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NO CHANGE TO SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANK LICENSING  
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THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR THE GRANT OF BANKING LICENCE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANK LICENSING IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW.

"THE 1990 REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT NO CHANGE TO THE CRITERIA FOR BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN APPLICANTS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY," HE SAID.

THE EXISTING CRITERIA INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT ON THE TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) OF THE APPLICANT TO BE AT LEAST HK\$2,500 MILLION IN THE CASE OF LOCAL APPLICANTS AND US\$14 BILLION IN THE CASE OF FOREIGN APPLICANTS.

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RULE OF LAW ALIVE IN HONG KONG  
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THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK, ISSUED A STRONG DEFENCE ON WEDNESDAY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD ON THE LAST OF THE THREE-DAY HEARING BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

HE FIRMLY REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES WERE MOVING AWAY FROM HUMAN FREEDOMS TO REPRESSION.

"CONSIDER THAT ACCUSATION AGAINST THE OBJECTIVE FACTS," MR STOCK TOLD THE 18-MEMBER COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS REVIEWING THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DEPENDENT TERRITORIES AS HE LISTED THE SUBSTANTIAL RANGE OF ACTIONS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

MR STOCK CITED THE DRAFT BILL OF RIGHTS, THE PROPOSED DECRIMINALISATION OF HOMOSEXUAL ACTS, THE ABOLITION OF JUDICIAL CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, THE LIBERALISATION OF EDUCATIONAL REGULATIONS, AN ONGOING REVIEW OF LEGISLATION, AND THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION REVIEW OF SUCH ISSUES AS PRIVACY, ILLEGITIMACY AND POLICE POWER.

"THE RULE OF LAW IS ALIVE IN HONG KONG IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY," HE ADDED.

"I DON'T THINK IT FOLLOWS THAT HONG KONG IS MOVING AWAY FROM HUMAN RIGHTS AND TOWARD REPRESSION. THE AUTHORITIES OF HONG KONG ARE INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN AND AWARE OF THIS FIELD."

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IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION RAISED BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WHETHER HONG KONG ACTED AS AGENTS FOR OTHERS IN THE NON-PURSUANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MR STOCK REPLIED: "IT IS, I SUPPOSE, INEVITABLE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME IN ANY SOCIETY, THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO FEEL AGGRIEVED AT DECISIONS TAKEN FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE THE WRONG REASONS.

"ONE ALSO HEARS, FROM TIME TO TIME, CLAIMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED THIS OR THAT PROSECUTION. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BRING PROSECUTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DECIDE PROSECUTIONS. THAT IS DONE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THOSE AUTHORISED BY HIM, AND THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE INDEPENDENTLY. PROSECUTIONS LODGED FOR POLITICAL REASONS DO NOT FIT THE FACTS IN HONG KONG."

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS, MR STOCK DESCRIBED IT AS A "MAMMOUTH PROBLEM" FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE. REFERRING TO THE SCREENING SYSTEM, HE SAID, "WE'VE MADE OUR SYSTEM AS FAIR AS WE CAN."

HE EMPHASISED THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE SCREENING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MONITORING.

MR STOCK ALSO OUTLINED THE LEGAL ACCESS AND LEGAL ADVICE AVAILABLE TO THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, POINTING TO THE RECENT COURT CASES INVOLVING VIETNAMESE IN HONG KONG THAT DEMONSTRATED THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

AFTER THE HEARING, MR STOCK SAID THE THREE-DAY HEARING HAD BEEN A DETAILED, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ON A WHOLE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, WHICH HE HAD FOUND HELPFUL.

HE STRESSED THAT THE POINTS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO HONG KONG WHERE "THEY WOULD BE STUDIED WITH GREAT CARE AND REFERRED TO THOSE POLICY BRANCHES WITH JURISDICTION IN THE MATTERS RAISED".

OVERALL, HE SAID, THE HEARING HAD PRODUCED A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE FROM WHICH THE FIVE-MEMBER HONG KONG DELEGATION HAD LEARNED A GREAT DEAL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THE SUBSTANTIAL AND SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES BEING MADE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IN HONG KONG IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

MR STOCK LED A SENIOR-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE THREE-DAY UN HEARING IN NEW YORK. THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE: ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR PHILIP DYKES; PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR FRANCIS HO; TWO PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR SECURITY, MR ALEX FONG AND MRS MARION LAI.

MR STOCK AND MR DYKES WERE SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO OTTAWA TODAY (THURSDAY) TO MEET WITH CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE SOLICITOR GENERAL.

GOVT TAKES INITIATIVES TO HELP LINKAGE INDUSTRY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MANY INITIATIVES TO HELP THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY ACHIEVE GREATER PRODUCTIVITY AND HIGHER VALUE OUTPUT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG LINKAGE INDUSTRY INTERNATIONAL MACHINE TOOL EXHIBITION '91, MR BARMA SAID THIS WAS IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY FOR THE SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED AND PRECISION COMPONENTS, PARTS AND PRODUCTION TOOLINGS.

"THIS SUPPORT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS HONG KONG UPGRADES INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF BETTER QUALITY AND HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD COMMISSIONED VARIOUS STUDIES FROM TIME TO TIME TO IDENTIFY THE TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINANTS OF ENHANCING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITIVE STRENGTH.

"OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY IS THE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION STUDY LAUNCHED IN LATE 1990. ONE OF THE PRIMARY AIMS OF THIS STUDY IS TO IDENTIFY WAYS IN OPTIMISING THE USE OF AUTOMATION IN INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THERE WAS ANOTHER STUDY ON METALS AND LIGHT ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BEING PLANNED FOR 1991.

"IN THIS STUDY, MANY KEY LINKAGE INDUSTRY SECTORS SUCH AS ELECTROPLATING, MOULD MAKING AND HEAT TREATMENT, WOULD BE COVERED.

"THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THESE STUDIES WILL BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED TO MANUFACTURERS. IT WILL ALSO BE CAREFULLY ANALYSED WITHIN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO THE INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA ALSO SAID THAT PLANNING WORK ON BOTH THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT TSEUNG KWAN O AND THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AT YAU YAT TSUEN HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT DEVELOPMENT WORK OF THESE PROJECTS WOULD START SOON.

"UPON COMPLETION OF THE FACILITIES, MORE CUSTOM-BUILT OR TECHNOLOGY-BASED ACCOMMODATION WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO MEET THE SPECIAL DEMANDS OF THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY.

"IN ADDITION, THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE HAS PLANS TO LAUNCH SERVICES IN PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER LATER THIS YEAR.

"THESE SERVICES WILL FURTHER ENHANCE THE SUPPORT CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO THE LINKAGE INDUSTRY BY THE MANY PUBLIC-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE STANDARD AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY," MR BARMA SAID.

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PUBLIC REMINDED TO WASH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED TO WASH AND BLANCH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR M.B. ALI, FOLLOWING THE DETECTION OF FRESH AND ISOLATED CASES OF VEGETABLE-POISONING OVER THE PAST WEEK THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAINTAINS A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR THE DETECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF VEGETABLE-POISONING CASES AND THE APPLICATION OF PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES.

THROUGH THIS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, A TOTAL OF 14 PEOPLE FROM FIVE FAMILIES LIVING IN NORTH POINT, SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE SYMPTOMS OF FOOD POISONING AFTER CONSUMING WATER SPINACH IN THEIR MEALS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HEALTH INSPECTORS HAVE DETECTED TWO LORRY-LOADS, TOTALLING 1,000 KILOGRAMS, OF WATER SPINACH IMPORTED FROM SHENZHEN WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH PESTICIDE. ALL THESE VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN SURRENDERED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED.

ALL THE DETECTED CASES WERE MILD. ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL WHILE THE OTHERS WERE TREATED AND DISCHARGED. ALL THOSE ADMITTED HAVE ALSO BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY DISCHARGED.

THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE RECENT INCIDENTS AND THE NAME OF THE FARM IMPLICATED FOR THEIR NECESSARY ACTION.

DR ALI STRESSED THAT THESE RECENT CASES WERE ISOLATED ONES.

"THEY WERE DETECTED AS A RESULT OF OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

"AS A GOOD PRACTICE IN FOOD HYGIENE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALWAYS WASH AND COOK VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION," HE SAID.

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INCREASE IN SEVERANCE PAYMENT UNDER INSOLVENCY FUND PROPOSED

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TWO BILLS ARE GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY) SEEKING TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE COVER FOR SEVERANCE PAYMENT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND.

THE BILLS ARE THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 AND THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991.

EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FOLLOWING A REVIEW LAST YEAR, IT WAS DECIDED THAT SUCH SEVERANCE PAYMENT COVERAGE SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM THE CURRENT MAXIMUM OF \$4,000 PER APPLICANT TO \$8,000 AND 50 PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$8,000.

"IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT SHOULD BE FINANCED BY AN ADDITIONAL LEVY OF \$150 ON EACH BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND BRANCH REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"TWO AMENDMENT BILLS ARE NECESSARY. WHILE THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 SEEKS TO RAISE THE LIMIT OF EMPLOYEES' SEVERANCE PAYMENT COVERAGE UNDER THE FUND, THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE LEVY ON EACH BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND BRANCH REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FROM \$100 TO \$250 PER ANNUM," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD AND THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS WERE MET WITH GENERAL SUPPORT.

THE TWO BILLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 8.

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GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT COMMENDED

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LADY WILSON THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING COMMENDED THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT FOR UP-BRINGING THOUSANDS OF YOUNG GIRLS THROUGH VARIOUS TRAINING AND CAMARADERIE OFFERED.

ADDRESSING THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION (HKGGA) CANTONESE OPERA CHARITY SHOW, LADY WILSON SAID HKGGA HAD BECOME AN IMPORTANT AND HIGHLY-RESPECTED ORGANISATION AND VERY MUCH DESERVED THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT GIRL GUIDING HAD COME A LONG WAY SINCE IT FIRST STARTED IN HONG KONG 75 YEARS AGO.

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"I AM SO PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO BE WITH YOU, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT WHICH COMBINES SOME THOROUGHLY ADMIRABLE ASPECTS OF HONG KONG LIFE : THE CATCHING ENTHUSIASM OF THE GIRL GUIDES, THE PLEASURE TAKEN IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURE, AND THE GENEROSITY INVOLVED IN GIVING TIME AND MONEY TO SUPPORT A FUND-RAISING EVENT OF THIS KIND," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON ALSO THANKED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF HKGGA, ESPECIALLY TO ITS CHAIRMAN, MR LUK HING-TOO, AND TO ITS HONOURARY PATRON, MR RODERICK YU, FOR CONTRIBUTING MUCH TIME AND EXPERTISE IN ORGANISING THE CHARITY SHOW TO SUCH GOOD EFFECT.

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DREDGING AND RECLAMATION OFF TSING YI

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT PERMISSION TO A POWER COMPANY TO DREDGE THE SEABED AND LAY A SUBMARINE CABLE IN THE FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN TSING YI AND MA WAN.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED INTENDS TO USE AN AREA OF ABOUT 34.10 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN THE TWO ISLANDS AS WORKS AREA IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIVERSION OF THE EXISTING SUBMARINE CABLE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 3.

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.

MEANWHILE, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 5.47 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND FOR THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING SHIPYARDS IN NORTH TSING YI.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT AFTER RELOCATION OF THESE SHIPYARDS, THE NOISE NUISANCE TO RESIDENTS OF CHEUNG ON ESTATE, CHING TAI COURT AND THE NEARBY QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOL COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE APRIL 3, NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1992

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THE FOLLOWING LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1992 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY):

EVERY SUNDAY

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 1
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 6
CHING MING FESTIVAL	SATURDAY	APRIL 4
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	APRIL 17
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY	APRIL 18
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY	APRIL 20
TUEN NG FESTIVAL	FRIDAY	JUNE 5
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	SATURDAY	JUNE 13
THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY	JUNE 15
THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	SATURDAY	AUGUST 29
LIBERATION DAY, BEING THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST	MONDAY	AUGUST 31
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
THE DAY FOLLOWING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	MONDAY	OCTOBER 5
CHRISTMAS DAY	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 26

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BULK OF GURKHAS TO RETURN FROM GULF

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THE BULK OF THE GURKHA TROOPS FROM HONG KONG WHO SERVED IN MEDICAL SUPPORT UNITS IN THE GULF WAR ARE TO RETURN OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

LAST WEEK, 29 MARRIED MEN FROM THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT BASED IN GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS IN KOWLOON RETURNED TO AN EMOTIONAL WELCOME BY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

THE REMAINDER OF THE 200-STRONG CONTINGENT, MAINLY SINGLE MEN FROM THE GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT AND THE GURKHA SIGNAL REGIMENT, WILL ARRIVE ON TWO ROYAL AIR FORCE FLIGHTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY. THERE WILL BE 85 MEN IN EACH PARTY.

AT GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS TOMORROW THE GURKHAS WILL BE MET BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFELL, AND THE COMMANDANT OF GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL PAUL GILHAM.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF THE HONG KONG-BASED DRIVERS AND SIGNALLERS WHO WERE SENT TO THE GULF WILL BE HELD AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, SEK KONG, ON MONDAY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO PHOTOGRAPH THE GURKHAS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE OF GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS AT JORDAN PATH, KOWLOON BY 12.30 PM TOMORROW.

THERE WILL BE NO PRESS FACILITY FOR THE CHURCH SERVICE AT SEK KONG ON MONDAY.

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WELFARE FOUNDATION TO HAVE MORE MEMBERS

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THE COUNCIL OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION (QEF) FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WILL GET TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO BETTER ITS LIAISON IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY) PROVIDED FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AS QEF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

"A RECENT REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1988 FOUND THAT MOST OF THESE ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO SERVICES PROVIDED OR SUBVENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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"IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL AND BY THE TWO DEPARTMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO SOUGHT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FROM FIVE TO SEVEN, IN ADDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBER NOMINATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THIS WOULD MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF UNOFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO FOUR.

THE TWO OFFICIAL MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON THE COUNCIL ARE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR REHABILITATION.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE QEF COUNCIL, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TAI PO  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN TAI PO.

THE PROJECTS IN AREAS 1, 2, 4, 8 AND 27 ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE WORKS COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 26.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WEST NT LANDFILL RELATED WORKS  
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTE RECEPTION AREA AND A RISING MAIN AT NIM WAN IN WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT WILL COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RISING MAIN ALONG THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL, A PUMPING STATION AND WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES AT NIM WAN.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS 23 MONTHS AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 26.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL WILL START ACCEPTING REFUSE.

THE LEACHATE GENERATED FROM THE LANDFILL WILL BE COLLECTED BY A SOPHISTICATED CONTAINMENT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND CONVEYED BY THE RISING MAIN TO THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK SEWER FOR DISPOSAL TO AVOID POLLUTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR YOUTH MUSIC CAMP  
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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WHICH WILL PROVIDE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING IN A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE.

THE 1991 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL BE HELD AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK FROM JULY 20 TO AUGUST 3.

PROMISING YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL BE RECRUITED BOTH LOCALLY AND FROM OVERSEAS TO TAKE PART IN THE CAMP TO HELP FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH MUSIC.

RENOWNED MUSICIANS WILL BE INVITED TO CONDUCT MASTERCLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FILM SHOWS, MUSIC QUIZ, ARCHERY AND BILLIARD WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED.

INTENSIVE REHEARSALS AND A NUMBER OF CONCERTS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE CAMPERS.

ALTOGETHER EIGHT ORCHESTRAS, BANDS AND CHOIR WILL BE ORGANISED. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY AT LEAST ONE CHINESE OR WESTERN ORCHESTRAL OR BAND INSTRUMENT. ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE AN ADVANTAGE.

FEES INCLUSIVE OF TUITION, THREE MEALS A DAY AND ACCOMMODATION ARE \$780 FOR MEMBERS OF THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WHO WILL STAY THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE CAMP PERIOD.

THE FEES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE TWO STRING ORCHESTRAS, THE SENIOR BAND AND THE CHOIR, WHO STAY FOR EIGHT DAYS ONLY, ARE \$390.

APPLICANTS FOR THE TWO JUNIOR BANDS, WHO STAY FOR FOUR DAYS ONLY, ARE REQUIRED TO PAY \$170 AND \$160 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 22. ENQUIRIES CAN BE OBTAINED ON TEL. 823 5314 OR 528 3257.

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PARTICIPATION IN SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE INVITED

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TAKING PART IN THE 1991 SHA TIN DRAGON BOAT RACE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 16.

ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RACE WILL BE HELD ALONG THE SECTION OF SHING MUN RIVER BETWEEN SAND MARTIN BRIDGE AND BANYAN BRIDGE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, MEN'S OPEN MINI-DRAGON, AND LADIES' OPEN MINI-PHOENIX DIVISIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION ON THE GROUND FLOOR, SAU CHUEN HOUSE, LEK YUEN ESTATE. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 27.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 691 5657.

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