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POLICE LICENSING OFFICE PLEDGES BETTER SERVICE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PROMISED YET ANOTHER AREA OF EFFECTIVE AND COURTEOUS SERVICE BY THE POLICE IN A LATEST ROUND OF PERFORMANCE PLEDGE BY THE FORCE WHICH COVERS THE LICENSING OFFICE.

THE LICENSING OFFICE, DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR A WIDE RANGE OF LAW AND ORDER-RELATED LICENCES AND PERMITS, IS ONE OF THE FRONTLINE UNITS WHICH IS FREQUENTED BY THE PUBLIC CONCERNED IN THE CONTEXT OF DAILY LIFE.

THE TYPES OF LICENCES HANDLED BY THE OFFICE RANGE FROM APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES FOR PUBLIC PROCESSION, PUBLIC MEETINGS, USE OF LOUDSPEAKER IN PUBLIC PLACES TO APPLICATIONS FOR LION/DAGON/UNICORN DANCE PERMITS.

THE PERFORMANCE TARGETS UNDER THIS PLEDGE ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS THESE APPLICATIONS, WHICH, AS A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID, IS, HOWEVER, VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED, THIS WOULD AFFECT THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE APPLICATION.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE OFFICE SAW A CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN ITS WORKLOAD IN PARTICULAR IN HANDLING APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC PROCESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THE STAGING OF LION DANCES.

LAST YEAR ALONE, THE OFFICE HANDLED 2,000 CASES OF SIMILAR NATURE.

TO TIE IN WITH THIS PERFORMANCE PLEDGE, A TOTAL OF 500,000 COPIES OF A LEAFLET IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO KNOW WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE, THEIR ANTICIPATED SERVICE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PROPER CHANNELS TO WHICH COMPLAINTS CAN BE DIRECTED IN CASE OF THE STANDARD OF THESE SERVICES NOT MET.

"COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME FROM THE PUBLIC AS TO THE WAY IN WHICH THESE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED AND HOW THEY CAN BE FURTHER IMPROVED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TODAY AT THE POLICE LICENSING OFFICE (ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI), ANY POLICE STATION OR DISTRICT OFFICE.

IN ANNOUNCING THE RELATED ARRANGEMENTS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, A POLICE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE PLEDGE BY THE POLICE WAS IN LINE WITH A GOVERNMENT SCHEME LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WITH A VIEW TO UPGRADING THE ADMINISTRATION'S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR PLEDGE IS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES DELIVERED TO THE PUBLIC BY ENHANCING OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS BY DEVELOPING A CLIENT-BASED CULTURE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR," HE STRESSED.

"THROUGHOUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION, THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS WOULD BE MONITORED INTERNALLY, AND THE RESULT OF WHICH WOULD BE PUBLISHED ANNUALLY," HE ADDED.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE POLICE MADE A PLEDGE TO DEFINE THE RESPONSE TIME TO ALL REAL EMERGENCY 999 CALLS AND THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS A CERTIFICATE OF NO CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED THE DETAILED STATISTICS OF EXTERNAL TRADE WITH BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY FOR FEBRUARY.

COMPARING FEBRUARY WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MALAYSIA, CHINA, SINGAPORE AND TAIWAN RECORDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OF 43%, 33%, 21% AND 17% RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION: THE UNITED KINGDOM (-29%), GERMANY (-25%), THE NETHERLANDS (-22%), CANADA (-22%), THE UNITED STATES (-19%) AND JAPAN (-5.0%).

FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION TAKEN TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 1993 DECREASED BY 3.9% OVER FEBRUARY 1992 TO \$16,807 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, CHINA AND TAIWAN INCREASED BY 31%, 26%, 19% AND 17% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION: THE UNITED KINGDOM (-19%), GERMANY (-18%), CANADA (-15%), THE NETHERLANDS (-12%), THE UNITED STATES (-7.5%) AND JAPAN (-6.9%).

FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION TAKEN TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$31,366 MILLION, A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 0.9% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$820 MILLION OR 33%); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$327 MILLION OR 13%); TEXTILES (BY \$311 MILLION OR 16%); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$271 MILLION OR 16%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1,615 MILLION OR 15%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY PRINTED MATTER (BY \$579 MILLION OR 18%); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$260 MILLION OR 9.7%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1993 WAS \$82,848 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 22% OVER THAT IN FEBRUARY 1992.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1993 WITH FEBRUARY 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS: SINGAPORE (+36%), THE UNITED STATES (+30%), GERMANY (+26%), MALAYSIA (+25%), JAPAN (+24%), ITALY (+22%), TAIWAN (+20%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+17%), CHINA (+16%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+12%).

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED: MALAYSIA (+30%), THE UNITED STATES (+28%), GERMANY (+27%), SINGAPORE (+26%), ITALY (+22%), TAIWAN (+20%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+17%), JAPAN (+16%), CHINA (+12%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+8.6%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$146,199 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 18% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$3,850 MILLION OR 33%); ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$3,239 MILLION OR 76%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$1,795 MILLION OR 41%); TEXTILES (\$1,665 MILLION OR 15%); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,214 MILLION OR 12%).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY 1993, AT \$61,564 MILLION, RECORDED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 25% OVER FEBRUARY 1992.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1993 WITH FEBRUARY 1992, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 56%, 34% AND 27% RESPECTIVELY.

THAT TO GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CANADA ALSO INCREASED, BY 13%, 10%, 6.6%, 6.2%, 3.5% AND 1.0% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN DECREASED BY 2.2%.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$110,729 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 25% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION: CHINA (+45%), SINGAPORE (+32%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+29%), THE UNITED STATES (+18%), FRANCE (+16%), JAPAN (+15%), GERMANY (+14%), CANADA (+8.4%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+6.9%) AND TAIWAN (+3.9%).

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$2,969 MILLION OR 155%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,545 MILLION OR 40%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$2,136 MILLION OR 43%); TEXTILES (BY \$1,791 MILLION OR 25%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,777 MILLION OR 27%); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1,465 MILLION OR 13%).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR FEBRUARY 1993 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MAY.

DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE FEBRUARY 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN FEBRUARY 1993 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$68.5 A COPY AROUND APRIL 23.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4915).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

MAJOR COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	FEB 93 OVER FEB 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	JAN-FEB 93 OVER JAN-FEB 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	5,261	+ 33.3	8,612	+ 18.9
UNITED STATES	3,791	- 19.2	7,641	- 7.5
GERMANY	945	- 25.2	1,983	- 18.1
SINGAPORE	893	+ 21.3	1,712	+ 26.1
JAPAN	861	- 5.0	1,537	- 6.9
UNITED KINGDOM	710	- 28.6	1,479	- 19.0
TAIWAN	491	+ 17.2	923	+ 17.2
NETHERLANDS	342	- 22.4	744	- 12.1
CANADA	375	- 22.2	740	- 14.8
MALAYSIA	250	+ 42.7	426	+ 31.3

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE TEN MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	FEB 93 OVER FEB 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	JAN-FEB 93 OVER JAN-FEB 92 (% CHANGE)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,165	- 31.4	9,401	- 14.7
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,826	+ 35.0	3,290	+ 33.2
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,661	+ 19.6	2,901	+ 12.7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PRINTED MATTER)	1,505	- 11.2	2,612	- 18.1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,445	- 7.8	2,409	- 9.7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,254	- 4.5	2,287	+ 15.7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,244	+ 45.4	1,926	+ 16.4
MANUFACTURES OF METALS	402	- 4.6	682	- 8.2
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	267	+ 2.2	489	+ 3.8
MACHINERY SPECIALIZED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES	277	+ 70.2	486	+ 9.1

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	FEB 93 OVER FEB 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	JAN-FEB 93 OVER JAN-FEB 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	27,282	+ 16.2	51,825	+ 12.3
JAPAN	15,333	+ 23.6	25,114	+ 16.1
TAIWAN	7,477	+ 19.7	12,877	+ 20.3
UNITED STATES	6,452	+ 29.8	11,359	+ 27.5
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,876	+ 16.6	6,667	+ 17.0
SINGAPORE	3,643	+ 36.2	6,350	+ 25.9
GERMANY	2,155	+ 26.4	3,670	+ 26.7
UNITED KINGDOM	1,792	+ 11.8	3,097	+ 8.6
ITALY	1,349	+ 22.5	2,244	+ 22.1
MALAYSIA	1,166	+ 24.9	2,080	+ 30.3

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS OF THE TEN MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	FEB 93 OVER FEB 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	JAN-FEB 93 OVER JAN-FEB 92 (% CHANGE)
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	8,656	+ 26.5	15,514	+ 33.0
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7,599	+ 0.5	12,836	+ 14.9
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,777	+ 3.3	11,759	+ 8.2
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	6,360	+ 25.6	11,135	+ 12.2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	5,576	+ 13.2	9,926	+ 7.1
ROAD VEHICLES	4,473	+101.1	7,511	+ 75.8
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,858	+ 11.4	6,535	+ 1.7
FOOTWEAR	3,189	+ 18.0	6,124	+ 41.5
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,907	+ 20.3	5,176	+ 17.8
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS	2,875	+ 62.9	4,683	+ 40.9

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

MAJOR COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	FEB 93 OVER FEB 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-FEB 1993 (HKD Mn)	JAN-FEB 93 OVER JAN-FEB 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	22,363	+ 55.9	36,411	+ 45.1
UNITED STATES	11,281	+ 10.2	21,870	+ 17.7
GERMANY	3,002	+ 12.7	5,858	+ 14.2
JAPAN	3,037	+ 6.2	5,840	+ 14.9
TAIWAN	1,948	- 2.2	3,444	+ 3.9
UNITED KINGDOM	1,564	+ 27.2	3,048	+ 28.8
SINGAPORE	1,378	+ 34.0	2,466	+ 32.0
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,270	+ 3.5	2,089	+ 6.9
FRANCE	940	+ 6.6	1,879	+ 15.8
CANADA	920	+ 1.0	1,793	+ 8.4

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6,661	+ 7.6	12,866	+ 12.8
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5,855	- 10.1	12,520	+ 6.7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,241	+ 5.3	8,961	+ 25.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,051	+ 38.9	8,913	+ 40.0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,010	+ 61.5	8,450	+ 26.6
FOOTWEAR	3,712	+ 11.6	7,160	+ 42.5
ROAD VEHICLES	3,032	+227.0	4,882	+155.2
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,788	+ 17.7	4,616	+ 8.6
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,252	+ 62.2	4,122	+ 44.3
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,567	+ 11.1	3,549	+ 3.2

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INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATE BROKEN

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A HONG KONG-BASED INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING SYNDICATE WAS SMASHED AFTER A YEAR-LONG JOINT INVESTIGATION BY HONG KONG AND U.S. CUSTOMS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SYNDICATE HAS BEEN SMUGGLING HEROIN FROM HONG KONG TO THE U.S. BY AIR PARCELS FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN WERE ARRESTED IN THE U.S. IN CONNECTION WITH 1.75 KG OF NO.4 HEROIN SEIZED IN NEW YORK.

THE NO.4 HEROIN IS ESTIMATED TO FETCH A STREET VALUE OF ABOUT US\$1.75 MILLION (HK\$13.65 MILLION) IN THE U.S.

IN HONG KONG, FIVE MEN AND EIGHT WOMEN HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS FOR ENQUIRIES.

OF THEM, TWO MEN WILL APPEAR IN EASTERN MAGISTRACY TOMORROW ON EXTRADITION HEARING. THEY ARE A 32-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE A HAIR STYLIST AND A 19-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE A PHOTOGRAPHER.

THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING.

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GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS WHOLE COMMUNITY

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T H CHAU, SAID THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAD ENCOURAGED INDUSTRY TO ADVANCE AND HAD PROVIDED THE INCENTIVES, THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE INFORMATION TO HELP IT DO SO QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, MR CHAU SAID INDUSTRY HAD RESPONDED BY DEVELOPING NEW MARKETS, IMPROVING OLD ONES, AND ABOVE ALL, BY MOVING AWAY FROM LOW VALUE BUSINESS INTO HIGH QUALITY, HIGH VALUE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SERVICES THAT RESPONDED TO REGIONAL AND WORLD DEMANDS.

"I BELIEVE THAT THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT HERE IN HONG KNG HAS BEEN DYNAMIC, EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY," MR CHAU STRESSED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PARTNERSHIP BASED NOT UPON GRAND IDEAS AND HOPES, BUT UPON A REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF HONG KONG'S SITUATION, ITS OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS AND A REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY NEEDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.

AMPLIFYING THE ELEMENTS OF THAT PARTNERSHIP, MR CHAU SAID: "HONG KONG'S SITUATION IS THAT WE HAVE NO NATURAL RESOURCES. WE HOLD NO MONOPOLIES ON ANY PARTICULAR PRODUCTS OR TECHNOLOGIES. WE HAVE A LIMITED WORKFORCE. WE ARE A SMALL PLACE, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT LOCAL MARKET FOR OUR MANUFACTURES."

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"UNLESS WE MAKE THINGS THAT OTHER PEOPLE WANT TO BUY AT PRICES THEY ARE PREPARED TO PAY, WE WILL HAVE NO MANUFACTURES," HE SAID.

MR CHAU NOTED THAT INDUSTRY COULD FLOURISH IN THIS SITUATION BY BEING MORE COMPETITIVE.

"GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT ITS ROLE IS TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH COMPETITIVENESS WILL THRIVE AND EFFORT WILL BE REWARDED. INDUSTRY MUST RECOGNISE THAT ONLY BY BASING ITS STRATEGIES ON IMPROVEMENT, INNOVATION AND WILLINGNESS TO COMPETE WILL IT SUCCEED.

"TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE, IT IS NECESSARY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO MARKET SIGNALS. IT IS NECESSARY, TOO, FOR GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY," MR CHAU SAID.

RESPONSIVENESS WAS THE SECOND FEATURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT, MR CHAU NOTED.

"WE DO NOT JUST TELL INDUSTRY TO BE COMPETITIVE, THEN LEAVE IT TO GET ON WITH ITS BUSINESS IN ISOLATION. INDUSTRY NEEDS LAND, NEEDS TRAINED PEOPLE, NEEDS TECHNOLOGY, NEEDS INFORMATION AND, TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN WORLD MARKETS, NEEDS VIGOROUS DEFENCE AGAINST SPECIAL INTERESTS AND PROTECTIONISM," HE EXPLAINED.

"GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED TO THESE NEEDS IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF CONTACTS WITH INDUSTRY, CHIEF OF THESE BEING THROUGH THE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ITS INDUSTRY SPECIFIC COMMITTEES, THROUGH WHICH PROBLEMS AND SHORTFALLS CAN RAPIDLY BE DETECTED AND SOLUTIONS EXAMINED.

"OUR ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICES OVERSEAS KEEP CAREFUL WATCH ON POLICIES AND ACTIONS IN OTHER PLACES THAT MAY IMPINGE ON HONG KONG INDUSTRY. WHERE THREATS TO FREE COMPETITION APPEAR, WE CHALLENGE THEM ROBUSTLY," HE STRESSED.

TURNING TO THE THIRD FEATURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP, MR CHAU SAID IT WAS ACTIVE AND FORWARD LOOKING.

"GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT FEW OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS HAVE THE RESOURCES OR EXPERTISE TO INVESTIGATE OR DEVELOP NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCESSES FOR THEMSELVES.

"FOR THIS REASON, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WAS SET UP AS FAR BACK AS 1967 TO HELP INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES TO LOCAL INDUSTRY.

"NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES REQUIRE LAND FOR NEW TYPES OF FACTORIES, AND REQUIRE PEOPLE WITH NEW SKILLS TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THEM.

"THROUGH THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDING LAND BETTER SUITED TO INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

"THROUGH THE EXPANDING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS, THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND OTHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, WE HAVE BEEN INCREASING THE TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY OF OUR WORK FORCE, ENCOURAGING AND FUNDING RESEARCH, AND OPENING UP IDEAS TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS IN MANUFACTURING," MR CHAU SAID.

"THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED STANDARDS INFORMATION AND CALIBRATION SERVICES THAT RANK WITH THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

"IT HAS BEEN DIRECTING MUCH EFFORT, CO-ORDINATED WITH THE PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATIONS, TRADE BODIES, AND THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY THAT IT HAS ESTABLISHED, TO PROMOTE QUALITY AWARENESS, BOTH FOR PRODUCTS AND FOR MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, SO THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURES WILL COMMAND EVER HIGHER VALUE IN WORLD MARKETS," MR CHAU SAID.

GOVERNMENT HAS PLANNED AHEAD, AIMING TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG HAS THE ROADS, THE UTILITIES, THE COMMUNICATIONS, THE PORT, THE RAILWAYS AND THE AIRPORT FACILITIES THAT IT NEEDS TO ALLOW BUSINESS TO BE DONE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, HE SAID.

ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS BY GOVERNMENT BUT THESE INVESTMENTS ARE MADE PRUDENTLY, MR CHAU NOTED, ADDING THAT EXPENDITURE HAD BEEN LINKED TO GROWTH IN THE ECONOMY AND TAXES WERE KEPT LOW AND SIMPLE SO AS NOT TO REDUCE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF INDUSTRY, OR ITS INCENTIVES.

"THE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THINGS OF LASTING VALUE TO ANY INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN HAZARDED ON THE FORTUNES OF ANY PARTICULAR INDUSTRY, OR USED TO PROP UP ANY BUSINESS THAT CAN NO LONGER COMPETE BY ITSELF.

"THIS PRUDENT, EVEN-HANDED APPROACH IS A VITAL PART OF THE PARTNERSHIP. GOVERNMENT PROVIDES THE SOUND FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH INDUSTRY IS WELL REWARDED WHEN THE RISKS IT TAKES ARE SUCCESSFUL, IS ENCOURAGED TO CUT ITS LOSSES QUICKLY AND TRY NEW IDEAS WHEN A RISK FAILS AND IS LEFT FREE TO CHOOSE AND ADAPT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ANY CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES," HE SAID.

AS A RESULT OF THIS GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP THE REAL VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS HAD RISEN BY OVER 50 PER CENT SINCE 1985.

THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG FOR CONSUMPTION IN CHINA WAS NOW RUNNING AT OVER TWICE THE RATE OF GROWTH OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA, HE NOTED.

LOOKING FURTHER AFIELD, MR CHAU SAID DESPITE THE LENGTHY RECESSION IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, HONG KONG'S MARKETS THERE HAD HELD FAIRLY STEADY.

"DESPITE OUR INCREASING LABOUR COSTS AND DOMESTIC INFLATION, THE PRICES OF OUR EXPORTS HAVE BEEN KEPT AT COMPETITIVE LEVELS."

THIS HAD COME PARTLY THROUGH OUTWARD PROCESSING IN CHINA, AND ALSO THROUGH CONTINUING, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVITY, WHICH, TO A LARGE EXTENT, WAS A RESULT OF HIGH LEVELS OF INVESTMENT BY INDUSTRY IN MORE EFFICIENT MACHINERY AND TECHNIQUES, HE SAID.

"INVESTMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY LAST YEAR WERE AGAIN AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, WHICH PROMISES WELL FOR PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH IN COMING YEARS," HE SAID.

THE SECRET OF THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS THAT IT WAS NOT ONE THAT PROVIDES A CUSHION FROM REALITY FOR INDUSTRY, NOR ONE THAT HAD BUREAUCRATS DOING INDUSTRY'S THINKING FOR IT, BUT IT WAS A PARTNERSHIP THAT PROMOTES COMPETITION: COMPETITION THAT DELIVERS CHOICE, HOLDS PRICES DOWN, ENCOURAGES INNOVATION AND SERVICE, AND DELIVERS ECONOMIC GROWTH, MR CHAU SAID.

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FULL BACKING FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING CONSUMER DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY GOODS AND RISING COMPETITION FROM NEARBY REGIONS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

HE SAID ONE OF THESE MEASURES WAS THE LAUNCHING OF THE APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

MR FUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY-CUM-INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE CHIU CHAU PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE AIM OF THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO CARRY OUT APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ORDER TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES.

"OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES INCLUDE THOSE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF 1994.

"THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN FUTURE, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS, THE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL AND PRODUCT RANGE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES CAN BE PUSHED INTO A NEW REALM," MR FUNG SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY OVER THE YEARS.

AT FIRST FOCUSING ON MANUFACTURING PLASTIC FLOWERS AND SIMPLE HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS IN THE 50'S AND 60'S, HONG KONG HAS NOW BECOME A MAJOR EXPORTING REGION FOR PLASTIC TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND OTHER PRODUCTS.

"BECAUSE OF THE EXPANSION IN PRODUCT TYPES AND COMPETITION FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES, MANUFACTURERS HAVE INSTALLED ADVANCED PRODUCTION MACHINERY IN ADDITION TO RELOCATING LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESSES TO SOUTHERN CHINA IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR COMPETITIVENESS IN THE WORLD MARKET.

"TODAY, HONG KONG'S PLASTIC INDUSTRY HAS NOT ONLY BECOME A MAJOR EXPORT INDUSTRY, BUT HAS ALSO MAINTAINED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER INDUSTRIES SUCH AS THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY BY FACILITATING AND SUPPORTING THEIR DEVELOPMENT," MR FUNG SAID.

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SIR DAVID FORD VISITS ISLANDS DISTRICT

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, WAS UPDATED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON PENG CHAU AND CHEUNG CHAU DURING HIS VISIT TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED PENG CHAU, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS AND THE IMPACT THE PROPOSED LANTAU PORT DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE ON THE ISLAND.

THE HOUSING ESTATE WILL ACCOMMODATE 1,350 PERSONS IN 148 HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS AND 254 RENTAL FLATS.

WITH A DESIGN MATCHING THE NATURAL RURAL BACKGROUND, THE ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO HAVE ITS FIRST INTAKE OF RESIDENTS IN MID-1995.

SIR DAVID THEN TOURED THE SHOPPING AREA ADJACENT TO WING HING STREET AND WING ON STREET, BEFORE FLYING TO CHEUNG CHAU BY HELICOPTER.

ON CHEUNG CHAU, HE WENT TO TUNG WAN BEACH FOR AN UPDATE ON LOCAL WORKS PROJECTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUILT BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE. HE ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN THE PAK TAI TEMPLE, WHICH WAS BUILT AROUND 1780.

SIR DAVID WAS THEN BRIEFED ON THE SAI WAN RECLAMATION PROJECT. THE PROJECT - SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1995 - AIMS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT ON SOUTH CHEUNG CHAU.

IT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS AND A SEWERAGE SYSTEM LINKING SAI WAN WITH THE CENTRAL PART OF THE ISLAND.

AT A TEA RECEPTION AT THE WAN HO KAN CENTRE FOR THE AGED, SIR DAVID MET A GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DISCUSSED LOCAL ISSUES WITH THEM.

HE ALSO VIEWED THE HOLIDAY BUNGALOWS, THE TYPHOON SHELTER AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS ALONG THE PROMENADE OF CHEUNG CHAU.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR ALBERT LAM CHI-CHIU; ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG KWOK-BUN; AND ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG.

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VISITORS CAUGHT FOR BREAKING IMMIGRATION LAW

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IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED FIVE TWO-WAY PERMIT VISITORS FOR SUSPECTED BREACHES OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE AND AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT FROM CHINA DURING A SERIES OF OPERATIONS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE VISITORS WERE THREE MEN AND TWO WOMEN AGED BETWEEN 26 AND 65.

TWO OF THEM WERE APPREHENDED IN A FACTORY. ANOTHER TWO WERE ARRESTED IN A RESTAURANT WHILE THE REMAINING ONE WAS FOUND IN A BARBER SHOP.

TWO OF THEM WERE ALSO FOUND TO HAVE OVERSTAYED IN HONG KONG FOR A PERIOD OF THREE AND EIGHT MONTHS.

THE 26-YEAR-OLD FEMALE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, A NATIVE OF HOI FUNG, WAS LOCATED WORKING IN A GARMENT FACTORY IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AREA.

SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE SNEAKED INTO HONG KONG TWO DAYS AGO.

FIVE HONG KONG RESIDENTS ARE ASSISTING WITH INVESTIGATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

HE REMINDED VISITORS THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE UP ANY EMPLOYMENT, WHETHER PAID OR UNPAID, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

THOSE WHO BREACH THEIR CONDITIONS OF STAY ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND UPON CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

PEOPLE WHO AID AND ABET OTHERS TO COMMIT THESE OFFENCES ARE ALSO LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND PENALTY, HE SAID.

"ALL EMPLOYERS SHOULD CHECK THE IDENTITY OF THEIR RECRUITS. THEY WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION IF THEY DO NOT OBSERVE THIS LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE TO EMPLOY A PERSON NOT LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE. THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE IS A FINE OF \$250,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE ALSO REFERRED TO A RECENT RULING BY THE COURT OF APPEAL WHICH STATED THAT EMPLOYING ONE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS OR HER STATUS WARRANTED A SENTENCING STARTING POINT OF 15 MONTHS AND THAT TERM SHOULD RAISE WHEN THERE IS MORE THAN ONE UNLAWFUL ENTRANT OR THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF EXPLOITATION.

VIETNAMESE SENT HOME

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A GROUP OF 270 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (THURSDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 110 MEN, 63 WOMEN, 53 BOYS AND 44 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 148TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP BROUGHT TO 1,788 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 28,100 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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LONG-SERVING IMMIGRATION STAFF HONOURED

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SEVENTY-THREE MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WERE AWARDED LONG SERVICE INSIGNIA AT A CEREMONY HELD TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS.

AMONG THEM, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MR YEUNG CHUN-KONG AND SIX OTHERS WERE AWARDED THE SECOND CLASPS TO THEIR MEDALS FOR THEIR 30-YEAR DEDICATED SERVICE.

FIRST CLASPS, SIGNIFYING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, WERE PRESENTED TO PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, MR ANTHONY NG WAI-LEUNG AND MR TANG MAN-KIT AND 12 OTHERS.

ANOTHER 52 OFFICERS, INCLUDING ONE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, TWO CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, 24 SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, 21 IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, THREE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND ONE SENIOR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT, RECEIVED THE HONG KONG DISCIPLINED SERVICES MEDALS.

AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR LAURENCE LEUNG, SAID THE AWARD OF THE HONG KONG SERVICES MEDALS WAS TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAD RENDERED LONG AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

HE CONGRATULATED THE RECIPIENTS AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO THE SERVICE.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE IN A BUILDING IN SHAM SHUI PO SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SINGLE-STOREY DOMESTIC STRUCTURE IS ON THE ROOF OF 341 LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 1 UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,805
REVERSAL OF LAF	+345
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-80
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,070
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.4 *+0.1* 15.4.93	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.30 PCT	13 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.50	3.17
1 MONTH	2.51 PCT	16 MONTHS	2408	4.375	101.41	3.32
3 MONTHS	2.74 PCT	19 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.76	3.50
6 MONTHS	2.96 PCT	22 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.88	3.71
12 MONTHS	3.17 PCT					
TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 9,657MN						
CLOSED 15 APRIL 1993						

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