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CHIEF SECRETARY IN TORONTO

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FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY MRS ANSON CHAN'S MEDIA SESSION AFTER THE LUNCHEON MEETING IN TORONTO ON OCTOBER 14:

CS: GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. I HAD A VERY ENJOYABLE AND IN MANY WAYS VERY REWARDING VISIT SO FAR. UNHAPPY THIS COMING TO AN END. TOMORROW I HAVE A LUNCH WITH PREMIER BOB RAE, AND THEN I LEAVE ON SUNDAY FOR THE UNITED STATES WHERE WE HAVE A MAJOR PROMOTIONAL TOUR. I HAVE MET WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS AND I HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE CONSIDERABLE GOODWILL SHOWN TOWARDS HONG KONG, BY THE DISTINCT LEVEL OF INTEREST IN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG, WHAT WE ARE DOING IN HONG KONG, WHAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO DO IN ORDER TO SECURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION AND TO PUT IN PLACE THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO ENSURE THAT THE SAR GOVERNMENT WILL GET OFF TO A GOOD START. THE LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA AS YOU KNOW ARE EXTREMELY STRONG. IT DATES BACK MANY MANY YEARS. IT HAS STRENGTHENED OVER THE YEARS AND THE HUMAN FLOW BETWEEN US HAS, I AM TOLD BY YOUR DEPUTY MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION, BEEN A VERY BENEFICIAL ONE. IT HAS ENHANCED THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE AND PARTICULARLY HAS ADDED TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY. WE VERY MUCH VALUE OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH CANADA. IT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT BOTH IN THE RUN UP TO 1997 AND AFTER 1997 THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS, CONTINUE TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HONG KONG BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL REMAIN A VERY ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR BUSINESSMEN TO DO BUSINESS IN AND TO WORK IN, AND WHAT THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATION CURRENTLY IS ENGAGED IN DOING IS TO PUT FLESH TO THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER WELL INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q: IS THERE ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT CANADIAN OR TORONTO BUSINESSES ARE NOT PURSUING EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH IN HONG KONG THAT THEY COULD BE DOING?

CS: I THINK AS I SAID IN MY SPEECH THAT THERE ARE, I WOULD SAY UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN TO INVEST IN HONG KONG. CANADIANS, OF COURSE, ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE PARTICULAR EXPERTISE, FOR EXAMPLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, FOR EXAMPLE CANADIAN FIRMS HELP US INSTALL OUR VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. A LOT OF CONTRACTS COMING UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT. YOU ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, IN PROVIDING SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT AND WE HAVE QUITE A FEW TRANSPORT PROJECTS COMING UP. SO PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES. YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHICH WE ARE VERY VERY ANXIOUS AND ARE DETERMINED TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN AND AS I SAID IN MY SPEECH, I AM SURE THAT CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN, LIKE BUSINESSMEN ELSEWHERE, HAVE A HARDNOSE FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND WILL GRASP THE OPPORTUNITIES.

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Q: ARE THERE AREAS THEY COULD BE DOING BETTER?

CS: I, OF COURSE, LOOK AT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WE WOULD WISH THAT CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN WOULD, IN ADDITION TO THE TRADITIONAL AREA, THAT THEY ALREADY ARE INVOLVED IN OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN, THAT THEY WOULD DIVERSIFY AND WOULD LOOK AT OTHER MARKETS. HONG KONG IS A FREE MARKET. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW AREAS COMING UP AND I THINK IT IS VERY MUCH UP TO THE CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN THEMSELVES TO LOOK FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY WISH TO INFLUENCE OR DICTATE IN WHICH DIRECTION INVESTMENT SHOULD GO OR INDEED HOW DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROCEED.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPECTATION HOW THE TRADE RELATIONSHIP HOW TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES?

CS: YES, TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA HAS IN FACT INCREASED VERY SUBSTANTIALLY AND WITH THE INCREASING GLOBALISATION OF ECONOMIES, AND WITH HONG KONG AT THE HUB OF WHAT WILL BE THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY SURGING IN THE COMING DECADE, I CAN SEE TRADE INCREASING NOT DECREASING.

Q: ANY MORE SPECIFIC FIGURES ON THAT IT WILL INCREASE?

CS: I AM NOT ABLE TO SAY IN PERCENTAGE TERMS HOW MUCH, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO PLACES HAVE INCREASED BY 40 ODD PERCENT.

Q: (INAUDIBLE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG)

CS: YES, THE CHINESE HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL DISMANTLE ALL THREE TIERS OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ENACTED BY OUR LEGISLATURE ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC LAW, THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SOVEREIGN POWERS THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR FAIR, OPEN ELECTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE HAVE JUST, AS I POINTED OUT, HAD THE FIRST LOCAL ELECTION UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS. THOSE HAVE GONE WELL. WE BELIEVE THAT IN PRACTICE THEY WILL WORK WELL AND IF THEY WORK WELL, AND THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY WITH THEM, I THINK THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL, IF THEY WISH TO DISMANTLE, WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN IN WHAT WAY THEY WILL DISMANTLE IT, AND WHY CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE CLEARLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG SHOULD BE DISMANTLED, BEARING IN MIND THAT AS I SAID, THEY ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

Q: (INAUDIBLE)

CS: OF COURSE I ACCEPT THAT THE CHINESE CAN'T TAKE THAT DECISION, BUT I SUGGEST AND I AM SURE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A FINAL DECISION, AND AFTER ALL WE ARE STILL SOME YEARS OFF 1997. WE WILL WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE.

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Q: (INAUDIBLE NEW AIRPORT FINANCING)

CS: WELL OBVIOUSLY THE LONGER WE DO NOT HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE ON THE FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, THE MORE RISK THERE IS OF DELAY. OUR COMMITMENT UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED WITH THE CHINESE ON THE FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT IS TO COMPLETE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY BEFORE 1997 AND THIS WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO AND CURRENTLY DOING. WE ARE MAKING EXTREMELY GOOD PROGRESS BUT CLEARLY IF WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT, THEN WORK CAN PROCEED FASTER. WE HAVE BEEN VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES ARE CONTINUING THEIR TALKS AND I AM PERSONALLY VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT SHORTLY WE WILL HAVE AN AGREEMENT.

Q: (INAUDIBLE CANADA'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA)

CS: I DO NOT GET THE IMPRESSION THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO PUT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ABOVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS. I THINK I AGREE WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER THAT OF COURSE, WE ALL CARE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, I THINK THERE IS NO COUNTRY, NO TERRITORY IN THE WORLD WHO CARES MORE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS THAN HONG KONG, GIVEN THAT CHINA IS GOING TO BE OUR SOVEREIGN POWER AFTER 1997, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WAY TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS, TO SECURE IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS IS THROUGH TRADE SANCTIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TWO SHOULD BE KEPT APART, AND INDEED THAT WAS THE MESSAGE THAT I GAVE TO THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WHEN IN APRIL I WENT ON A LOBBYING EXERCISE ON THE MFN, PRESIDENT CLINTON. I HAD A CLEAR IMPRESSION AND A CLEAR MESSAGE BOTH FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO CARE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. OF COURSE THEY WISH ALSO TO BE IN A POSITION TO EXPLOIT THE UNLIMITED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO INDICATE TO THEIR CHINESE COUNTERPART THEIR INTEREST IN SEEING HONG KONG MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT SYSTEMS, ITS CURRENT WAY OF LIFE, OR CREDIBLE LEGISLATURE, INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, THE RULE OF LAW AND ALL THAT AFFECTS HUMAN RIGHTS.

Q: ON THE AIRPORT ISSUE, YOU SAID YOU EXPECT AN AGREEMENT SHORTLY. WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME THAT THEY GAVE?

CS: I THINK SHORTLY. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO PUT A TIME FRAME TO IT.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) MRS CHAN, YOU JUST MENTIONED DURING YOUR SPEECH THAT HONG KONG HAS VERY SOUND COMMERCIAL LAWS, WHICH PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF CONTRACTS AND PROTECTION OF PRICES, DO YOU CONSIDER THE CT-9 CONTROVERSY AN COUNTER-EXAMPLE TO THAT? ALSO, IS THE GOVERNMENT GOING TO SHOULDER LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY?

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CS: (IN CANTONESE) THE CT-9 ISSUE DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY LEGAL PROBLEM. WE'RE SORRY TO SEE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF CT9 HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR 18 MONTHS, WHILE HONG KONG'S PORT FACILITIES ARE IN A DESPERATE NEED FOR FURTHER EXPANSION. WE HAVE SUPPLIED THE CHINESE SIDE WITH A LOT OF INFORMATION AND HAVE ANSWERED ALL THEIR QUERIES. BUT IT IS OF REGRET THAT THE CHINESE SIDE STILL HAS NOT AGREED TO LET THE CONSTRUCTION OF CT-9 TO GO AHEAD. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING WHICH COMPANY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPERATION RIGHTS OF CT-9, WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATION. HONG KONG HAS HAD VERY GOOD REPUTATION FOR ITS FAIRNESS IN HANDLING TENDERING OF CONTRACTS. THAT PRINCIPLE OF FAIRNESS ALSO APPLIES TO CT-9 OPERATION RIGHTS. OUR DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT WE SHOULD BRING IN MORE COMPETITION IN THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY. THEREFORE WE HOPE TO HAVE A NEW COMPANY, AND AS YOU KNOW THAT NEW COMPANY HAS FOUR PARTNERS. WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH THE CHINESE SIDE, AND WE HAVE MET THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES STATED BY CHINA. WE HOPE CHINA WILL AGREE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE THAT WE SHOULD GO AHEAD TO BUILD CT-9.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) CT-9 POSTPONEMENT ANY COMPENSATION (INAUDIBLE)

CS: (IN CANTONESE) THE DELAY, WHICH LOOKS LIKE CAUSED BY POLITICAL REASONS, OF COURSE IS A CONCERN FOR INVESTORS. FOR HONG KONG, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN INVESTORS' CONFIDENCE, AND INVESTORS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF ITS FAIRNESS AND OPENNESS.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AFTER 1997 (INAUDIBLE)

CS: (IN CANTONESE) THE CHINESE SIDE DID NOT STATE CLEARLY THAT CONTRACTS WOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO COMPANIES WITH BRITISH INTEREST. THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR US ALL. WE DO NOT WANT ANY POLITICAL, RACIAL OR NATIONALITY FACTORS TO INFLUENCE OUR USUAL TENDERING PROCEDURE. INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION CLEARLY STATES THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE ITS USUAL AND CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PRACTICES AND ARRANGEMENTS. AS TO TENDERING OF CONTRACTS BEYOND 1997, WE ARE TOO HAPPY TO DISCUSS THAT WITH THE CHINESE SIDE, BUT WE HOPE THE CHINESE SIDE WILL NOT LET POLITICAL FACTOR TO GET INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) HOW CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT FUTURE INVESTMENTS FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY POLITICAL FACTORS?

CS: (IN CANTONESE) OF COURSE, I CANNOT GUARANTEE. BUT UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW, THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT HAS A HIGH-LEVEL OF AUTONOMY. THE MOST URGENT TASK FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE IN PLACE FOR THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT TO ENJOY THAT HIGH-LEVEL OF AUTONOMY. AND I THINK THIS IS MY BEST GUARANTEE.

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Q: (IN CANTONESE) (INAUDIBLE .. PRESS FREEDOM AFTER 1997)

CS: (IN CANTONESE) CERTAINLY, WE HAVE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PRESS FREEDOM. AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, WE ARE REVIEWING ALL OUR EXISTING LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THAT ALL LEGISLATION THAT INTERFERE WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WOULD BE REVOKED. ON PRESS FREEDOM, WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE MEDIA WOULD NOT EXERCISE "SELF-CENSORSHIP". THEY SHOULD ADOPT AN OPEN AND RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE. IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING, THEY SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO POINT IT OUT. OF COURSE, IN ENSURING PRESS FREEDOM, THE CHINESE SIDE COULD DO A LOT TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE CONFIDENT.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) (INAUDIBLE - SITUATION OF FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS RETURNING TO WORK IN HONG KONG.)

CS: (IN CANTONESE) IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN MANY FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS RETURNING TO HONG KONG. ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS IS THAT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IS VERY BUOYANT. THAT'S WHY MANY WHO HAVE OBTAINED CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP HAVE RETURNED TO LIVE AND TO WORK IN HONG KONG. ON THE SECOND QUESTION, ACCORDING TO THE JOINT DECLARATION, ALL HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN MOVE IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG FREELY DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUTURE SAR GOVERNMENT. REGARDING A SERIES OF ISSUES INCLUDING PROBLEMS RELATING TO EMIGRATION, THE DEFINITION OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH THE CHINESE SIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Q: (IN CANTONESE) WHAT IS YOUR PLAN AFTER 1997?

CS: (IN CANTONESE) AFTER 1997, I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE RETIREMENT AGE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE IS 60 YEARS. BY 1997, I HAVE NOT YET REACHED 60.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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GUANGDONG ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION VISITS HK

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A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE HAS JUST CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY PROGRAMME OF BRIEFINGS AND VISITS TO UPDATE THEMSELVES ON THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU, MR WANG YINKUN, BRIEFED THE HONG KONG SIDE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL FRONT IN GUANGDONG.

SUBSEQUENTLY, MR WANG AND HIS DELEGATION WERE BRIEFED ON A WIDE RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, INCLUDING HONG KONG'S WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY AND THE OPERATION OF LOCAL CONTROL OFFICES.

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THEY ALSO VISITED THE ISLAND EAST REFUSE TRANSFER STATION, THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES LANDFILL, THE TSING YI CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S LABORATORIES AND THE MARINE MONITORING VESSEL, "DR CATHERINE LAM".

DESCRIBING THE VISIT AS VERY USEFUL AND BUILDING ON THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP ALREADY ESTABLISHED FROM PREVIOUS INTERCHANGES, THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, SAID: "THE VISIT IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME FOR BOTH SIDES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND EXCHANGE VIEWS AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL ON VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN."

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS TORONTO CHILDREN HOSPITAL AND ELDERLY HOME

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, ON FRIDAY (TORONTO TIME) VISITED THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND THE MON SHEONG HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN TORONTO. SHE IS CURRENTLY ON A WEEK-LONG OFFICIAL VISIT IN CANADA.

AT THE CHILDREN HOSPITAL, MRS CHAN TOURED THE FACILITIES AND WAS BRIEFED BY DR ALAN GOLDBLOOM ON THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE HOSPITAL'S PATIENT PROGRAMMES.

SHE MET AND VISITED SEVERAL CHILDREN PATIENTS AND THEIR PARENTS IN THE PLAYROOM, AND WATCHED SOME OF THEM HAVE FUN IN A PLAYHOUSE THAT SHE DONATED TO THE HOSPITAL.

MRS CHAN ALSO MET AND TALKED TO A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS FROM HONG KONG WORKING IN THE HOSPITAL.

THE HOSPITAL CATERS NOT ONLY FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF THE CITY AND FROM OUTSIDE CANADA. LAST YEAR, THREE PATIENTS FROM HONG KONG WERE TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL.

MRS CHAN LATER VISITED A 67-BED HOME FOR THE ELDERLY OPERATED BY A CHINESE CANADIAN VOLUNTARY AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATION. SHE TOURED THE FACILITIES AND TALKED TO SOME OF THE RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A 102-YEAR-OLD LADY. SHE ALSO WATCHED SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TAKE PART IN A PHYSIO EXERCISE CLASS.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, MRS CHAN ATTENDED A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH CHAIRMEN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF CANADIAN CORPORATIONS. LATER, SHE DELIVERED A KEY-NOTE ADDRESS ENTITLED "HONG KONG: CANADA'S GATEWAY TO THE PACIFIC CENTURY" AT A LUNCHEON JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EMPIRE CLUB OF CANADA, THE CANADIAN CLUB OF TORONTO, AND THE HONG KONG CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (TORONTO CHAPTER).

ON SATURDAY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL ATTEND A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PREMIER BOB RAE OF ONTARIO. JOINING THE LUNCHEON WILL BE LOCAL POLITICIANS, AND BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

MRS CHAN WILL DEPART TORONTO FOR NEW YORK ON SUNDAY.

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NEW BUS ROUTE 292P SERVES SAI KUNG RESIDENTS

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A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED BUS ROUTE 292P WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO SERVE COMMUTERS TRAVELLING FROM SAI KUNG TO KWUN TONG (YUE MAN SQUARE), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

IT IS A SPECIAL MORNING SERVICE TO PROVIDE A SINGLE TRIP FROM SAI KUNG TO KWUN TONG AT 7.35 AM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY. NO SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE ROUTE WILL RUN VIA WAI MAN ROAD, FUK MAN ROAD, PO TUNG ROAD, HIRAMS HIGHWAY, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

THE FARE FOR EACH TRIP IS \$6.

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SEPTEMBER A HUMID MONTH

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LAST MONTH WAS MORE HUMID THAN NORMAL WITH A MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 83 PER CENT, THE 10TH HIGHEST FOR SEPTEMBER SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO CLOUDY AND TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE AMOUNTED TO ONLY 124.8 HOURS, THE SECOND LOWEST FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 298.9 MILLIMETRES WAS NEAR THE SEPTEMBER NORMAL OF 299.7 MILLIMETRES.

HOWEVER, THE RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, 2,600.6 MILLIMETRES, WAS STILL 30 PER CENT ABOVE THE NORMAL OF 2,007.1 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

THE MONTH STARTED FINE AND HOT. WITH LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE, TEMPERATURES CLIMBED TO THE MONTH'S HIGHEST OF 31.9 DEGREES IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 2.

AN EASTERLY AIRSTREAM ARRIVED ON SEPTEMBER 3, BRINGING SHOWERS TO THE TERRITORY THAT MORNING.

MEANWHILE, A TROPICAL CYCLONE NAMED JOEL DEVELOPED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 3.

RAINBANDS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AFFECTED THE TERRITORY THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 6 WITH GENERALLY FINE PERIODS AND BRIEF SHOWERS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9.

UNSETTLED WEATHER WITH HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS AFFECTED THE TERRITORY ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 10. THE HEAVIEST DOWNPOUR OCCURRED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 9 PM AND OVER 50 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED IN KOWLOON.

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TWENTY-ONE CASES OF FLOODING WERE REPORTED AND FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE RAINSTORM.

AFTER CROSSING THE LUZON STRAIT, TROPICAL STORM LUKE ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON SEPTEMBER 11.

AS IT MOVED CLOSER TO HONG KONG THAT NIGHT, WINDS BEGAN TO STRENGTHEN FROM THE EAST.

STRONG WINDS AND SQUALLY SHOWERS AFFECTED THE TERRITORY ON SEPTEMBER 12. OVER 50 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WERE RECORDED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

MEANWHILE, A CONTINENTAL NORTHEAST MONSOON ARRIVED AT THE SOUTH CHINA COAST AND RAIN EASED OFF ON SEPTEMBER 13. WINDS REMAINED STRONG OFFSHORE THAT DAY.

IT WAS WINDY AND CLOUDY ON SEPTEMBER 14 BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND A MAINLY FINE SPELL LASTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A COOL NORTHEAST MONSOON, TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO THE MONTH'S LOWEST OF 23.1 DEGREES EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 18.

DISTURBED WEATHER RETURNED AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 23. HEAVY THUNDERY SHOWERS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING AND ALSO LATER THAT NIGHT.

DAILY RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF OVER 100 MILLIMETRES WERE REPORTED IN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

A TRANSPORT PLANE CRASHED INTO THE WATERS OF KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER IN THE EVENING. SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND SIX OTHERS WERE INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

THE WEATHER STAYED CLOUDY ON SEPTEMBER 24 BUT IT BECAME GENERALLY FINE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26.

IT TURNED CLOUDY AGAIN WITH SOME RAIN ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28.

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A DRY CONTINENTAL AIRSTREAM FROM THE NORTH, THE WEATHER BECAME SUNNY AND DRY IN THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH.

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 12 TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

DETAILS OF THE ISSUANCE/HOISTING AND CANCELLATION/LOWERING OF VARIOUS WARNINGS/SIGNALS IN THE MONTH ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 1.1. MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL OF SEPTEMBER ARE TABULATED IN TABLE 1.2.

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TABLE 1.1 WARNINGS AND SIGNALS IN SEPTEMBER 1994

WARNINGS / SIGNALS	EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS	
NAME OF T.C.	SIGNAL NO.
LUKE	1
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	SEP 11 7.50 AM - SEP 11 10.30 PM
	SEP 11 10.30 PM - SEP 12 11.50 AM

STRONG MONSOON WARNINGS	SEP 12 5 PM - SEP 14 11.45 AM
	SEP 14 11.20 PM - SEP 15 6 AM

FLOOD WARNINGS	SEP 10 7.55 PM - SEP 10 10.10 PM
	SEP 11 6.20 AM - SEP 11 8.40 AM
	SEP 23 5.55 AM - SEP 23 7.45 AM
	SEP 23 8.45 PM - SEP 23 11.30 PM

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS	SEP 1 4.40 PM - SEP 1 6.40 PM
	SEP 2 12.55 PM - SEP 2 2.55 PM
	SEP 3 5.20 AM - SEP 3 6.20 AM
	SEP 5 4 PM - SEP 5 6 PM
	SEP 5 6.30 PM - SEP 5 10 PM
	SEP 5 11.15 PM - SEP 6 6.15 AM
	SEP 6 12.30 PM - SEP 6 2.30 PM
	SEP 8 2 PM - SEP 8 4 PM
	SEP 10 12.30 PM - SEP 10 4 PM
	SEP 10 7.40 PM - SEP 10 10.40 PM
	SEP 11 5.55 AM - SEP 11 10 AM
	SEP 11 4.50 PM - SEP 11 7.50 PM
	SEP 17 11.45 PM - SEP 18 5.45 AM
	SEP 20 5.50 AM - SEP 20 6.50 AM
	SEP 22 11.30 PM - SEP 23 8 AM
	SEP 23 5 PM - SEP 23 7 PM
	SEP 23 7.45 PM - SEP 23 11.30 PM
	SEP 28 00.15 AM - SEP 28 2.15 AM

FIRE DANGER WARNING	
YELLOW	SEP 20 00.02 AM - SEP 20 5 AM
	SEP 21 6.15 AM - SEP 21 10.40 AM

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TABLE 1.2 FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL - SEPTEMBER 1994

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	124.8 HOURS ; 56.9 HOURS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.10 MJ/SQ M ; 4.39 MJ/SQ M BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	298.9 MM ; 0.8 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN CLOUD AMOUNT	73 PER CENT ; 10 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	83 PER CENT ; 5 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	29.2 DEGREE CELCIUS ; 1.1 DEGREE CELCIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	27.1 DEGREE CELCIUS ; 0.5 DEGREE CELCIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	25.4 DEGREE CELCIUS ; 0.1 DEGREE CELCIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	23.9 DEGREE CELCIUS ; 0.6 DEGREE CELCIUS ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	85.1 MM ; 65.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

REMARKS: ALL MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EXCEPT SUNSHINE, SOLAR RADIATION AND EVAPORATION WHICH WERE RECORDED AT KING'S PARK.

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CAR MARKS SOLD FOR CHARITY
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ONE HUNDRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,981,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK GA1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$700,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK HK198 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$190,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR GD6891, GD1015, CF4224, GD3927, GE9777, GD9867, GE4838, GE7338, GD1013, GD1019 AND GE1002.

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FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF THE MORNING-SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
GC112	9,000	GC398	19,000	HK468	66,000	BB170	30,000
GC3337	9,000	GD113	22,000	GB998	36,000	HK4440	20,000
*DN1919	10,000	*GC6	125,000	*GA8	180,000	*AL8118	18,000
GA1333	12,000	AC143	11,000	BL1882	13,000	GD520	5,000
GC8660	4,000	AS6188	11,000	GC7038	7,000	BB2273	3,000
GD1005	3,000	BD1230	2,000	GE1828	15,000	GD9100	3,000
HK841	21,000	GD908	7,000	AL226	21,000	GD662	16,000
*EC4400	2,000	*3048	50,000	*GD11	100,000	*GD1010	16,000
GC9686	8,000	GD103	8,000	GD6318	8,000	GD3323	6,000
GC2223	9,000	GD2265	1,000	GE8988	20,000	AW1958	2,000
GD1020	3,000	GD122	10,000	*DL575	2,000	BB1110	8,000
GD930	8,000	GD6891	1,000	GD1015	1,000	*CF4224	1,000
GD3927	1,000	GE1023	3,000				

FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF THE AFTERNOON-SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
GC268	16,000	GE118	55,000	EY188	29,000	GE7338	1,000
GE9777	1,000	GD9867	1,000	GE4838	1,000	GD318	40,000
*BB2020	26,000	*AL1818	55,000	*GA1	700,000	*FF456	17,000
GC378	4,000	BW9063	2,000	CB3088	6,000	GE886	25,000
GD1007	4,000	GC382	18,000	CL1882	4,000	AA844	51,000
GA108	41,000	CP105	7,000	XX844	50,000	EL8831	5,000
GC728	12,000	BC468	12,000	HK1833	44,000	GD8068	3,000
*6977	90,000	*BB66	155,000	*GA888	WITHDRAWN	*AB89	94,000
HK198	190,000	CR2389	4,000	GD911	65,000	GD689	13,000
GD1318	40,000	GD968	35,000	GD7177	3,000	AK1026	15,000
BB110	50,000	BL7727	2,000	*AD7070	9,000	GD1013	1,000
GD1019	1,000	GD601	4,000	GE1002	1,000	*GC6363	15,000
GD3331	2,000	GE3991	WITHDRAWN				

THERE WERE NO BIDDERS FOR GA888 AND GE3991. GE3991 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 244TH AND 245TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$352,681,905.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1994

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,455	0930	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,845	1000	NIL
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	NIL
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	NIL	1130	NIL
LAF TODAY	-610	1500	

LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER TWI 121.3 *-0.1* 15.10.94

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