM 1983 TO 1984. HE WAS SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES FROM 1985 TO 1986, WHEN HE TOOK UP THE APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY FOR LANDS & WORKS, WHICH WAS RETITLED SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS IN 1989.

/MR ANTHONY G EASON, .....  
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MR ANTHONY G EASON, JP  
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AGED 53, MR EASON JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN 1962 AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1968. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN 1991. DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS CAREER, MR EASON SERVED IN THE FORMER NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS FROM 1981 TO 1986, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY FROM 1986 TO 1987 AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE FROM 1987 TO 1989 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

MR LI YUET-TING, CBE, JP  
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AGED 53, MR LI JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER IN 1960 AND HAS SERVED IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN 1984 AND HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN 1987.

MR DOMINIC WONG SHING-WAH, JP  
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AGED 49, MR WONG JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1962 AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1973. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN 1991. DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS CAREER IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, MR WONG SERVED IN THE FORMER COMMERCE & INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, SECURITY BRANCH, THE FORMER SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE FROM 1984 TO 1988 AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER FROM 1988 TO 1989 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS POSTMASTER GENERAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY.

MR DARWIN CHEN, ISO, JP  
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AGED 59, MR CHEN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS ASSISTANT MANAGER, CITY HALL IN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 1961. HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IN 1979 AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES FROM 1980 TO 1985, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN JANUARY THIS YEAR. SINCE JOINING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, MR CHEN HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR FROM 1985 TO 1987, COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING FROM 1987 TO 1989, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE FORMER GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH AND (NOW) CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH FROM 1989 TO 1990. HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN MARCH 1991.

/MR MIKE PAGLIARI, .....

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MR MIKE PAGLIARI, JP  
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AGED 51, MR PAGLIARI JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1967 AND TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AS AN SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1974. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN 1988. SINCE JOINING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, MR PAGLIARI HAS SERVED IN THE FORMER TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION BRANCH, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH & WELFARE FROM 1983 TO 1984 AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION & MANPOWER FROM 1984 TO 1987 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

MRS KATHERINE FOK LO SHIU-CHING, JP  
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AGED 50, MRS FOK JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1962. SHE ROSE TO HER PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN 1988. DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HER CAREER, MRS FOK SERVED IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE FORMER ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH, GENERAL BRANCH, COUNCILS BRANCH, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY, SHE WAS SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION FROM 1983 TO 1987 AND SECRETARY-GENERAL, OMELCO FROM 1988 TO 1991. SHE TOOK UP HER PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY-GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE IN JUNE 1991.

DR TERENCE CHAU TUEN-YIN, ISO, JP  
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AGED 50, DR CHAU JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER IN 1966 AND HAS SERVED IN THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. THROUGH A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS, HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN 1988. HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN 1989 ON THE SETTING UP OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

/MR KEITH O SHIPLEY, .....

MR KEITH O SHIPLEY, CBE, JP  
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AGED 59, MR SHIPLEY JOINED THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1979, AFTER SERVING FOR 26 YEARS IN HER MAJESTY'S OVERSEAS CIVIL SERVICE IN OTHER DEPENDENT TERRITORIES. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN 1989. MR SHIPLEY IS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS. HE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FROM 1979 TO 1982 AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE FROM 1982 TO 1987. IN THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND HE SERVED IN THIS POST UNTIL OCTOBER 1988, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY. ON COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY IN MARCH 89, MR SHIPLEY TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

MR MARTIN J LEWIS, JP  
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AGED 53, MR LEWIS JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1974. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN 1988. DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF HIS CAREER, MR LEWIS SERVED IN THE SECURITY BRANCH, AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION & MANPOWER FROM 1983 TO 1984, COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION FROM 1984 TO 1987 AND PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LANDS & WORKS FROM 1987 TO 1988 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT), PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH (FORMERLY LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH).

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NEW BOARD OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR STEVEN POON KWOK-LIM TO SUCCEED MR HU FA-KUANG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 15 FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD. THEY ARE MR LAU WAH-SUM, MR AMBROSE LAU HON-CHUEN AND MRS ALICE CHONG YUK TAK-FUN.

FIVE EXISTING BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED. THEY ARE MR PAO PING-WING, MR J C SHAW, MR DAVID WONG SHOU-YEH, MR SIMON KWAN SIN-MING AND MR LEUNG CHUN-YING.

THEIR TERM OF OFFICE IS FROM JANUARY 15, THIS YEAR TO JANUARY 14, 1994.

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PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

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THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR CRAWFORD ELLIOTT MCKEE AS PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE.

THE APPOINTMENT TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 8, 1992.

MR MCKEE WAS BORN IN SCOTLAND IN 1943 AND WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR THERE IN 1967. HE REMAINED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UNTIL 1974 WHEN HE JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN THE SEYCHELLES.

IN 1978, MR MCKEE MOVED TO LESOTHO AS SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL. IN 1981, HE WENT TO GIBRALTAR ALSO AS SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1984 WHEN HE RETURNED TO SCOTLAND AS PROCURATOR FISCAL DEPUTE.

MR MCKEE WAS APPOINTED MAGISTRATE IN HONG KONG IN 1985.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES

US - CHINA AGREEMENT

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE NEWS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA UNDER THE SPECIAL 301 PROVISION HAVE FINALLY SUCCEEDED.

REFERRING TO THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING (HONG KONG TIME) BY THE US TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) : "THIS IS WHAT WE HAD HOPED FOR. WE ARE GLAD THAT RETALIATORY ACTION UNDER SPECIAL 301 HAS BEEN AVERTED."

"THE POSITIVE OUTCOME IS THE RESULT OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE TWO SIDES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. LET US HOPE THAT THE US AND CHINA CAN USE THIS AGREEMENT AS A BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD A MORE STABLE AND CERTAIN TRADING RELATIONSHIP," MR CHAU ADDED.

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DECEMBER AIR QUALITY REPORT RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED AIR QUALITY INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER LAST YEAR AS OBTAINED AT ITS MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS.

THIS IS THE SIXTH MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT. SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY.

THE REPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS INCLUDE SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO<sub>2</sub>) AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO<sub>2</sub>) WHICH ARE MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY ROUND THE CLOCK, AND TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (TSP) AND RESPIRABLE SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (RSP) WHICH ARE SAMPLED FOR 24 HOURS EVERY SIX DAYS.

THE GENERAL AIR QUALITY MEASURED AT THE THREE STATIONS WAS VERY MUCH SIMILAR TO THE LEVELS IN NOVEMBER, AND THERE WAS NO MEASUREMENT IN SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR DUST LEVELS (TSP AND RSP) WHICH EXCEEDED THE RELEVANT DAILY OR HOURLY AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THESE POLLUTANTS.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE OF THE GENERAL AIR QUALITY LEVELS TO WHICH THEY MIGHT BE EXPOSED, AND OTHER FACTS AND ELEMENTS OF AIR POLLUTION.

THE REPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS MAINLY COME FROM COMBUSTION OF FUEL IN MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. TSP AND RSP ARE ALSO GENERATED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND SOME MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

THE DAILY HONG KONG AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES OF SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, TSP AND RSP ARE 350, 150, 260 AND 180 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE RESPECTIVELY, AND THE RESPECTIVE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES ARE 80, 80, 80 AND 55 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE.

COMMENTING ON THE AIR QUALITY MEASURED AT THE THREE STATIONS FOR THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MONG KOK STATION RECORDED THE WORST AIR QUALITY LEVELS.

THIS STATION IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT THE GENERAL AIR QUALITY AT LOCATIONS CLOSE TO HEAVY ROAD TRAFFIC IN BUILT-UP URBAN DISTRICTS.

COMMISSIONED IN APRIL LAST YEAR, THE MONG KOK STATION HAD RECORDED BY DECEMBER, TWO MEASUREMENTS OF NO<sub>2</sub> WHICH EXCEEDED THE DAILY AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE.

THE OVERALL AVERAGE TSP AND RSP LEVELS AT THE STATION WERE MEASURED AT RESPECTIVELY 109 AND 59 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE, WHICH ALSO EXCEEDED THE RELEVANT ANNUAL AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THESE POLLUTANTS.

OF THE THREE STATIONS, MONG KOK ALSO RECORDED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE SO<sub>2</sub> LEVEL, ALTHOUGH AT 49 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE THE ANNUAL AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE WAS NOT EXCEEDED.

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THE AIR QUALITY RECORDED AT THE KWAI CHUNG STATION WAS BETTER THAN AT MONG KOK. THIS STATION GIVES AN INDICATION OF AIR QUALITY AT AREAS CLOSE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

AT THE KWAI CHUNG STATION, THERE WAS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN ANNUAL SO<sub>2</sub> LEVEL WHICH DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 67 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE IN 1990 TO ONLY 23 LAST YEAR, A RESULT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS WHICH LIMIT THE SULPHUR CONTENT IN FUEL.

HOWEVER, THE ANNUAL MEAN FOR TSP AT 83 MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METRE MARGINALLY EXCEEDED THE ANNUAL AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE.

THE CENTRAL/WESTERN STATION MEASURES AIR QUALITY WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

APART FROM RSP FOR WHICH THE ANNUAL MEAN JUST EXCEEDED THE AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE AT THE STATION, ALL OTHER MEASUREMENTS OF SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> OR TSP WERE WITHIN THE RELEVANT AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES LAST YEAR.

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES ADOPTED FOR HONG KONG ARE COMPARABLE TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS RECOMMENDED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC.

HIGH LEVELS OF SO<sub>2</sub> CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION AND INCREASE MORTALITY RATE.

NO<sub>2</sub> CAUSES RESPIRATORY IRRITATION, INCREASES SUSCEPTIBILITY TO RESPIRATORY INFECTION AND IMPAIRS LUNG DEVELOPMENT.

TSP ACTS SYNERGISTICALLY WITH OTHER GASEOUS POLLUTANTS AND RSP CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION AND SOME FORMS OF RSP MAY CAUSE CANCER.

CURRENTLY, THE EPD OPERATES A TOTAL OF 11 FIXED AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS, INCLUDING THE THREE MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE OTHER EIGHT STATIONS ARE AT KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, TSEUNG KWAN O, TSUEN WAN, HONG KONG SOUTH, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

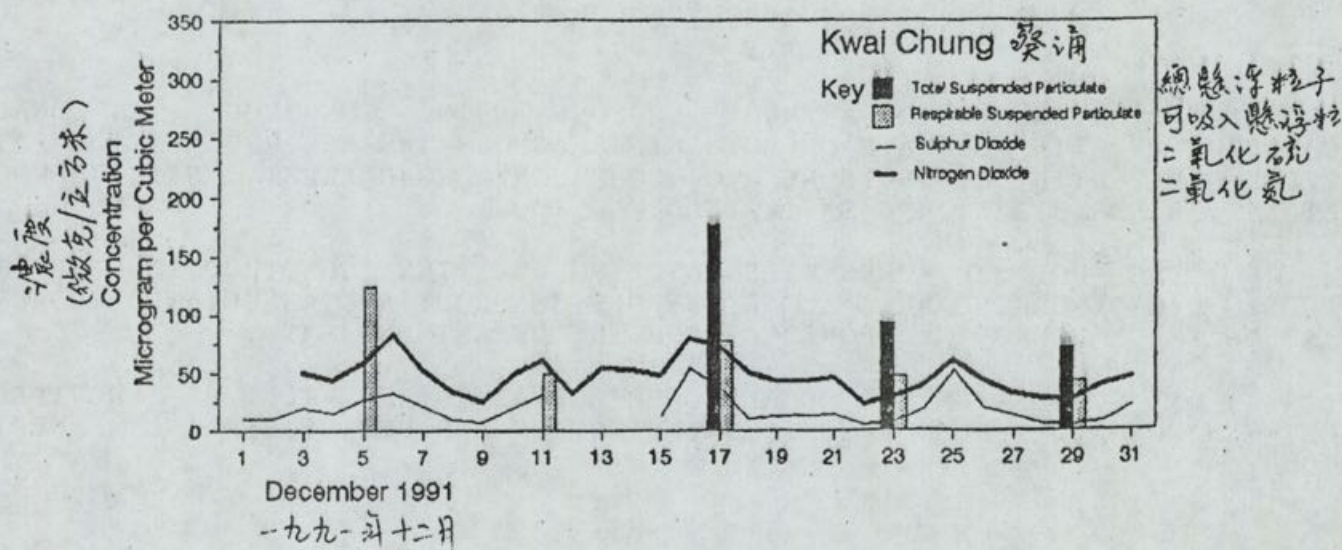
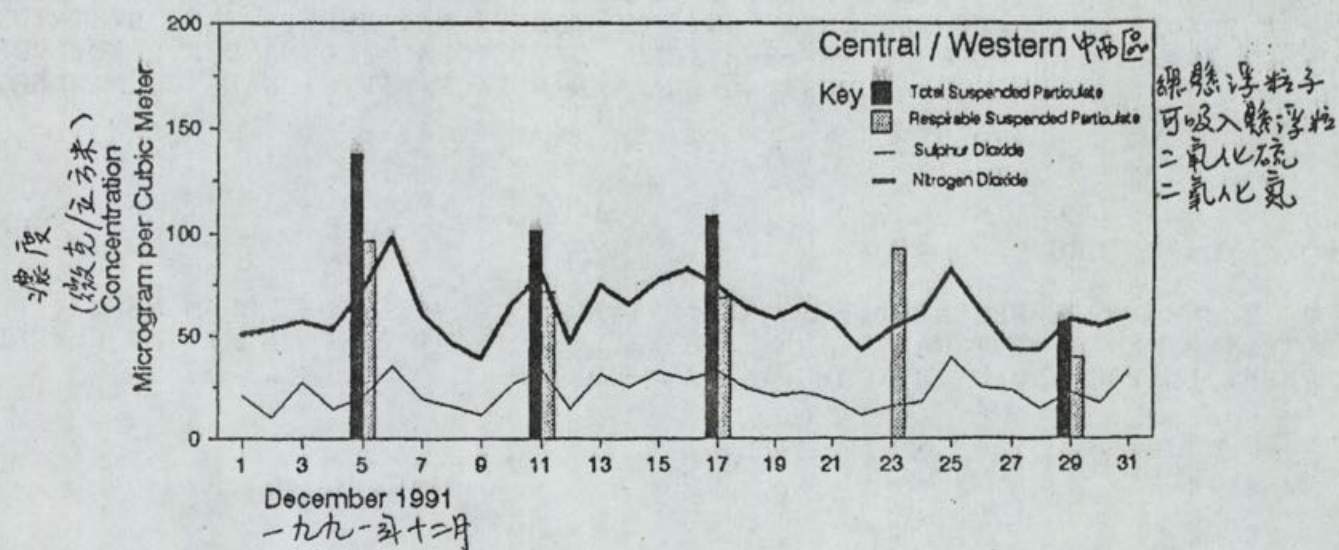
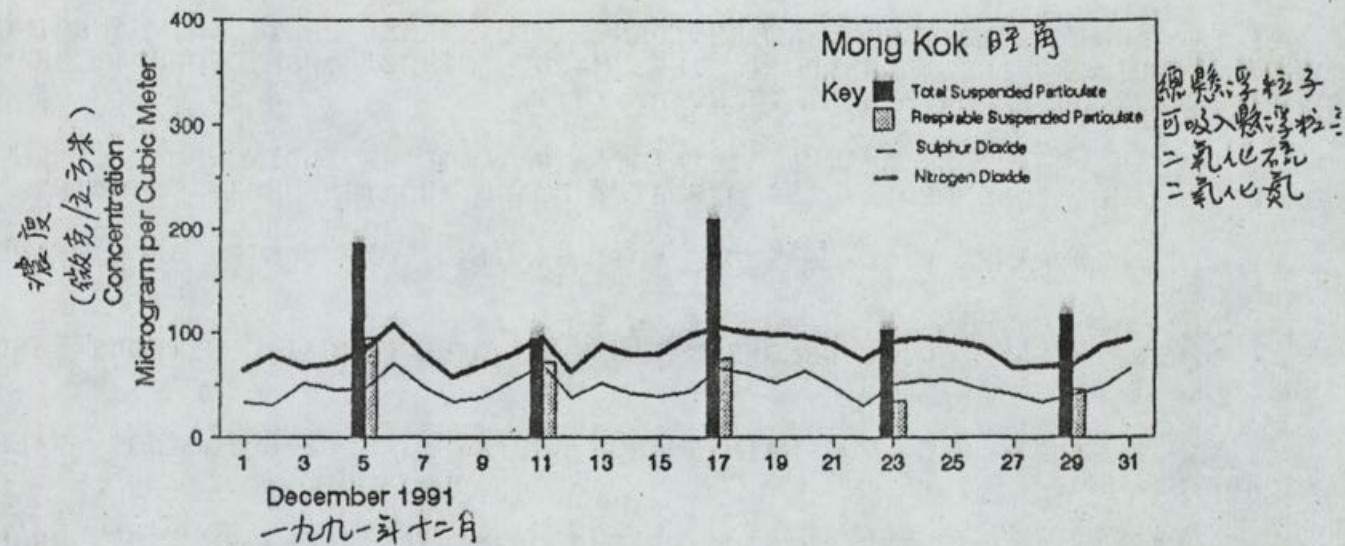
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FURTHER ENQUIRY CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER MR RAYMOND LEUNG ON TEL. 810 3049.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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A CARNIVAL TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN MANAGING THEIR BUILDINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND, SHAM SHUI PO AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19).

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE POP SINGING, A MAGIC SHOW, AND STALL GAMES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS ON FIRE FIGHTING METHODS AND THE CORRECT WAY OF DISPOSING REFUSE.

AN EXHIBITION ON THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS WILL ALSO BE STAGED.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; FIRE SERVICES DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (KOWLOON WEST), MR LAM YUK-WOO AND CHEUNG SHA WAN POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR LEE WAI-LAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO BUILDING MANAGEMENT CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19).

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PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT BELCHER BAY LINK

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTWAYS ON BOTH SIDES ACROSS THE NEW RECLAMATION AT BELCHER BAY WITH CONNECTIONS TO CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, SAI CHEUNG STREET, SANDS STREET AND SMITHFIELD.

"THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA ALONG THE NEW SEAFRONT AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ON COMPLETION, A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY LINK WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST IN SAI YING PUN AND SMITHFIELD IN KENNEDY TOWN.

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"THE PROJECT WILL IMPROVE THE GENERAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN KENNEDY TOWN AND WILL PROVIDE IN COMBINATION WITH THE FUTURE SMITHFIELD EXTENSION AN ADDITIONAL CORRIDOR IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC TRAVELLING BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND POKFULAM ROAD," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

ANY PERSON WHO WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE MARCH 17, 1992, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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#### ACCESS TO TAI PO NEW DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT ROADWORKS IN HA HANG VILLAGE TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF A 135-METRE LONG LOCAL ROAD TOGETHER WITH FOOTPATH AND ROADSIDE AMENITIES.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CAR AND LORRY PARK AND A CARPARK; FOUR BUS BAYS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND ROADSIDE AMENITIES ALONG TING KOK ROAD; TWO PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE CROSSINGS ACROSS TING KOK ROAD; AND ASSOCIATED STREET FURNITURE AND DRAINAGE WORKS TO SERVE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AREA.

PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, NECESSARY ACCESS WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED TO MINIMISE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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

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A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, BOTH IN TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO DURING WORKING HOURS.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING 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 MARCH 17, 1992, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED WORKS.

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SHAM SHUI PO HOLDS EXHIBITION ON TOURISM

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AN EXHIBITION ON TOURISM WILL BE HELD AT SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL JANUARY 24.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION (HKTA).

THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM DAILY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

IT WILL HIGHLIGHT FOUR ATTRACTIVE SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT. THEY ARE THE HAN TOMB AT LEI CHENG UK, TUNG CHAU PARK, GOLDEN COMPUTER SHOPPING CENTRE AND THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD LOOKOUT.

AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY). THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG AND HKTA'S PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER, MISS LEUNG PUI-LING WILL OFFICIATE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION ON TOURISM AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

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LIMITED REGISTRATION FOR DOCTORS WITH  
ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS

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THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG WILL SOON HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT LIMITED REGISTRATION TO DOCTORS HOLDING ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS.

THIS IS PROVIDED IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WHICH WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992, IF PASSED INTO LAW, WILL GIVE THE MEDICAL COUNCIL DISCRETION TO CONSIDER WHO COULD BE GRANTED LIMITED REGISTRATION, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS HE COULD BE EMPLOYED AND FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME.

UNDER THE EXISTING MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, ONLY HOLDERS OF HONG KONG, UNITED KINGDOM, IRISH AND CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH QUALIFICATIONS CAN BE REGISTERED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE HERE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR DEREK GOULD, SAID: "SUCH DOCTORS ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY, BUT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROPERLY SERVE SPECIAL NEEDS GROUPS."

"BY GRANTING LIMITED REGISTRATION TO DOCTORS WITH OTHER QUALIFICATIONS, THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF SUCH GROUPS CAN HOPEFULLY BE MET," HE SAID.

ONE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS GROUPS IS VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. MEDICAL SERVICES TO THEM ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND TWO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

"THE AMENDMENT WILL ENABLE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO DRAW ON A LARGE POOL OF VOLUNTEER DOCTORS FROM WESTERN EUROPE WHOSE MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNREGISTRABLE IN HONG KONG.

"THIS WILL ALLOW GOVERNMENT DOCTORS TO BE RELEASED FROM SERVICE IN VIETNAMESE CENTRES AND TO RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES OF SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY," MR GOULD SAID.

HE SAID "THE MEDICAL COUNCIL WILL IN FUTURE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE WHICH SPECIAL GROUPS ARE IN NEED. THEY WILL THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF LIMITED REGISTRATION TO MEET THIS NEED AND WHAT CONDITIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON THE PERSON SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED."

"THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE WISH OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL," HE ADDED.

MR GOULD STRESSED HOWEVER THAT LIMITED REGISTRATION IS NOT A RELAXATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORS SERVING THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.

"UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MEDICAL COUNCIL HAS CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF THE WHOLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS OF FULL REGISTRATION WILL REMAIN IN FORCE," HE SAID.

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SEPTEMBER 1991 EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES  
AND PAYROLL STATISTICS RELEASED

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THERE WAS CONTINUED STRONG GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, AND IN FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECLINED MARKEDLY.

THE FALL IN MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT MAINLY REFLECTED THE CONTINUING STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE ECONOMY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES TO CHINA, AS WELL AS THE OCCUPATIONAL UPGRADING OF THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE IN RECENT YEARS.

OVERALL, EMPLOYMENT IN ALL THE MAJOR SECTORS SURVEYED TAKEN TOGETHER SHOWED A MARGINAL INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER 1991 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER IN 1990; THERE WAS THUS NO SHORTAGE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OVERALL TERMS.

THESE ARE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN SEPTEMBER 1991 WAS LARGER THAN IN JUNE, THOUGH STILL SMALLER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1990 WHEN THE LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS WERE VERY TIGHT.

A LOT OF VACANCIES CONTINUED TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE SERVICE SECTORS, AND EVEN IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

IN SEPTEMBER 1991, EARNINGS IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS CONTINUED TO SHOW SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN MONEY TERMS.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE INFLATION WAS STILL HIGH IN SEPTEMBER 1991, REAL EARNINGS REMAIN RELATIVELY STATIC.

THERE WERE 654,700 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1991, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 10.3% FROM SEPTEMBER 1990.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 880,300 IN SEPTEMBER 1991, WAS 8.1 % HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 289,100, WAS UP BY 5.8 %.

EMPLOYMENT ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT 63,900, WAS 9.7 % LOWER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1991 IN THE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISONS WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990 AND JUNE 1991, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

/PERSONS ENGAGED .....

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	SEP. 90	JUN. 91	SEP. 91	SEP. 91 OVER SEP. 90	SEP. 91 OVER JUN. 91
MANUFACTURING	730,200	681,100	654,700	-10.3	-3.9
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	70,700	63,800	63,900	-9.7	+0.2
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	814,600	874,300	880,300	+ 8.1	+0.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	273,200	283,600	289,100	+5.8	+1.9

THE SURVEY EXCLUDED HAWKERS AND PERSONS WORKING AT RETAIL PITCHES BUT INCLUDED THOSE WORKING IN MARKET STALLS.

THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1991 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL AND THE QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION SITES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

BEGINNING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991, THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL ADOPTED THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC) CODES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC SECTORS.

THE TWO SURVEYS ALSO PROVIDE VACANCY STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS.

THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990 AND JUNE 1991 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	SEP. 90	JUN. 91	SEP. 91	SEP. 91 OVER SEP. 90	SEP. 91 OVER JUN. 91
MANUFACTURING	36,160	25,250	23,300	-35.6	-7.7

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CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	1,860	940	760	-59.0	-19.1
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	29,990	24,910	28,220	-5.9	+13.3
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	9,150	8,730	8,480	-7.3	-2.9

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1991 WITH SEPTEMBER 1990, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THESE MAJOR SECTORS DECLINED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES, AT AROUND 81,870, DECREASED BY 17.3 % IN SEPTEMBER 1991 OVER SEPTEMBER 1990.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECLINE WAS RECORDED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, BY 59.0 %.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE DECLINE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR; AND THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; BY 35.6 %, 7.3 % AND 5.9 % RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE VACANCY SITUATION IN SEPTEMBER WITH THAT IN JUNE, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON COULD BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN MANUFACTURING FELL BY 7.7% IN SEPTEMBER 1991 OVER JUNE 1991.

THOSE IN FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FELL BY 2.9%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, VACANCIES IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN SEPTEMBER INCREASED BY 13.3% OVER JUNE.

IN OVERALL TERMS, THERE WAS A NET INCREASE OF ABOUT 2.9% IN TOTAL VACANCIES IN SEPTEMBER OVER JUNE.

THE SEPTEMBER 1991 NOMINAL INDICES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED BY MAJOR SECTORS AND THE CORRESPONDING REAL INDICES (AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES) ARE GIVEN BELOW :

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NOMINAL INDEX OF  
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED  
(MARCH 1991 = 100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	SEP. 90	SEP. 91	SEP. 91 OVER SEP. 90
MANUFACTURING	95.6	105.6	+10.5
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	94.5	106.1	+12.3
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	89.8	97.2	+ 8.2

REAL INDEX OF  
PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED  
(MARCH 1991 =100)

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY			% CHANGE
	SEP.90	SEP.91	SEP. 91 OVER SEP. 90
MANUFACTURING	102.4	101.3	-1.1
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	101.2	101.8	+0.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES *	96.1	93.3	-2.9

\* WITHIN THIS SECTOR, REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MAJOR GROUPS "BANKING" AND "FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES" ROSE BY 3.6%.

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1991, AVERAGE EARNINGS IN ALL SECTORS, AS MEASURED BY PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED, RECORDED FURTHER INCREASES IN MONEY TERMS.

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AN INCREASE OF 10.5 % WAS REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 12.3 % AND FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 8.2 %.

AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1990 AND SEPTEMBER 1991, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN SEPTEMBER 1991, AS COMPARED WITH THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1990, INCREASED BY 0.6 % FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR.

WITHIN THIS SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE, BY 9.8 %.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE REAL INDEX DECREASED BY 1.1 %.

FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE REAL INDEX DECREASED BY 2.9 %.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1991 AND THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, SEPTEMBER 1991.

THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$13.5 PER COPY AND \$8.5 PER COPY RESPECTIVELY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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## STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 GAZETTED

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THE STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992, WHICH SEEKS TO EXEMPT INSTRUMENTS OF TRANSFER IN RESPECT OF SHARES REGISTERED IN A RECOGNISED CLEARING HOUSE FROM AN ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENT AND FROM TRANSFER DEED DUTY, WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO EXEMPT CONVEYANCES ON SALE OF PREMISES OF CERTAIN ORGANISATIONS FROM STAMP DUTY, AND EXTEND THE REPORTING PERIOD IN RESPECT OF THE USE OF STAMP DUTY FRANKING MACHINES.

"THE BILL REMOVES THE NEED FOR A BROKER, WHEN MAKING A SALE OR PURCHASE OF STOCK HELD BY A RECOGNISED CLEARING HOUSE, TO ENDORSE THE INSTRUMENT OF TRANSFER TO THE EFFECT THAT STAMP DUTY HAS BEEN PAID ON THE RELEVANT CONTRACT NOTE," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"BY EXEMPTING THE TRANSFER DEED FROM DUTY, THE BILL PROVIDES AN INCENTIVE FOR SETTLEMENTS TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH A RECOGNISED CLEARING HOUSE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AUTOMATED BOOK ENTRY RECORDS FOR BROKERS, AND A CENTRAL DEPOSITORY TO REDUCE MOVEMENTS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

SEPARATELY, THE BILL CLARIFIES EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE STAMP DUTY ORDINANCE, WHICH EXEMPT FROM STAMP DUTY LIABILITY, PERSONS BUYING PROPERTIES ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND THE LAND COMMISSION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, OR THE CHINESE VISA OFFICE.

FINALLY, THE BILL WOULD EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR SUBMITTING REPORTS TO THE COLLECTOR OF STAMP REVENUE BY USERS OF LICENSED FRANKING MACHINES FROM ONCE A WEEK TO ONCE A MONTH.

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STRICT CONTROLS ON 32 BENZODIAZEPINES FROM TOMORROW

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STRINGENT CONTROLS ON 32 BENZODIAZEPINES UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

AN ORDER TO ADD THESE SUBSTANCES TO PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE ORDINANCE WAS GAZETTED ON OCTOBER 18 LAST YEAR TO TAKE EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (JANUARY 18).

PHARMACEUTICAL DEALERS AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WERE GIVEN THIS GRACE PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM TO PREPARE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR KEN WOODHOUSE, SAID SINCE THE SCHEDULING IN OCTOBER 1990 OF THE THREE MOST COMMONLY ABUSED TRANQUILLISERS, BROtizolam (LENDORMIN), FLUNITRAZEPAM (ROHYPNOL) AND TRIAZOLAM (HALCION), WHICH ARE ALL BENZODIAZEPINES, THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE EXTENT OF ABUSE OF THE THREE DRUGS.

"OUR EFFORTS NEARLY 16 MONTHS AGO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL," HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD, THERE HAD BEEN AN APPARENT SWITCH TO THE ABUSE OF OTHER BENZODIAZEPINES.

"ON THE ADVICE OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, ACTION HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN TAKEN TO TIGHTEN THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER 32 BENZODIAZEPINES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND MAY BE LIABLE TO ABUSE," HE SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID HE HOPES THAT THE NEW MEASURES WHICH WOULD SUBJECT ALL BENZODIAZEPINES TO THE SAME STRICT DEGREE OF CONTROL, WOULD HELP MINIMISE THE ABUSE OF THESE DRUGS.

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ANYONE FOUND GUILTY OF TRAFFICKING IN DANGEROUS DRUGS FACES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 MILLION.

ANYONE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF EVEN SMALL QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IS LIABLE TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$10,000.

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FREE ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMPUTER INFORMATION

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE'S (ECC) NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DATA BASE COMPUTER THROUGH FOUR MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS STARTING FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY MR HUNG WING-TAT, MEMBER OF THE ECC AND CO-ORDINATOR OF THE PROJECT.

MR HUNG APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THE SERVICE BY CONTACTING INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND BOOK APPOINTMENTS AS THE ECC'S DATA BASE COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD BE LINKED UP WITH THE GROUPS THROUGH A MODEM.

THERE ARE SIX DATA BASES COMPRISING MORE THAN 20,000 RECORDS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, REFERENCE BOOKS, JOURNALS, TEACHING MATERIALS, RELATED ORGANISATIONS, AND CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.

THE FOUR GROUPS, NAMELY, THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, GREEN POWER AND THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG, WILL RENDER SERVICES ON ROTATION IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON WEEKDAYS AND ONE MORNING SESSION ON SATURDAY.

MR HUNG SAID THE PUBLIC COULD APPROACH THE GROUPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SERVICE ROSTERS.

THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION CAN BE CONTACTED ON TEL 728 6781 AND SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH ITS HONG KONG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE, SHOP 301, LAI MEI HOUSE, LAI KOK ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON.

THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH CAN BE CONTACTED ON TEL 528 5588. ITS ADDRESS IS ON SECOND FLOOR, 53-55 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI.

GREEN POWER CAN BE CONTACTED ON TEL 770 9368. ITS OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 705, NATHAN CENTRE, 508 NATHAN ROAD.

THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE HONG KONG CAN BE CONTACTED ON TEL 656 1272. THE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONSERVATION STUDIES CENTRE, ISLAND HOUSE, YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

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INSHORE WORKS TO START ON LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT DREDGING WORKS SHORTLY WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 105 HECTARES OF SEA-BED BETWEEN SHAM SHUI KOK AND KEI TAU KOK, LANTAU ISLAND.

THE WORKS ARE TO FACILITATE RECLAMATION AND SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FUTURE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY AS WELL AS THE TUNG CHUNG DEVELOPMENT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A GAZETTE NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BEDS INVOLVED OR WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 16, 1993.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER), AND AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS MUI WO SUB-OFFICE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LANDFILL ADVANCE WORKS

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ADVANCE WORKS OF THE SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES (SENT) STRATEGIC LANDFILL WHICH IS LOCATED AT SHEK MIU WAN IN OUTER TSEUNG KWAN O NEAR FAT TONG CHAU.

THE WORKS COMPRISE DREDGING AND RECLAIMING TWO PIECES OF LAND WITHIN SHEK MIU WAN, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE NORTH OF THE SITE, AND EXCAVATION OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF FAT TONG CHAU.

WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE SURROUNDING AREA BY SHIFTING A SECTION OF THE HIGH JUNK PEAK HIKING TRAIL AWAY FROM THE LANDFILL SITE AND PLANTING TREES ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF THE SITE.

THE WORKS WILL START IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND FINISH IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS FOR THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

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RECLAMATION AND DREDGING FOR NEW FIREBOATS PIER AND STEELMILL  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT DREDGING AND PILING WORKS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1.22 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BEDS AT MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIER FOR FIREBOATS.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1994.

MEANWHILE, THE SHIU WING STEEL LIMITED IS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND DREDGING WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 19.32 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN AREA 38, TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE ABOUT 4.99 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STEELMILL.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY SEAWALL AND A PIER. THE WORK WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT LATE NEXT YEAR.

NOTICES OF THE TWO PROJECTS DESCRIBING THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORES AND SEA-BEDS INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES CONCERNED.

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SHARING EXPERIENCES IN SAFETY SEMINAR  
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SOME 300 SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES WILL SHARE EXPERIENCES IN SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT WITH JAPANESE EXPERTS AT A SYMPOSIUM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

THE SYMPOSIUM ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT (JAPANESE EXPERIENCE) IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE JAPAN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION (JISHA).

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IT WILL IDENTIFY THE ROLE OF THE MANAGEMENT IN ACHIEVING A HIGHER STANDARD OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.

"FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING, WE HAVE INVITED JISHA TO TAKE PART IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT AS PART OF OUR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROMOTION PROGRAMME," ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS (TRAINING), MR TSE MING-SING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"JISHA HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN RAISING JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS THROUGH VOLUNTARY PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES AMONG BUSINESSES SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1964, AND ITS EXPERIENCE IS GOOD REFERENCE FOR LOCAL MANAGERS," MR TSE SAID.

"THEREFORE, THE SYMPOSIUM PROVIDES A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH EXPERTS ON MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND PROBLEMS ON PROMOTING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK," HE ADDED.

ONE OF THE KEY SPEAKERS AT THE SYMPOSIUM IS MR MASATO ITO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE POLICY PLANNING DIVISION OF JAPAN'S MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

HE WILL SPEAK ON 'CURRENT SAFETY AND HEALTH PROBLEMS AND ITS MEASURES IN JAPAN - FROM ADMINISTRATIVE POINT OF VIEW ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH'.

ANOTHER SPEAKER IS MR TADAMASA FUKUSHIMA, PRESIDENT OF OHMIYA MACHINERY COMPANY LIMITED, WHO WILL SPEAK ON "SAFETY AND HEALTH PROMOTION MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY OHMIYA MACHINERY COMPANY LIMITED".

THE THIRD SPEAKER IS MS YASUKO MATSUMOTO, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION DEPARTMENT OF JISHA.

SHE WILL SPEAK ON 'PROMOTION OF SAFETY AND HEALTH MEASURES TAKEN UP BY SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN JAPAN'.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE OPENED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DARWIN CHEN; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, MR CHENG YIU-TONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL, MR K.Y. TONGSON; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE SYMPOSIUM, MR KWAN KON-WAH AND THE THREE SPEAKERS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT (JAPANESE EXPERIENCE) AT 5.30 PM AT THEATRE ONE OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, 1 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

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YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME TO START TOMORROW

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A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME TO TIE IN WITH THE TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF "SPRING CLEANING" IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMME IS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE. IT WILL LAST TWO WEEKS AND WILL END ON FEBRUARY 3, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

"TO FACILITATE HOUSEHOLDS TO DISCARD UNWANTED FURNITURE AND BULKY WASTE, TEMPORARY JUNK COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE SET UP IN ALL URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"ADDITIONAL LORRIES AND MANPOWER ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO REMOVE REFUSE AND UNCLAIMED ARTICLES AT LITTER BLACKSPOTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID DURING THE 10 DAYS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR LAST YEAR, A DAILY AVERAGE OF 5,103 TONNES OF REFUSE AND JUNK WERE COLLECTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, WHICH WAS SEVEN PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE USUAL DAILY AVERAGE YIELD OF 4,754 TONNES.

"MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO DISCARD REFUSE IN NEARBY COLLECTION POINTS BEFORE CLOSING TIME.

"ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CLOSING TIME OF REFUSE AND JUNK COLLECTION POINTS DURING THE YEAR-END AND DETAILS OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE ON TEL. 868 0000 OR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOTLINE ON TEL. 414 5555, AND THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF REFUSE IN PUBLIC PLACES OTHER THAN COLLECTION POINTS IS A FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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COURAGEOUS FIREMAN COMMENDED

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FIREMAN CHAN KAY-WING'S INITIATIVE, COURAGE AND PUBLIC-SPIRIT ACTION IN THE RESCUE OF A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY IN A RECENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PAID OFF TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER'S (CFO) COMMENDATION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT TAI PO FIRE STATION, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR JAMES HO KWOK-CHUEN, PRAISED CHAN FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE.

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THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 11.30 PM ON OCTOBER 20 WHEN A FULLY-LADEN MAXICAB COLLIDED WITH A CONCRETE-MIXING VEHICLE AT THE JUNCTION OF SHA TSUI ROAD AND TAI CHUNG ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

CHAN, WHO WAS OFF-DUTY, SAW THE OVERTURNED CONCRETE-MIXING VEHICLE AND MANY PASSENGERS, TRAPPED INSIDE THE TILTED MAXICAB OR LYING ON THE GROUND, AWAITING RESCUE WHILE HE WAS DRIVING TO SAI KUNG.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LEAKED FUEL IN THE AREA, WHICH WAS VULNERABLE TO FIRE WITH A TRIGGER OF IGNITION.

CHAN DASHED TO THE MAXICAB AND POPPED INTO IT TO HELP RESCUE THE TRAPPED PASSENGERS.

HE ALSO RESCUED A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO WAS TRAPPED UP-SIDE-DOWN BETWEEN THE MAXICAB AND THE CONCRETE-MIXING VEHICLE.

THE PARENTS AND THE TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO WAS RESCUED BY CHAN WERE ALSO AT THE PRESENTATION. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO CHAN FOR HIS ACTION IN THE RESCUE OF THE BOY.

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## RESIDENTS COMMENDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

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FIFTEEN WAN CHAI RESIDENTS WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS BETTERING THE DISTRICT LAST YEAR WILL BE HONOURED WITH THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE STUDENTS, CLERKS, MERCHANTS AND HOUSEWIVES.

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, AIMS AT GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES OR ON THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ADJUDICATION PANELS.

FOR THE STUDENTS AND YOUTH SECTIONS, THE ADJUDICATORS ARE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEMBER, DR LO CHI-KIN; COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE) MEMBER, MR CHAN KA-LOK; ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EASTERN/WAN CHAI), MR LAM HAK-CHEE; AND DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MR FONG MAN-CHONG.

FOR THE ADULTS (AGED OVER 30) SECTION, THE ADJUDICATORS ARE CPCE MEMBER, MRS LINA LO; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HK COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MS VIRGINIA CHAN; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HK PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, MR EDWARD LEUNG, AND ICAC REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG EAST), MR ANTONIO CHU.

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TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN AND DB CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM AT THE HONG KONG WORLD TRADE CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

A YEAR-END TEA PARTY FOR THE DB WILL ALSO BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY CUM YEAR-END TEA RECEPTION FOR THE DB AT THE DIRECTOR'S ROOM, SECOND MEZZANINE FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB, HONG KONG WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH COMPLETED

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A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES LAUNCHED IN LAST OCTOBER TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

THE PROGRAMMES WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND PRINCIPALS OF LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THEY INCLUDED SEMINARS FOR STUDENTS FROM 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, EXHIBITIONS AND VISITS TO REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS.

ALSO, SOCIAL WORKERS HAD PRODUCED A TRAINING KIT ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR STUDENTS AND YOUTH WORKERS. AN ESSAY COMPETITION WAS ALSO HELD TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS AND OPINIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19), A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE ESSAY COMPETITION. SOCIAL WELFARE REGIONAL OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR LOK MAN-PAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) AT THE SKH KEI HAU SECONDARY SCHOOL, 5 KAI TIN ROAD, LAM TIN, KOWLOON.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION  
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SUPPLY OF SALT WATER TO ALL PREMISES IN SOUTH AND EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) TO NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM, CHUK YUEN, TSZ WAN SHAN, SAN PO KONG, CHOI HUNG, HAMMER HILL AND INCLUDING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PEACE AVENUE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	16.1.92	500 MN
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	17.1.92	+642 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-642 MN
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+150 MN*

\* LATE O/N ASSISTANCE  
TO BE REVERSED ON 20.1.92

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.1 \*+0.0\* 17.1.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.37 PCT	23 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.60	5.39
1 MONTH	4.01 PCT					
3 MONTHS	4.01 PCT					
6 MONTHS	4.03 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.49 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 9,859 MN

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