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EXCO APPOINTMENT A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNOR

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APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS A MATTER ONLY FOR THE GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING, LORD WILSON SAID: "THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.

"THAT IS CERTAINLY TRUE IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND 1997."

NOTING THAT RECENT SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT HIS SUCCESSOR MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT DO WAS UNJUSTIFIED, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "BUT WHO THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MUST BE A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNOR ALONE WITH THE AUTHORISATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE."

ASKED ABOUT THE REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS, LORD WILSON SAID: "IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD CARRY ON THESE PROGRAMMES SO THAT WE ARE SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES WILL BE SENT BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN VIETNAM IF THEY DO NOT VOLUNTEER.

"WE'VE GOT BACK 18,000 PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE BACK TO THEIR HOMES AS VOLUNTEERS AND THERE'S BEEN NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

"I THINK THIS MORNING'S REPATRIATION WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO GO BACK."

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FS EXPLAINS NEW BUDGETARY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, BRIEFED LEGISLATORS AT THE OMELCO IN-HOUSE MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) ON HIS PLANS TO REFORM THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGETARY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE GROWTH IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MUST BE KEPT WITHIN THE TREND GROWTH RATE OF GDP BUT EXPLAINED THAT THERE WOULD IN FUTURE BE GREATER FLEXIBILITY.

THESE PLANNED CHANGES HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AS AMOUNTING TO A LIFTING OF ALL EXPENDITURE CONTROLS ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MR MACLEOD SAID: "THIS IS ENTIRELY INCORRECT. WE SHALL ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO EXPENDITURE PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. BUT OUR MAIN GUIDELINE THAT EXPENDITURE GROWTH MUST KEEP WITHIN THE TREND GROWTH RATE OF GDP REMAINS IN FORCE."

"IN GENERAL TERMS, SECRETARIES WILL IN FUTURE BE GIVEN THE FLEXIBILITY TO DEPLOY RESOURCES WITHIN AND BETWEEN THEIR PROGRAMME AREAS.

"ECONOMIES IDENTIFIED WITHIN ONE PROGRAMME AREA COULD IN FUTURE BE RETAINED BY THE SECRETARIES FOR REDEPLOYMENT. THIS APPROACH WILL GIVE SECRETARIES A REAL INCENTIVE TO REASSESS THEIR EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY ACHIEVE THE OPTIMAL ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCES UNDER THEIR CONTROL."

/MR MACLEOD

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MR MACLEOD EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BUILD ON THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

"THIS NEW INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE SECRETARIES AND THEIR DEPARTMENTS MORE CLOSELY IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THEM."

HE ADDED: "UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, IT WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY FOR SECRETARIES AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS TO DELIVER ACROSS-BOARD SAVINGS TARGETS AS THEY WERE REQUIRED TO LAST YEAR."

MR MACLEOD ALSO BRIEFED LEGISLATORS ON HIS PLANS TO CONSULT THEM DURING THE PREPARATORY STAGE OF HIS FUTURE BUDGETS. HE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED A ROUND OF EXPLORATORY TALKS INVOLVING ALL LEGISLATORS.

"IT IS MY INTENTION TO START SEEKING MEMBERS' VIEWS ON EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES NEXT MONTH. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS ON REVENUE OPTIONS LATER IN THE YEAR. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS WILL START WITH A SPECIAL BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS IN JULY."

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ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES
FOR APRIL RELEASED

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN APRIL THIS YEAR INCREASED BY 2% OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MOST INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN ORDERS POSITION OVER A YEAR AGO, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

A SLIGHT DECREASE IN ORDERS, HOWEVER, WAS RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN APRIL 1992.

ORDERS INCREASED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY BUT DECREASED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. THE WEARING APPAREL, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN ORDERS.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

IN LINE WITH THE RECENT TREND, THE TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS DECREASED BY 11% IN APRIL 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO. THIS REFLECTS THE CONTINUING TREND OF RELOCATING PRODUCTION PROCESSES TO SOUTH CHINA.

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ALL INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECREASES IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECLINES IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE TOTAL WORKFORCE OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DECREASED BY 1% IN APRIL 1992. DECREASES WERE REPORTED IN MOST INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

IN APRIL 1992, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 14% OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN ALL INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, WITH THE LARGEST ONES IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED, IN MONEY TERMS, BY 2% IN APRIL 1992.

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS REPORTED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY, DUE TO ISSUE OF BONUSES AND SALARY REVISION. OTHER INDUSTRIES REPORTING INCREASES WERE THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY REPORTED A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

THIS IS, HOWEVER, DUE TO COMPARISON WITH A HIGH BASE IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, WHEN SOME OF THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED ISSUED BONUSES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. A DECREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED CONTINUED TO DECREASE IN APRIL 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH THE PRECEDING MONTH AND THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN APRIL 1992 OVER A YEAR AGO. AN INCREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN APRIL 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH A MONTH AND A YEAR AGO.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN APRIL 1992 IN THE SERVICE COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

AN EVEN SHARPER INCREASE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH WAS RECORDED, DUE TO THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BONUSES BY SOME COMPANIES.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERS ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE SECTORS.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1992 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19/F, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6441.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF APRIL 1992 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH MAR. 92 APR. 91 (%) (%)	
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.51	*	+2
WEARING APPAREL	4.87	*	+3
TEXTILES	2.45	+3	-1
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.97	*	+13
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.39	-1	+4
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.52	*	+3
OTHERS	3.95	+1	-4

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AS AT THE END OF APRIL 1992	
	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	MAR. 92	APR. 91
	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	-1	-11
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-2
WEARING APPAREL TEXTILES	-1	-10
	-1	-9
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	*	-13
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-14
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-18
OTHERS	+2	-1
CONSTRUCTION #	-1	-6
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SERVICES	*	*
BANKS	*	-1
HOTELS	-1	*
PUBLIC UTILITIES	+1	*
OTHERS	*	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE : DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PER CAPITA EARNINGS		
	AVERAGE AS IN APRIL 1992	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
		MAR. 92	APR. 91
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	7,653	+2	+14
FOOD AND DRINKS	8,464	+11	+8
WEARING APPAREL	5,518	-1	+10
TEXTILES	6,687	+3	+15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7,912	+4	+20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	7,516	-13	+21
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	8,054	+3	+16
OTHERS	9,843	+3	+11
CONSTRUCTION #	10,598	+5	+10
SERVICES	14,972	+24	+11
BANKS	11,461	+4	+10
HOTELS	8,108	+2	+14
PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,188	+4	+16
OTHERS	23,245	+62	+7

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE TO TABLE 1 - 3 :

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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RULES ON LIMITED REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS DOCTORS

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THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1992 ARE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW REGULATIONS PRESCRIBE THE FORMS AND FEES IN RESPECT OF LIMITED REGISTRATION AND EMPOWER THE MEDICAL COUNCIL TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS WITH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

"THESE REGULATIONS ARE MADE TO FACILITATE MEDICAL COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME FOR LIMITED REGISTRATION INTRODUCED UNDER THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1992," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID.

THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1992 WAS ENACTED ON MAY 7 THIS YEAR.

THE LIMITED REGISTRATION SCHEME WOULD ENABLE DOCTORS, CURRENTLY UNREGISTRABLE IN HONG KONG, TO BE ADMITTED TO MEET MEDICAL NEEDS AS YET UNMET.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL HAS BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE WHERE NEEDS EXIST, WHO COULD BE GRANTED LIMITED REGISTRATION, WHAT CONDITIONS SHOULD BE SPECIFIED FOR PRACTICE AND WHAT SHOULD BE THE PERIOD OF PRACTICE.

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NEW ZEALAND STOPS DUMPING INVESTIGATION ON HK FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS DECIDED TO TERMINATE THE DUMPING INVESTIGATION IN RESPECT OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN MEN'S FOOTWEAR FROM HONG KONG.

"WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE DECISION OF THE NEW ZEALAND AUTHORITIES," SAID ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR JOHN C. TSANG.

"HONG KONG HAS A COMPLETELY OPEN ECONOMY AND FREE MARKET. OUR COMPANIES HAVE NEITHER THE MOTIVES NOR THE MEANS TO DUMP," HE EXPLAINED.

THE INVESTIGATION IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN MEN'S FOOTWEAR WAS INITIATED BY THE NEW ZEALAND AUTHORITIES IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF SIX HONG KONG COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION.

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COMPANY FINED \$200,000 FOR MARINE DUMPING

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A COMPANY WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$200,000 IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT COURT TODAY (FRIDAY) ON FOUR CHARGES IN RELATION TO ILLEGAL DUMPING OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AND EXCAVATED MATERIAL INTO THE SEA.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH CHARGES WERE BROUGHT TO THE DISTRICT COURT TO SEEK FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE DETERENT.

USUALLY, OFFENDERS UNDER THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT ARE BROUGHT TO MAGISTRACIES ON SUMMARY CONVICTION. THE MAXIMUM FINE IS \$5,000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

ANY OFFENDER OF THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT WHO IS FOUND GUILTY IS LIABLE EITHER ON SUMMARY CONVICTION OR ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT, WHICH WILL LEAD TO A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

UNIVERSAL DOCKYARD LIMITED (UDL), WHICH HAS EIGHT PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS UNDER THE DUMPING AT SEA ACT, PLEADED GUILTY IN THE DISTRICT COURT AND WAS FINED \$50,000 ON EACH CHARGE. IT HAS TO PAY \$12,000 AS PROSECUTION CHARGE.

DESPITE THE EXTRA EFFORT NEEDED ON THE PROSECUTION SIDE, THE EPD SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SUCH EXTRA EFFORT WAS WORTHWHILE. SIMILAR PROCEEDING WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST OTHER REGULAR OFFENDERS.

THE EPD STAFF SPOTTED THE COMPANY OF COMMITTING THE FOUR ILLEGAL DUMPING OFFENCES IN LAST SUMMER NEAR LAI CHI CHONG IN TOLO CHANNEL, IN MIRS BAY, EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU, AND NINEPIN ISLAND.

THE EPD PROVIDED EXPERT WITNESS ON THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT OF ILLEGALLY DUMPED SUBSTANCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATERIAL WOULD RETARD THE GROWTH OF LIGHT-SENSITIVE MARINE ORGANISMS AND MICRO-ORGANISMS.

THE OVERALL EFFECT TO ECOLOGY WAS IRREVERSIBLE BECAUSE RE-DREDGING OF THE ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATERIAL WOULD BE EQUALLY DAMAGING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. MORE, THERE WOULD BE SOME IMPACTS ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY.

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LAND RESUMPTION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME LAND IN TAI HOM VILLAGE, WONG TAI SIN TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AND A COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CENTRE.

THE CLEARANCE WILL INVOLVE BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE LAND.

A TOTAL OF 3,247 PEOPLE FROM 1,078 FAMILIES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RESUMPTION.

ELIGIBLE OCCUPIERS WILL BE REHOUSED AND OFFERED EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCES.

NOTICES OF THE RESUMPTION WERE POSTED TODAY (FRIDAY) ON THE LOTS AFFECTED, GIVING A THREE-MONTH NOTICE BEFORE THE LOTS WILL BE REVERTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 19.

COMPENSATION TO THE OWNERS OF PRIVATE LAND AFFECTED WILL BE ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE OR BASED ON EX-GRATIA RATE OF COMPENSATION ACCORDING TO CURRENT POLICY.

IN ADDITION, INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS (I.E. OWNERS OF OLD SCHEDULED BUILDING LOTS WHO HAVE OWNED THESE LOTS BEFORE DECEMBER 25, 1941 OR OWNERS WHO HAVE INHERITED THESE LOTS FROM SUCH OWNERS) WILL BE OFFERED AN ADDITIONAL EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE.

AFFECTED OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF THE PRIVATE LAND MAY MAKE STATUTORY CLAIMS UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND IF THEIR CLAIMS CANNOT BE SETTLED BY AGREEMENT, THEY MAY APPLY TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR DETERMINATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID THE LAND WAS REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE WITH A PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY AND A COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL CENTRE ABOVE THE PODIUM LEVEL.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE RESUMPTION AND CLEARANCE, HE SAID, THE SITE WILL BE DISPOSED OF THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND SALE PROGRAMME TO A PRIVATE DEVELOPER FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

"THE TOTAL SITE AREA TO BE DISPOSED OF WILL BE ABOUT 2.6 HECTARES AND THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SATISFACTION AND EXPENSE A PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE AT GROUND LEVEL TOGETHER WITH A PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY AT PODIUM LEVEL," HE SAID.

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS RECENTLY HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 130 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM YESTERDAY AND ENDED AT 5 AM TODAY, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, 124 SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ARRESTED AND 1,326 VEHICLES STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,718 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MIGHT BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFILLED THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 10,178 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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LO WU TERMINAL TO BE ENLARGED AND MODIFIED
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPROVED CONTRACTORS ON THE PUBLIC WORKS LISTS TO APPLY FOR THE PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EXTENSION AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING TERMINAL BUILDING AT LO WU.

COSTING ABOUT \$205 MILLION, THIS IS THE SECOND CONTRACT OF THE LO WU TERMINAL STAGE III EXTENSION PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE PILING AND FOUNDATION WORKS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING WAS BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT.

"WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WILL START AS SOON AS FOUNDATION WORK IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WHEN THE WHOLE PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN EARLY 1995, ADDITIONAL PROCESSING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING CROSS BORDER TRAVELLER TRAFFIC.

THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SECOND CONTRACT COMPRISE MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EAST AND A SOUTH EXTENSIONS TO THE EXISTING TERMINAL AND THE ALTERATION AND REFURBISHING WORKS WITHIN THE EXISTING TERMINAL, TOGETHER WITH BUILDING SERVICES AND ANCILLARY SERVICES WORKS.

A SHORT EMERGENCY ACCESS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE CONTRACT.

A NOTICE OF THE PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERERS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON FRIDAY, JULY 17 THIS YEAR.

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TWO INSHORE PROJECTS GAZETTED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD THREE SLIPWAYS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING YACHTS AT PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG.

WORKS FOR THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE DREDGING AT ABOUT 1,603 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT WILL START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED BY MARCH NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE A 90-METRE-WIDE FAIRWAY FROM YUNG LONG TO NIM WAN IN TUEN MUN TO PROVIDE A MARINE ACCESS TO THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL FOR THE ISLAND EAST REFUSE TRANSFER STATION PROJECT.

THE WORK WILL COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 26.6 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT TUEN MUN. IT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENTS OF THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE TWO PROJECTS ARE DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE NOTICES GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICES (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITES.

THE PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE AREAS CONCERNED.

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ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED IN THE PAK SHA WAN PROJECT MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 18 THIS YEAR.

THE PERSON MAY ALSO DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION STATING THE SUM OF MONEY HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM BEFORE JUNE 18, NEXT YEAR IN THE CASE OF THE FAIRWAY PROJECT AT TUEN MUN.

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NEW CURRICULUM CHALLENGING, SOCIALLY RELEVANT
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN EXPLORING NEW CURRICULUM AREAS THAT ARE ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING, SOCIALLY RELEVANT AND AT THE SAME TIME USEFUL IN HELPING STUDENTS IDENTIFY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKING WORLD, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT A BREAKFAST RECEPTION TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE TRAVEL AND TOURIST PROGRAMME, MR LI SAID A NUMBER OF NEW SUBJECTS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED AT THE SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL SINCE 1983, SUCH AS HUMAN BIOLOGY, COMPUTER AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

"AFTER A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM TO THE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM," HE SAID.

A PILOT SCHEME - WITH 26 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAKING PART - WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1993 AND THE FIRST HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD IN 1995.

THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE, MR LI SAID, WAS TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE MODERN WORLD.

STUDENTS WOULD ALSO ACQUIRE THE BASIC SKILLS COMMONLY REQUIRED BY THIS INDUSTRY.

MR LI POINTED OUT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO CATER FOR A BROAD RANGE OF STUDENT ABILITIES, ADDING THAT A DRAFT SYLLABUS OUTLINE WILL SOON BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS FOR CONSULTATION.

"AT THE SAME TIME, A SUBJECT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO DEVELOP THE DETAILED TEACHING SYLLABUS AND PLAN THE PRODUCTION OF TEACHING MATERIALS," HE SAID.

MR LI SAID TOURISM WAS HONG KONG'S THIRD LARGEST EARNER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$40 BILLION IN 1991 FROM THE SIX MILLION VISITORS WHO CAME TO THE TERRITORY.

"THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM AS A NEW SUBJECT WILL HELP DEVELOP STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF TOURISM ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL STATUS," HE SAID.

IT WILL, MR LI SAID, ALSO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THIS FIELD.

HE HOPED THAT EVENTUALLY, MORE SCHOOLS WILL OFFER THE SUBJECT TO THEIR SECONDARY 4-5 STUDENTS.

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PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR FACTORY/WORKSHOP/WAREHOUSE ISSUED
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS APPROVED THE PLANNING APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR FACTORY/WORKSHOP/WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS ZONED AS "UNSPECIFIED USE AREA" IN DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS.

THE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED FOR GENERAL REFERENCE OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENTS UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

THEY SET OUT THE MAIN PLANNING CRITERIA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING ASPECTS SUCH AS THE PLANNING INTENTION OF THE AREA, LAND USE COMPATIBILITY, THE IMPACTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT, SITE COVERAGE AND BUILDING HEIGHT.

THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION.

FREE COPIES OF THE GUIDELINE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NEW FIRE STATION IN TSIM TUNG
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE BETTER AMBULANCE SERVICES TO TSIM SHA TSUI RESIDENTS FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE TSIM TUNG AMBULANCE DEPOT.

OFFICIATING THE OPENING OF THE DEPOT AT 7 HONG TAT PATH TODAY (FRIDAY) WAS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF KUMAGAI GUMI (HK) LTD, MR YU CHING-PO.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD PLANNED TO BUILD A STANDARD AMBULANCE DEPOT IN TSIM SHA TSUI FOR MANY YEARS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

THE NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT COULD ACCOMODATE EIGHT AMBULANCES.

/THE DEPOT

THE DEPOT, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, COULD ALLOW ITS FLEET TO ARRIVE AT THE SCENES OF INCIDENTS WITHIN THE SHORTEST TIME, THUS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR A RAPID PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE.

THERE IS ALSO AN AMBULANCE-AID MOTOR-CYCLE WHICH COULD, IN CASE OF HEAVY TRAFFIC, RACE TO THE SPOT TO RENDER RESCUE SERVICE TO THE CASUALTIES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHILE AWAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF AMBULANCE.

AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 1,600 AMBULANCE CALLS EACH MONTH WERE RECEIVED FROM TSIM SHA TSUI INCLUDING TSIM SHA TSUI EAST LAST YEAR.

TSIM SHA TSUI AND ITS NEIGHBOURING AREA YAU MA TEI HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN KOWLOON SINCE EARLY 70'S.

IN THESE TWENTY YEARS, ITS POPULATION HAS RAPIDLY INCREASED NEARLY 48% FROM 270,000 TO 400,000.

THE EASTERN PART OF TSIM SHA TSUI, ALSO KNOWN AS TSIM TUNG, HAS NOT ONLY TURNED INTO AN IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, BUT ALSO AS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR PROMOTING TOURISM AS IT IS HOME FOR HOTELS, SHOPPING CENTRES, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND ALL KINDS OF MODERN FACILITIES.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AMBULANCE DEPOT BROKE THROUGH THE TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN.

IT LOCATES RIGHT IN THE BUSY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, WITH ITS BLACKISH GREEN COLOUR IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THE WHOLE BUILDING.

THE DESIGN OF THE DEPOT IS THE ONLY ONE IN HONG KONG.

MORE THAN THAT, THE DEPOT IS WELL EQUIPPED WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT FOR STAND-BY DUTIES.

THE \$11-MILLION TSIM TUNG AMBULANCE DEPOT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 2,380 SQUARE METRES AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

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RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF NATION STREET

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR NATION STREET IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID NATION STREET WAS AT PRESENT UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND WAS NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

"AS A RESULT, THE STREET IS IN POOR CONDITION AND PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS, OBSTRUCTING PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT AND GIVING RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

"THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS AND TO REPAIR THE STREET TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, G/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 29 TAI ON STREET, G/F, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, SAI WAN HO; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19/F, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, 2/F, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 18, 1992, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES AT THE SERVICE LANE OF 15-21A NORTH POINT ROAD AND 5-15 YUET YUEN STREET, NORTH POINT SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 16 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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FEEES FOR PROCESSING BUILDING PLANS REVISED

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FEEES FOR PROCESSING BUILDING PLANS SUBMITTED TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL WILL BE ADJUSTED FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1992 GAZETTED TODAY, PHASE II OF AN APPROVED SCHEME TO BRING THE FEE IN STAGES UP TO THE FULL COST-RECOVERY RATE WILL COME INTO EFFECT TODAY.

THIS MEANS THAT THE FEEES WILL BE ADJUSTED UPWARD TO 50 % OF THE FULL RATE.

A BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE CHARGING SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR WHEN FEEES WERE CHARGED AT ONLY 25 % OF THE FULL RATE.

"THERE WILL BE ANOTHER INCREASE NEXT YEAR TO BRING THE FEEES TO THE FULL COST RECOVERY RATE. THEREAFTER, THE FEEES WOULD BE REVIEWED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANY INCREASE IN COSTS," HE SAID.

THE REGULATION ALSO SIMPLIFIES THE CHARGING SYSTEM BY MAKING APPLICANTS PAY A FEE UPON THE INITIAL SUBMISSION OF BUILDING PLANS AND ABOLISHES FEEES PAYABLE FOR ALL SUBSEQUENT RE-SUBMISSIONS.

IT ALSO AMENDS THE METHOD OF CALCULATING FEEES FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE NO ACCOUNTABLE GROSS FLOOR AREA.

"BUILDINGS, WHICH FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY, INCLUDE TRANSFORMER STATIONS, OIL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS AND JETTIES.

"FEEES FOR THE PROCESSING OF PLANS FOR SUCH BUILDINGS WILL NOW BE CHARGED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF DRAWINGS SUBMITTED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MALAYSIAN DELEGATION VISITS SWD

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A THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM MALAYSIA VISITED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE PARTY WAS LED BY MR MOHD HASSAN NGAH MAHMUD, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

THEY WERE MET BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT.

THE DELEGATION WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, THE OPERATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SCHEMES.

THE VISITORS THEN TOURED THE DEPARTMENT'S WAN CHAI OFFICE TO SEE THE FUNCTIONS OF A FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND A SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT THERE.

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OVERSEAS TRIPS FOR OUTSTANDING CYC MEMBERS

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) MEMBERS WILL BE AWARDED AN OVERSEAS TRIP NEXT MONTH TO EITHER THE UNITED KINGDOM OR SINGAPORE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE DURING THE PAST YEAR UNDER THE MERIT AWARD SCHEME.

TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL LEAVE ON JULY 11 FOR AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO THE UK WHILE 19 MEMBERS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL DEPART ON THE SAME DAY FOR SINGAPORE FOR A FIVE-DAY TOUR.

DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL VISIT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE ANNUAL TRIPS WERE FUNDED MAINLY BY THE LAW'S FOUNDATION WHICH HAD DONATED \$400,000 FOR THIS YEAR'S CYC ACTIVITIES.

IN A BRIEF CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY), THE FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE, MR LAW CHI-SANG, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR THAT AMOUNT TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS C.H. KONG.

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WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG

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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 21) TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, WANG LOK STREET, WANG YIP STREET SOUTH, KWAN LOK SAN TSUEN, SHAN PUI CHUNG HAU TSUEN AND YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT TERMINUS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	988MN
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	988MN
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+300MN
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,288MN
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER TWI 110.9 *-0.3* 19.6.92	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1W	3.02 PCT	17M	2311	6.25	102.43	4.50
1M	2.85 PCT	20M	2402	5.50	101.12	4.84
3M	2.86 PCT	23M	2405	5.50	100.83	5.10
6M	3.23 PCT					
12M	3.99 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 5,420MN

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