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HK - WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST CLOTHING EXPORTER

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HONG KONG IS NOW THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST CLOTHING EXPORTER AFTER ITALY WITH THE SECTOR ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF ITS TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"AND IF YOU ARE COUNTING RE-EXPORTS, WE ACTUALLY COME FIRST," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG FASHION WEEK, MR PATTEN SAID THE FACT THAT THE CLOTHING SECTOR CONTINUED TO BE SO BUOYANT WAS DUE TO THE ADAPTABILITY OF BUSINESSMEN IN THE TERRITORY.

"THEY HAVE CHANGED HONG KONG'S IMAGE FROM THAT OF A LABOUR-INTENSIVE LOW-COST PRODUCTION CENTRE IN 1960'S TO AN UP-TO-DATE UP-MARKET FASHION SHOWCASE," HE SAID.

ON TOP OF BEING A MANUFACTURER AND A DESIGNER, MR PATTEN SAID HONG KONG WAS ALSO AN EXCELLENT SOURCING CENTRE.

MANY OF THE BIG AMERICAN, EUROPEAN AND ASIAN NAMES IN THE RETAIL BUSINESS AND MANY WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL DESIGNER COMPANIES HAVE SET UP OFFICES HERE.

"THEY BUY OUR IDEAS AND THEY BUY OUR GOODS. AND WE VERY MUCH WELCOME ALL OF THEM," HE SAID.

HE PRAISED THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR ORGANISING THE FAIR WHICH PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADERS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND TO CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

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SEA TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR TO FACILITATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JANUARY 24 (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (CENTRAL REGION), MR LO KWOK-TAI, SAID: "THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S ARRANGEMENTS THIS YEAR WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF LAST YEAR WHICH WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL."

"OWNERS, MASTERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE BASIC GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY."

MR LO SAID: "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF MARINE SAFETY IS SPEED. THEREFORE, WE ADVISE ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR TO PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED WHICH SHOULD NOT GENERALLY EXCEED FIVE KNOTS BETWEEN 7.45 PM AND 9 PM ON THE NIGHT."

/ "THE SAFETY

"THE SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE HARBOUR IS PARAMOUNT. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ENABLE THEM TO FULLY ENJOY THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

"WE MUST CREATE AN ACCEPTABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED FOR MARINE SAFETY, AND THE NEED FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE EVENT," HE STRESSED.

MR LO APPEALED TO THE MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS USING THE HARBOUR TO OBSERVE THE RULES, TAKE ALL NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER BOAT USERS.

"ALTHOUGH THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS MEANT FOR ALL TO ENJOY, THEY MUST AT THE SAME TIME PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AND NOT TO OVERLOAD THEIR BOATS.

"THE MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE SPECIAL PATROLS IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA TO HELP MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ALL VESSELS DURING THE EVENING OF JANUARY 24."

MR LO SAID THEY SHOULD COMPLY AT ALL TIMES WITH ANY ADVICE FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE PATROL LAUNCHES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT BETWEEN 7.45 PM AND 8.45 PM ON THAT DAY, ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES USING THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WOULD BE SUSPENDED.

DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL MARINE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON JANUARY 24 HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED IN A MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND SENT TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ON JANUARY 24 ARE:

- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 9 PM ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN VICTORIA HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN GREEN ISLAND AND LEI YUE MUN SHALL PROCEED AT A SAFE SPEED WHICH SHOULD NOT GENERALLY EXCEED FIVE KNOTS. EVERY VESSEL SHALL AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOK-OUT.
- * FROM 7.45 PM TO 8.45 PM ALL SCHEDULED FERRY SERVICES USING THE CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * A CLOSED AREA ENCOMPASSING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY BARGES IN CENTRAL HARBOUR WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 2 PM AND 9 PM. DURING THE PERIOD, THE AREA WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MARINE TRAFFIC EXCEPT MARINE POLICE, MARINE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PATROL LAUNCHES, CRAFT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND OTHER VESSELS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE.
- * MASTERS, OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL VESSELS, PARTICULARLY VESSELS WITH NO DECKING, ARE RECOMMENDED NOT TO PROCEED INTO OR REMAIN IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM. IN AREAS OF HIGH TRAFFIC DENSITY SUCH VESSELS ARE VULNERABLE TO THE WASH FROM LARGER VESSELS AND ARE OFTEN NOT EASILY DETECTED FROM LARGER AND HIGHER FREEBOARD VESSELS.

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- * PUBLIC PIERS AND LANDING STEPS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI IN KOWLOON WILL BE CLOSED TO NORMAL MARINE TRAFFIC FROM 6 PM TO 8.30 PM TO HELP IN LANDWARD CROWD CONTROL MEASURES.
- * EXCURSION FERRIES PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR VIEWING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE POSITIONED IN THE AREA WELL TO THE EAST OF THE CLOSED AREA.
- * A TEMPORARY UNLIT MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID ABOUT HALF A NAUTICAL MILE EAST-NORTHEAST OF HMS TAMAR TO FACILITATE THE MOORING OF BARGES FROM WHICH THE FIREWORKS WILL BE DISCHARGED. THE MOORING BUOY WILL BE LAID DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ON JANUARY 22. VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THIS AREA MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

AS A RESULT OF THE COLLISION INVOLVING A FERRY "MAN LOY" AND A PLEASURE CRAFT "LONG BOAT" IN VICTORIA HARBOUR ON FEBRUARY 18, 1991, THE MARINE CONTROL WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF VESSELS DURING FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS AND ANY OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN THERE IS A CONCENTRATION OF PLEASURE VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.

A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP IN EARLY DECEMBER LAST YEAR FOR MARINE TRAFFIC CONTROL BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER FUTURE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR TONY MILLER.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE MARINE POLICE (HARBOUR), MR LAURENCE KNOX, AND THE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (MARINE) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR SUNG SAU-MAN.

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SEHK TO AUTHORISE PROSPECTUSES REGISTRATION

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SUBSIDIARY LAWS ARE TO BE MADE TO ENABLE THE TRANSFER TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LTD (SEHK) OF THE FUNCTION OF AUTHORIZING REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTUSES OFFERING SHARES OR DEBENTURES TO BE LISTED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DAVID NENDICK, SAID THE LAWS WERE THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS) ORDER AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1993.

THE COMPANIES (REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENTS) REGULATION WILL ALSO BE MADE TO STIPULATE NEW REQUIREMENTS ON DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES TO FACILITATE THE KEEPING OF SUCH DOCUMENTS ON MICROFILM, MR NENDICK SAID.

/THE COMPANIES

THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1992 AND THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1992 ENACTED ON DECEMBER 24, 1992 ENABLE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR VETTING COMPANIES PROSPECTUSES TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION AND SEHK.

"SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED TO TRANSFER THE RELEVANT FUNCTIONS TO THE SEHK," MR NENDICK SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING PROSPECTUSES, BUT WILL CEASE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR VETTING THEM PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.

"THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUTHORISING PROSPECTUSES FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE VESTED IN THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION.

"THE FUNCTION OF AUTHORISING PROSPECTUSES RELATING TO SECURITIES TO BE LISTED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION TO THE SEHK," HE ADDED.

"THE OPPORTUNITY IS ALSO TAKEN TO PRESCRIBE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE OF STANDARD SIZE, DURABLE AND EASILY LEGIBLE, AND TO FACILITATE THEIR KEEPING ON MICROFILM," MR NENDICK SAID.

THE SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION WILL BE GAZETTED NEXT THURSDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES WILL ISSUE GUIDELINES TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES REGARDING THE PROCEDURAL CHANGES AND TO TIE IN WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPANIES (REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENTS) REGULATION.

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AUTHORITY RELAXES RESTRICTIONS ON TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE LATTER PART OF 1992 IT AMENDED ITS CODES OF PRACTICE TO RELAX A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROGRAMMES AND ADVERTISEMENTS CARRIED BY TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTERS IN HONG KONG, AND IS LOOKING AT FURTHER POSSIBLE RELAXATIONS.

IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE, AND FOLLOWING THE EARLIER REVIEW OF THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY THAT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BA, THE BA HAS IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROGRAMMING AND ADVERTISING CARRIED BY TELEVISION BROADCASTERS THAT WERE EITHER OUTDATED OR REGULATED EFFECTIVELY BY OTHER LEGISLATION IN HONG KONG.

THE BA HAS RELAXED ITS CODE OF PRACTICE ON PROGRAMME STANDARDS TO ALLOW THE STATIONS GREATER FREEDOM IN EDITING FEATURE FILMS ON TELEVISION AND FOR THE SCHEDULING OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES.

IT HAS GIVEN GENERAL APPROVAL FOR THE BROADCAST OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES ON THE ENGLISH SERVICES PROVIDING AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF ALL PROGRAMMES BROADCAST, INCLUDING THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS OF CHILDREN'S AND NEWS PROGRAMMES AND ALL PRIME TIME PROGRAMMES, REMAIN IN ENGLISH.

ON ADVERTISING, LICENSEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING ADVERTISEMENTS IN CERTAIN PROGRAMMES.

THEY ARE NOW ALLOWED TO CARRY A GREATER VARIETY OF ADVERTISING, INCLUDING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, PROPERTY, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

WHILST SOME OF THESE ADVERTISEMENTS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS, AND THE TOTAL TIME ALLOWED FOR ADVERTISING IS STILL LIMITED, THE OVERALL EFFECT IS ONE OF LESS REGULATION AND MORE FREEDOM FOR THE BROADCASTERS AND ADVERTISERS.

HOWEVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BA STRESSED THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE VIEWERS REMAIN UPPERMOST IN THE MIND OF THE BA.

HE SAID THESE RELAXATIONS, WHICH HAVE TAKEN EFFECT OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WOULD NOT LEAD TO A DETERIORATION IN BROADCASTING STANDARDS.

THE BA'S CODES OF PRACTICE REMAINED COMPREHENSIVE AND STRICT, AND THE BA WOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE CODES IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

ON THE GROUNDS OF EQUITY AMONG ALL HONG KONG BROADCASTERS, THESE RELAXATIONS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ARE BEING EXTENDED TO RADIO AND SATELLITE TELEVISION AS WELL.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY INTERIM REPORT BEING PREPARED

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MR JUSTICE BOKHARY'S INTERIM REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE LAN KWAI FONG TRAGEDY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING WRITTEN.

IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR DURING THE COMING WEEKEND OR FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING.

EVERYTHING WHICH THE JUDGE HAS TO SAY AT THIS STAGE WILL BE SAID IN HIS REPORT, WHICH THE GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY SAID WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

THEREFORE, THE JUDGE DOES NOT PROPOSE TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT, AND WILL ALLOW HIS REPORT TO SPEAK FOR HIM, WHICH HE CONSIDERS THE ONLY PROPER COURSE.

AS HE HAS RECEIVED SO MUCH CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING FROM THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC SO FAR, FOR WHICH HE THANKS THEM, HE HOPES AND TRUSTS THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THE COURSE WHICH HE NOW TAKES AS THE ONLY ONE WHICH HE CONSIDERS PROPER.

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BUSINESS ACTIVITY UP IN 1992

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COMPANIES REGISTRY FIGURES SHOWED BIG INCREASES OF ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES NOW REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE HAD INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT, FROM 304,538 TO 358,129.

THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR HAD INCREASED BY 32 PER CENT, FROM 43,975 TO 58,110.

THE FIGURES WERE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, MR GLEESON SAID THEY REFLECTED INCREASED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY LOCALLY AND INCREASED INTEREST IN HONG KONG BY OVERSEAS INVESTORS.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD AN ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT, FROM 2,828 TO 3,193.

THE NUMBER OF NEW OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI DURING 1992 WAS 550, AN INCREASE OF 37 PER CENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES IN 1991.

EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$45,574 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 59 PER CENT OVER THE INCREASE OF \$28,599 MILLION IN 1991, WHILE THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT FROM \$4,097 MILLION TO \$5,208 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES DECREASED BY 22 PER CENT FROM \$108,285 MILLION TO \$83,940 MILLION WHILE THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT FROM \$9,998 MILLION TO \$9,621 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR A TOTAL OF 192 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 66 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED COMPARED WITH 177 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 79 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FOR FILING DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY 27 PER CENT FROM 967,152 TO 1,229,185.

THE FIGURES FOR 1992 INDICATED THAT IN THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR 31,638 COMPANIES WERE REGISTERED COMPARED WITH 26,472 IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS.

LAST YEAR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, WAS 117.

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ANOTHER 50 SUMMONSES WERE OUTSTANDING FROM 1991.

OF THIS 167 SUMMONSES, 107 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS (COMPARED WITH 85 IN 1991) AND 13 REMAINED TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN 1992 WAS \$543,130 COMPARED WITH \$309,580 IN 1991.

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EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER
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THERE WAS CONTINUED GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THE FINDINGS WERE RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND ON CONSTRUCTION SITES DECLINED FURTHER.

THE FALL IN MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT MAINLY REFLECTED THE CONTINUING STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE ECONOMY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES TO CHINA.

WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS COMBINED DECREASED IN SEPTEMBER 1992 OVER A YEAR EARLIER, VACANCIES IN MOST OF THE SERVICES SECTORS RECORDED INCREASES OF VARIOUS MAGNITUDE.

IN SEPTEMBER 1992, EARNINGS IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS CONTINUED TO SHOW FURTHER INCREASES IN MONEY TERMS OVER A YEAR EARLIER. AFTER ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION, THERE WAS STILL AN INCREASE IN REAL TERMS FOR AVERAGE EARNINGS IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS.

THERE WERE 571,200 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1992, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 12.8% FROM SEPTEMBER 1991.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 906,900 IN SEPTEMBER 1992, WAS 3.0% HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1991.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 307,500, WAS UP BY 6.4%.

EMPLOYMENT ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, AT 63,400, WAS 0.8% LOWER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1991.

THE EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1992 IN SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH COMPARISONS WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1991 AND JUNE 1992, ARE:

/PERSONS ENGAGED

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	SEPT 91	JUN 92	SEPT 92	SEPT 92 OVER SEPT 91	SEPT 92 OVER JUN 92
MANUFACTURING	654 700	587 300	571 200	-12.8	-2.7
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	63 900	64 000	63 400	- 0.8	-0.9
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	880 300	903 600	906 900	+ 3.0	+0.4
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	289 100	305 400	307 500	+6.4	+0.7

THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1992 WERE DERIVED FROM THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL AND THE QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION SITES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

THE TWO SURVEYS ALSO PROVIDE VACANCY STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS. THE VACANCY DATA TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1991 AND JUNE 1992 ARE:

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SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES			PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	SEPT 91	JUN 92	SEPT 92	SEPT 92 OVER SEPT 91	SEPT 92 OVER JUN 92
MANUFACTURING	23 300	19 800	19 150	-17.8	- 3.3
CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ONLY)	760	500	550	-28.3	+10.3
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	28 220	28 130	32 130	+13.9	+14.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	8 480	8 770	9 060	+ 6.9	+ 3.3

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN SEPTEMBER 1992, AT ABOUT 79,540, WAS 2.8% LOWER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1991. THE DECLINE WAS CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, WITH DECREASES OF 28.3% AND 17.8% RESPECTIVELY.

VACANCIES IN MOST MAJOR SERVICES SECTORS, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO INCREASE OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES INCREASED BY 13.9% AND 6.9% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1992 WITH JUNE 1992, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES INCREASED IN MOST OF THE MAJOR SECTORS SURVEYED BUT THIS COMPARISON COULD BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS.

THE SEPTEMBER 1992 NOMINAL INDICES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED BY SELECTED MAJOR SECTOR AND THE CORRESPONDING REAL INDICES (AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES) ARE:

/NOMINAL INDEX

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (MARCH 1991 = 100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	SEPT 91	SEPT 92	SEPT 92 OVER SEPT 91
MANUFACTURING	105.6	121.0	+14.6
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	106.1	117.8	+11.0
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	97.2	108.8	+11.9

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (MARCH 1991 =100)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	SEPT 91	SEPT 92	SEPT 92 OVER SEPT 91
MANUFACTURING	101.2	105.6	+4.3
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	101.7	102.8	+1.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	93.2	94.9	+1.8

BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1991 AND SEPTEMBER 1992, AVERAGE EARNINGS IN ALL MAJOR SECTORS, AS MEASURED BY PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED, RECORDED FURTHER INCREASES IN MONEY TERMS.

AN INCREASE OF 14.6% 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 11.0%.

FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE INCREASE WAS 11.9%.

AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1991 AND SEPTEMBER 1992, THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN SEPTEMBER 1992, AS COMPARED WITH THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1991, INCREASED BY 4.3% FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 1.1% FOR THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND 1.8% FOR THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1992 AND THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, SEPTEMBER 1992.

THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$14 A COPY AND \$9 A COPY RESPECTIVELY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING OPENS

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC), WITH ITS STRONG EMPHASIS ON HEALTH PROMOTION, DISEASES PREVENTION AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE, REQUIRES FROM NURSES KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS MUCH MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN THOSE OFFERED BY BASIC NURSING TRAINING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG, SAID THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL WAS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR BOTH THE NURSING PROFESSION AND FOR THE HEALTH FIELD.

PROFESSOR YOUNG NOTED THAT THE NATURE OF WORK FOR PHC NURSES DIFFERED FROM THAT FOUND IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING.

"AT PRESENT, ALL OUR NURSES UNDERGO BASIC TRAINING IN NURSING SCHOOLS ATTACHED TO HOSPITALS," SHE SAID.

"HOWEVER, AS OUR HEALTH SYSTEM BECOMES MORE SOPHISTICATED IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE GROWING COMPLICATIONS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS, ADVANCED TRAINING HAS ALSO BECOME A MUST FOR OUR HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL."

PROFESSOR YOUNG NOTED THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON PHC FOUND IN ITS REVIEW CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO THAT THE POST-BASIC TRAINING IN HEALTH NURSING WAS INSUFFICIENT.

"WE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRAINING CAPACITY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SCHOOL SHOULD BE EXPANDED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

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SHE ADDED THAT AFTER A CENTURY OF DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING IN MANY COUNTRIES WAS NOW PROVIDED FOR PHC NURSES TO TAKE ON A WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

"THEY ARE NOT ONLY BEING TRAINED TO ASSIST THE DOCTOR IN RENDERING TREATMENT TO PATIENTS BUT ALSO GIVEN SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO FUNCTION AS NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

"ON THE PROMOTION SIDE, THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUE TO GIVE INDIVIDUALISED HEALTH ADVICE AND COUNSELLING TO PATIENTS IN THE CLINIC OR HOME ENVIRONMENT," SHE ADDED.

PROFESSOR YOUNG FURTHER NOTED THAT THE MOST CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF ANY HEALTH SYSTEM WAS THE HUMAN ELEMENT.

SHE SAID: "THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT THE PHC LEVEL WHICH IS THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT INDIVIDUALS AND THE FAMILY HAVE WITH THE HEALTH SYSTEM.

"IMPRESSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AND EFFECTIVE COUNSELLING ARE OFTEN THE MOST USEFUL MEANS TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND PREVENT DISEASE."

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, SAID THE SCHOOL WOULD PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE FUTURE GENERATION OF HEALTH NURSES IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PHC SETTING.

DR LEE NOTED THAT PHC SERVICES IN HONG KONG WOULD ASSUME A NEW OUTLOOK IN THE COMING YEARS.

"AS EXPERIENCED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, HEALTH NURSES OR NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PHC," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE TARGET OF TRAINING FOR THIS YEAR WAS TO PROVIDE 280 NURSES WITH LONG AND SHORT COURSES AND 32 PLACES FOR THE DIPLOMA COURSE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING STUDIES.

DR LEE SAID: "FOR 1994, WE PLAN TO INCREASE THE INTAKE TO 60 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES ATTENDING THE COURSES WILL BE OVER 300."

"THIS INCREASE IN TRAINING CAPACITY REPRESENTS NOT ONLY MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES BUT ALSO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISION OF POST-BASIC TRAINING FOR ITS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL."

HE SAID THE QUALITY OF THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM ON PHC WAS ALSO IMPROVED FOLLOWING A REVIEW CONDUCTED BY TWO NURSING EXPERTS FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

THE MODIFIED CURRICULUM WHICH GEARED TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR PHC SERVICES HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED LAST OCTOBER.

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THE DIRECTOR THEN THANKED PROFESSOR YOUNG AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PHC FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.

THE NEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING IS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE LAM TIN POLYCLINIC IN KWUN TONG.

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SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN STUDY IN NORTH DISTRICT
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS COMMISSIONED A STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE DISCHARGES OF DOMESTIC SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT.

THE STUDY WILL ALSO FORMULATE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

THE AREA IS LARGELY UNSEWERED EXCEPT FOR THE NEW TOWNS AT FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK.

AT PRESENT, MAJORITY OF THE INLAND WATERCOURSES WITHIN THE AREA ARE GROSSLY POLLUTED BY THE DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER AND INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK WASTE.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE STUDY WOULD ASSESS THE ADEQUACY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND RECOMMEND REMEDIAL WORKS.

HE SAID: "THE ASSESSMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE EXISTING FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENTS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWNS.

THE EXPANSIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE THE UPGRADING OF SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO ACCEPT LEACHATE EMANATING FROM THE NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL AND THE EXTENSION OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO THE LARGER POPULATION CENTRES IN THE RURAL AREAS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID A SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN WOULD BE DEVELOPED AND A PRIORITISED PROGRAMME FOR PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING WORKS WOULD BE PREPARED.

"EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO ACHIEVING EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INLAND WATERCOURSES AND TO PROTECTING THE WATERS IN THE DEEP BAY AND MIRS BAY WATER CONTROL ZONES," HE ADDED.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$8 MILLION, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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CHALLENGES AND JOB SATISFACTION ABOUND IN CIVIL SERVICE

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THERE ARE PLENTY PROBLEMS TO SOLVE AND CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME IN THE WORK OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, BUT THERE ARE MANY REWARDS AS WELL IN THE JOB SATISFACTION THAT STANDS TO BE DERIVED FROM GETTING THE RIGHT THINGS DONE.

THE SATISFACTION IS SO MUCH THE GREATER AT THIS PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL TIME IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, AT THE OPENING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, FROM ADMINISTRATIVE TO SPECIALIST AND PROFESSIONAL.

WHILE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A TYPICAL CIVIL SERVICE JOB, THE 30-ODD GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION MAKE ONE THING VERY CLEAR : THE CIVIL SERVICE IS NO PLACE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT AN EASY LIFE.

"WITH INCREASING AFFLUENCE, THE COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATIONS ARE CONTINUOUSLY RISING," HE SAID.

"NOT ONLY DO PEOPLE WANT CONSTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THEY ALSO WANT A GREATER SAY IN THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT IS RUN."

"WE ARE RESPONDING TO THIS, AS WE MUST, WITH THE PROGRESSIVE, BUT PRUDENT AND MEASURED, DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEMS," MR CHAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS CONTINUOUSLY TO REVIEW ITS ORGANISATION, MODERNISE ITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, STREAMLINE ITS OPERATIONS AND ENHANCE ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

"INCREASING EMPHASIS HAS TO BE PLACED ON PRODUCTIVITY, COST EFFECTIVENESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

DESPITE THE ARRESTED GROWTH OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IN RECENT YEARS, MR CHAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT REMAINED THE LARGEST SINGLE EMPLOYER IN THE TERRITORY.

"TODAY HONG KONG HAS MORE THAN 185,000 CIVIL SERVANTS, WHICH REPRESENTS 3.3 PER CENT OF THE LOCAL POPULATION, OR NEARLY SEVEN PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL WORKFORCE," HE SAID.

"IN 1991, THE GOVERNMENT RECRUITED SOME 10,000 PEOPLE INTO ITS RANKS, INCLUDING MORE THAN 1,000 GRADUATES FROM THE LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS," MR CHAN ADDED.

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POLITICAL APATHY A THING OF THE PAST

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RECENT HEATED DEBATES ON POLITICAL REFORMS IN HONG KONG CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE TERM "POLITICAL APATHY" IS A THING OF THE PAST, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PARRISH NG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO PRESENT RED PACKETS TO 900 ELDERLY, MR NG POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, PEOPLE HAD EXPRESSED DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS.

"THE POLITICAL REFORMS, IN PARTICULAR, HAD BECOME A FOCUS FOR DISCUSSION," HE ADDED.

THIS SHOWS THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE REALLY CONCERNED WITH THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ARE SEEKING MORE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS.

HE DESCRIBED AS VERY ENCOURAGING THIS MORE MATURED ATTITUDE TOWARDS POLITICS.

ON THE BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT BOARDS, MR NG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROPOSED A SERIES OF CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDED MERGING MA ON SHAN WITH SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

BUT AS RESIDENTS AND THE SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARDS HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS ON THIS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO KEEP THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES INTACT.

THIS, HE SAID, PROVES THAT WHEN FORMULATING POLICIES, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESPECT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PUBLIC, MR NG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO PROPOSED EXPANDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, AND BUDGETARY DECISIONS OF DISTRICT BOARDS, SO THAT THEY COULD EXERT MORE INFLUENCE IN FORMULATING DISTRICT POLICIES.

FOR THIS REASON, MR NG SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE RETURNED BY DIRECT ELECTIONS IN 1994.

"THIS WOULD ENABLE THE BOARDS TO ENJOY A HIGHER DEGREE OF REPRESENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN LOCAL POLITICS," HE SAID.

AS TO THE GOVERNOR'S POLITICAL BLUEPRINT, MR NG SAID THE PACKAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT MONTH.

HE THEREFORE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE ISSUE.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL FULLY CONSIDER AND RESPECT YOUR OPINIONS, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL BLUEPRINT WAS FORMULATED IN RESPONSE TO YOUR ASPIRATION TO ENSURE A GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS," MR NG SAID.

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REGARDING THE WELFARE POLICY FOR THE ELDERLY, MR NG SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD, IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS, GIVEN HIS ASSURANCE THAT THIS WOULD RECEIVE HIGHER PRIORITY IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS.

TODAY'S FUNCTION WAS SPONSORED BY A PRIVATE ORGANISATION WITH AN AMOUNT OF \$63,000. THE 900 SENIOR CITIZENS EACH RECEIVE A RED PACKET OF \$70.

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NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TSEUNG KWAN O

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE OPENED IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THIS FOLLOWS TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE SCHOOL, LOCATED AT HAU TAK ESTATE, SAI KUNG, IS A NEW STANDARD DESIGN PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH 30 CLASSROOMS AND FOUR SPECIAL ROOMS, AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY.

"IN LINE WITH THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE NEW SCHOOL WILL RUN WHOLE-DAY CLASSES WHEN IT OPENS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE AREA HAS A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL - TSEUNG KWAN O GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE OPENING OF THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE SAME DISTRICT WILL BROADEN THE CHOICE OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR PARENTS AND MEET THE DEMAND FOR PLACES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A BETTER FEEDER LINKAGE BETWEEN THE PRIMARY AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED.

THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING KAI TAK GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG TAI SIN.

AFTER THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL, KAI TAK GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL CLOSE IN THE SUMMER OF 1994.

THE VACATED PREMISES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION TO A SPONSORING BODY FOR THE OPERATION OF AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL.

"THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OTHER GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WONG TAI SIN - THE WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL - WILL BE CHANGED TO WHOLE-DAY OPERATION FROM THE 1993/94 SCHOOL YEAR.

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IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SCHOOL WILL REACH FULL CAPACITY BY RUNNING 24 CLASSES IN THE FIRST YEAR OF WHOLE-DAY OPERATION.

IN LINE WITH OTHER WHOLE-DAY PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS, AN ENHANCED STAFFING RATIO AND AN IMPROVED SENIOR TEACHER RATIO WILL APPLY TO THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TSEUNG KWAN O AND WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL OF ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED DR HELMUT SOHMEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1993, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED 10 MEMBERS AND APPOINTED SIX NEW MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM STARTING JANUARY 1, 1993.

THE FOLLOWING IS A FULL LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

DR HELMUT SOHMEN (CHAIRMAN)

MR YAO KANG (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)

MR CHAN SAI-BIU, BENNY (TREASURER)

DR JOHN HOSIER

MR CHENG SING-YIP

MR PETER JAMES THOMPSON

MR HANMER G WEBB-PEPLOE

DR RAYSON HUANG

DR LAM TAI HING

MR TSE WAN-CHUNG, PHILIP

MR VINCENT CHOW WING-SHING

MS HUI ON-WAH, ANNE

MR FONG CHING, EDDY

MR THOMAS T BROWN

MR PHILIP SODEN

SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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OPENING OF NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY

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THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY ON FIRST FLOOR, MAX SHARE CENTRE, 373 KING'S ROAD WILL START OPERATION NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 18).

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE NEW OFFICE OR OTHER COLLECTION OFFICES PRINTED ON THE DEMAND NOTES.

THE OFFICE OPENS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 566 0081.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+400
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,900
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 114.5 *-0.2* 14.1.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.19 PCT	13 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.90	4.69
1 MONTH	3.37 PCT	16 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.80	4.93
3 MONTHS	3.70 PCT	19 MONTHS	2408	4.375	98.94	5.14
6 MONTHS	3.99 PCT	22 MONTHS	2411	4.625	98.86	5.35
12 MONTHS	4.58 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 8,541MN

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