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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME TO KEEP HONG KONG SAFE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ASKING THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AGAIN THE CASE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE STREETS AND HOUSING ESTATES IN THE TERRITORY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

COMMENTING ON THE BRUTAL KILLING OF THE YOUNG GIRL IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY DURING A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION AT THE END OF HIS VISIT TO THE OCEAN PARK, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE HAD A DISCUSSION AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS MORNING WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ABOUT CRIME IN GENERAL AND ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR BRUTAL ATTACK.

"AS I THINK YOU KNOW THE POLICE MANPOWER IN TUEN MUN HAS BEEN THE SAME AS THAT IN OTHER DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG. THERE'RE ABOUT 800 TO 900 POLICE OFFICERS DEPLOYED IN TUEN MUN BUT SINCE THE ATTACK, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER HAS DEPLOYED ADDITIONAL MAN AND WOMAN-POWER AND OBVIOUSLY THE POLICE WILL BE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FIND WHOEVER WAS GUILTY OF THIS BRUTAL DEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE."

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE POLICE AND SHOULD ACT AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

"WE WILL BE ASKING THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AGAIN THE CASE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER AND CAN CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE AS WELL TO KEEP OUR STREETS AND OUR HOUSING ESTATES AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE," MR PATTEN SAID.

"THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS LOOKING AT SECURITY ON ESTATES. IT'S GOT A PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING SECURITY, FOR EXAMPLE, INSTALLING GATES AND CAMERAS AND I KNOW THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS KEEN TO SEE THAT PROGRAMME CARRY FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE."

MR PATTEN OFFERED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS KILLED AND REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT THE ATTACKER COULD BE FOUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER HIS VISIT TO OCEAN PARK THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON:-

GOVERNOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME TO OCEAN PARK TODAY FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE REST OF MY FAMILY. ONE OF MY DAUGHTER'S BEEN HERE PRETTY REGULARLY. IT'S A TREMENDOUS FACILITY FOR HONG KONG, ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL THEME PARKS IN THE WORLD, OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY TOURISTS'VE COME TO HONG KONG BUT ALSO A TREMENDOUS PLACE FOR PEOPLE IN HONG KONG TO ENJOY THEMSELVES. AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD FOR MANAGING IT SO SUCCESSFULLY, FOR MANAGING TO KEEP THE PRICES DOWN WHILE INVESTING A GREAT DEAL IN NEW FACILITIES FOR THE FUTURE. SO, I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE SEEN IT TODAY FOR MYSELF.

CAN I ADD ONE OTHER THING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. I THINK THE WHOLE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SHOCKED BY THE HORRIFIC MURDER OF A YOUNG GIRL IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY. THERE WAS ANOTHER ATTACK TODAY BUT I THINK THE YOUNG GIRL IN QUESTION HAS ESCAPED. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS SO BRUTALLY MURDERED. WE HAD A DISCUSSION AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THIS MORNING WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ABOUT CRIME IN GENERAL AND ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR BRUTAL ATTACK. AS I THINK YOU KNOW THE POLICE MANPOWER IN TUEN MUN HAS BEEN THE SAME AS THAT IN OTHER DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG. THERE'RE ABOUT 800 TO 900 POLICE OFFICERS DEPLOYED IN TUEN MUN BUT SINCE THE ATTACK, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER HAS DEPLOYED ADDITIONAL MAN AND WOMAN-POWER AND OBVIOUSLY THE POLICE WILL BE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FIND WHOEVER WAS GUILTY OF THIS BRUTAL DEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. I THINK ONE REASON FOR THE OUTRAGE IS THAT WE ARE USED IN HONG KONG TO LIVE IN ONE OF THE SAFEST COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD, A LOT OF REASONS FOR BEING COMPLACENT BUT OUR CRIME FIGURES PARTICULARLY OUR VIOLENT CRIME FIGURES HAVE BEEN FALLING. THIS IS THE SAFER PLACE TO BE THAN EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA, SAFER THAN TOKYO, SAFER EVEN THAN SINGAPORE. AND AT THE SAME TIME AS OUR CRIME FIGURES HAVE BEEN FALLING, OUR DETECTION RATES HAVE BEEN RISING SO I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY A BRUTAL ATTACK LIKE THIS DOES CAUSE PARTICULAR CONCERN AND ANGUISH IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO SEE OUR VERY GOOD SITUATION DETERIORATING.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE OF POINTS TO THAT. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE POLICE. I KNOW THAT THERE'S GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE POLICE AND SHOULD ACT AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE ASKING THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AGAIN THE CASE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER AND CAN CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE AS WELL TO KEEP OUR STREETS AND OUR HOUSING ESTATES AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ITSELF IS THE LAST POINT I'VE WANTED TO MAKE. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS LOOKING AT SECURITY ON ESTATES. IT'S GOT A PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING SECURITY, FOR EXAMPLE, INSTALLING GATES AND CAMERAS AND I KNOW THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS KEEN TO SEE THAT PROGRAMME CARRY FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT I REPEAT ALL OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF THE YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS KILLED AND WE MUST HOPE THAT THE MURDERER CAN BE FOUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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QUESTION: GOVERNOR, HOW WOULD YOU VIEW THE STATE OF SINO-BRITISH RELATION AND THE VIEW OF MR GOODLAD FOR A POOR RECEPTION FROM CHINA?

GOVERNOR: I'M VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MR GOODLAD WHEN HE ARRIVES IN HONG KONG TOMORROW AND DISCUSSING THIS SITUATION WITH HIM. WE ARE KEEN TO CO-OPERATE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE LIVELIHOOD AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. WE HEAR FROM TIME TO TIME THAT CHINESE OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY ARE KEEN TO CO-OPERATE AS WELL. WELL, THERE'S A SAYING THAT DEEDS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEE DEEDS TOO. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

QUESTION: IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THEN SAID THAT MR LU SAID THAT BOTH SIDES' POLITICAL PARTS ARE VERY CLEAR SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR A MEETING. ARE YOU VERY KEEN ON MEETING MR LU PING?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG BELIEVE THAT IT IS SENSIBLE FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS TO WALK AWAY FROM THE TABLE. I THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING TOGETHER, EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE, TRYING TO NARROW THE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AND TRYING TO FIND ALL THOSE AREAS WHERE WE CAN CO-OPERATE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HONG KONG. THAT'S WHY EVERYONE ELSE DOES IN THE WORLD AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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LOCAL WORKERS BETTER EDUCATED

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THE NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKERS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE FROM 10.1 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MANPOWER SUPPLY IN 1991 TO 16.1 PER CENT IN 2001, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT "MANPOWER 2001 REVISITED".

THE REPORT PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF THE THIRD MANPOWER PROJECTION CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH. THE REPORTS ON THE PREVIOUS PROJECTIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN 1990 AND 1992.

THE LATEST STUDY SHOWS THAT OF THE 2,757,500 WORKERS IN 1991, 279,800 WERE AT TERTIARY EDUCATION LEVELS. THIS COMPARES WITH 3,106,100 WORKERS PROJECTED FOR 2001, OF WHOM 501,000 WILL POSSESS EITHER SUB-DEGREE OR FIRST DEGREE AND ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS.

IT ALSO FINDS THAT SUPPLY OF MANPOWER WITH FIRST DEGREE AND ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS WILL INCREASE FROM 173,000 PERSONS IN 1991 TO 320,800 PERSONS IN 2001.

OF THESE GRADUATE WORKERS, 106,600 WILL BE NEW WORKERS ENTERING THE WORKFORCE DURING 1992 TO 1996 AND THERE WILL BE ANOTHER 116,600 NEW GRADUATE WORKERS DURING 1997 TO 2001.

DURING THESE PERIODS, 39 PER CENT AND 48 PER CENT OF THESE NEW ENTRANTS WILL BE LOCAL GRADUATES RESPECTIVELY.

"WHILE THE MANPOWER SUPPLY AT HIGHER EDUCATIONAL LEVELS IS INCREASING, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS WITH LOWER SECONDARY OR BELOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION IS EXPECTED TO DROP FROM 53.3 PER CENT OF THE MANPOWER SUPPLY RECORDED IN 1991 TO 45.4 PER CENT IN 2001," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ON REQUIREMENT PROJECTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID DEMAND FOR BETTER EDUCATED WORKERS WOULD ALSO GROW RAPIDLY.

"IN THE 1992 EXERCISE, MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT WAS PROJECTED TO DROP BY TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM BUT THE RATE OF DECLINE IS NOW REVISED TO 4.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM BETWEEN 1991 AND 2001, OR BY A TOTAL OF 250,200 WORKERS," HE SAID.

"DURING THE SAME PERIOD, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES WILL INCREASE BY THREE PER CENT A YEAR, COMPARED WITH 2.1 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS PROJECTION," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WOULD GIVE AN EMPLOYMENT GROWTH OF SOME 627,900 WORKERS IN THESE INDUSTRIES.

THE REPORT ALSO PROJECTED A GENERAL UPGRADING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE WITHIN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES, SHIFTING THE EMPLOYMENT DEMAND IN FAVOUR OF HIGH-SKILLED WORKERS.

FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE RELOCATION OF MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESSES ACROSS THE BORDER AND THE NEED TO GO FOR HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION LOCALLY HAVE RESULTED IN AN UPGRADING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE.

SIMILARLY, TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS WITHIN THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES WILL LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR LOW-SKILLED WORKERS.

AS A RESULT, EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL WORKERS IS PROJECTED TO GROW RAPIDLY WHILE EMPLOYMENT OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS WILL DECLINE.

"THIS MEANS THAT SOME 239,380 MORE WORKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED IN PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS BETWEEN 1991 AND 2001, WITH AN ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF ABOUT 3.2 PER CENT," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, PRODUCTION WORKERS AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS ARE PROJECTED TO LOSE ALMOST 162,770 WORKERS, OR AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF TWO PER CENT," HE ADDED.

COMPARING THE PROJECTED MANPOWER SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUPPLY OF MANPOWER WITH LOWER SECONDARY OR BELOW EDUCATION WOULD EXCEED REQUIREMENTS BY 49,800 PERSONS IN 2001.

ON THE OTHER HAND, NEGATIVE MANPOWER BALANCES ARE EXPECTED TO EXIST AT TWO EDUCATIONAL LEVELS IN 2001: MANPOWER SUPPLY AT UPPER SECONDARY AND SIXTH FORM LEVELS WILL FALL SHORT OF THE REQUIREMENTS BY 45,700 AND 48,400 PERSONS RESPECTIVELY.

"THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE EXCESS WORKERS WITH LOWER SECONDARY OR BELOW EDUCATION, BUT RATHER IMPLIES THAT SOME OF THESE WORKERS WILL BE WORKING IN JOBS WHICH REQUIRE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY POSSESS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

SUPPLY OF MANPOWER WITH FIRST DEGREE OR ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS WILL FIRST FALL SHORT OF REQUIREMENTS BY 5,900 PERSONS IN 1996, BUT WILL EXCEED REQUIREMENTS BY 29,200 PERSONS IN 2001.

"HOWEVER, THE PROJECTED POSITIVE BALANCE OF GRADUATE MANPOWER SUPPLY IN 2001, WHICH AMOUNTS TO 10 PER CENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS, SHOULD BE TAKEN AS THE NECESSARY SAFETY MARGIN AGAINST THE UNDERLYING UNCERTAINTIES OF THE SUPPLY PROJECTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN PARTICULAR, AS MUCH AS HALF OF THE NEW SUPPLY OF GRADUATE MANPOWER WILL RELY ON NON-LOCAL SOURCES OF IMMIGRANTS/RETURNED EMIGRANTS AND OVERSEAS GRADUATES, WHICH CAN FLUCTUATE CONSIDERABLY IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE ADDED.

"MOREOVER, EVEN IF THE POSITIVE BALANCE IS REALISED, IT COULD BE ONLY A TEMPORARY ONE. DEMAND FOR GRADUATE MANPOWER MAY SOON EXCEED SUPPLY AGAIN BEYOND 2001 AS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA, AND HENCE HONG KONG, CONTINUES TO EXPAND," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROJECTION OF THE MANPOWER SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS STUDY IS AIMED AT ASSESSING WHETHER, UNDER THE EXISTING AND PLANNED EDUCATION PROVISIONS, THE MIX OF MANPOWER SUPPLY IN TERMS OF EDUCATIONAL LEVEL WILL BE BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY.

IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LABOUR SHORTAGE OR WHETHER IMPORTATION OF LABOUR IS JUSTIFIED.

IT IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH DETERMINING WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION THE POPULATION SHOULD POSSESS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE LATEST STUDY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE RECENT TRENDS IN SUCH FACTORS AS MIGRATION OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG, PATTERN OF INDUSTRIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, WHICH ARE AFFECTING BOTH MANPOWER SUPPLY AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS AT AN EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.

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Manpower Supply : Employed Persons by Educational Level

Educational level	Actual 1991		Projected 1996		Projected 2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Lower secondary or below	1 469 600	53.3	1 484 300	49.9	1 410 800	45.4
Upper secondary	785 600	28.5	859 000	28.9	922 100	29.7
Sixth form	163 400	5.9	162 900	5.5	158 700	5.1
Craft level	13 100	0.5	25 700	0.9	33 400	1.1
Technician level	46 000	1.7	64 300	2.1	80 100	2.6
Subdegree	106 800	3.9	143 200	4.8	180 200	5.8
First degree and above	173 000	6.2	235 400	7.9	320 800	10.3
All levels	2 757 500	100.0	2 974 800	100.0	3 106 100	100.0

Manpower Balance, 2001

Educational level	Supply	Requirements	Balance	
			No.	As % of requirements
Lower secondary or below	1 410 800	1 361 000	49 800	3.7
Upper secondary	922 200	967 900	-45 700	-4.7
Sixth form	158 700	207 100	-48 400	-23.4
Craft level	33 300	28 200	5 100	18.1
Technician level	80 100	76 900	3 200	4.2
Subdegree	180 200	173 400	6 800	3.9
First degree and above	320 800	291 600	29 200	10.0
All levels	3 106 100	3 106 100	0	

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LICENCE APPROVED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SATELLITE EARTH STATION

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) APPROVED THE GRANT OF A LICENCE, UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE, TO APT SATELLITE COMPANY LIMITED, A COMPANY REGISTERED IN HONG KONG, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SATELLITE EARTH STATION IN HONG KONG.

APT HAS ALREADY OBTAINED A LICENCE PERMITTING IT TO OPERATE A SATELLITE, APSTAR-1, WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE CHINA GREAT WALL INDUSTRY CORPORATION FROM XICHANG IN CHINA ON JULY 21 (THURSDAY).

THE COMPANY INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TO COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

THE LICENCE APPROVED TODAY IS TO ENABLE THE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH AN EARTH STATION AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FOR THE CONTROL AND MONITORING OF THE SATELLITE.

APSTAR-1 IS THE SECOND SATELLITE LAUNCHED BY A HONG KONG COMPANY. THE FIRST SATELLITE, ASIASAT-1, WAS LAUNCHED BY ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED IN 1990.

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PUBLIC SAFETY - PRIME CONCERN OF BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

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THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS, MRS HELEN YU, STRESSED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WAS THE PRIME CONSIDERATION FOR HER DEPARTMENT IN DEALING WITH UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO EMPHASISED THAT REHOUSING WOULD BE ARRANGED FOR OCCUPIERS OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES TO BE CLOSED.

"REHOUSING IN RENTAL PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS WILL BE OFFERED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, DEPENDING ON THE OCCUPIERS' ELIGIBILITY.

"THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS OFFERED MAY APPROACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING," SHE SAID.

MRS YU MADE THESE POINTS AT A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A CONCERN GROUP FROM TSUEN WAN.

SHE REITERATED THAT GOVERNMENT POLICY ON UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES WAS TO REMOVE RISK AND TO PREVENT INJURY TO OCCUPIERS AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST:

- * UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES WHICH COVER THE WHOLE ROOF OF A BUILDING WITH ONLY ONE STAIRCASE;

/* UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP

- * UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES WHICH OVER-LOAD THE STRUCTURAL MEMBERS OF THE PARENT BUILDING, ENDANGERING LIFE OR PROPERTY;
- * AN UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURE WHICH IS IN UNSTABLE AND DANGEROUS OR DILAPIDATED CONDITIONS; AND
- * UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES WHICH ARE BEING ERECTED AT TIME OF DISCOVERY.

EXPLAINED MRS YU: "IF A FIRE WERE TO ENGULF THE STAIRCASE, RESIDENTS ABOVE THE FIRE WOULD NEED TO GO UP THE ONLY STAIRCASE TO THE ROOF TO AWAIT RESCUE BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

"WITH MANY UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES ON THE ROOFTOP, THE RESIDENTS MAY BE TRAPPED.

"OCCUPANTS OF THESE UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES WOULD THEMSELVES ALSO BE IN DANGER."

MRS YU POINTED OUT THAT WHENEVER THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT SOUGHT TO CLOSE UNAUTHORISED ROOFTOP STRUCTURES, THE HOUSING AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE NOTIFIED WELL BEFOREHAND SO THAT REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE COULD BE OFFERED TO THE OCCUPIERS.

CONCLUDING THE MEETING, MRS YU UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE FOR THE OCCUPIERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET EARLY WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO DISCUSS REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

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VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MAY 1994

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THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION IN MAY 1994 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A MONTHLY SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARING MAY 1994 WITH MAY 1993, SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF OUTSTANDING ORDERS WAS RECORDED IN THE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+20%).

MODERATE INCREASES IN ORDERS WERE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+9%), FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (+8%) AND TEXTILES INDUSTRY (+5%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES BOTH DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 21%. THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY ALSO RECORDED A DECREASE IN ORDERS BY 11%.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1994, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MAY 1994 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A SAMPLE OF SOME 300 MANUFACTURING FIRMS ENGAGING 50 OR MORE WORKERS.

MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND REFER TO ORDERS AND PARTS OF ORDERS RECEIVED EARLIER BY MANUFACTURERS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION WHICH REMAIN UNFILLED AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ORDERS RECEIVED BY TRADERS NOT ENGAGED IN PRODUCTION ARE INCLUDED IF SUCH ORDERS ARE FURTHER PLACED TO MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION LOCALLY.

HOWEVER, ORDERS PLACED TO MANUFACTURING FIRMS FOR PRODUCTION IN CHINA AND OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE HONG KONG ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SERIES OF ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS.

BEGINNING FROM JANUARY 1994, A NEW SERIES OF STATISTICS ON MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND IN VALUE TERMS COMPILED IN THE FORM OF AN INDEX IS PRODUCED, TO REPLACE THE OLD SERIES WHICH WAS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

THE NEW STATISTICAL SERIES PROVIDES A MORE DIRECT MEASURE OF THE OVERALL VALUE OF ORDERS IN THE LOCAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR THAT LEAD TO THE GENERATION OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN INTERPRETING THE MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS-ON-HAND FIGURES IN A SINGLE MONTH.

INSTEAD, THE TREND MOVEMENT OF THE SERIES AS DISPLAYED OVER A WIDER SPAN OF TIME POINTS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY 1994, AT \$4.5 A COPY, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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

/THE FOLLOWING

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE YEAR-ON-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN DIFFERENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF
ORDERS-ON-HAND IN

	APRIL 1994 OVER APRIL 1993 ----- (REVISED)	MAY 1994 OVER MAY 1993 ----- (PROVISIONAL)
ALL INDUSTRIES COVERED IN THE SURVEY	+1	*
. WEARING APPAREL	-16	-21
. TEXTILES	+6	+5
. ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	+15	+20
. ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	-2	+9
. FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	+15	+8
. PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-21
. PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	-1	-11
* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%		

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APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES INVITED

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND'S 1994 CULTURAL SCHEME.

THE AIM OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS TO ENCOURAGE THOSE RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RELATED PROJECTS AIMING TO DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS OR HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PAINTING EQUIPMENT, AND THEREBY TO FACILITATE THE ORGANISATION OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING CLASSES.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL KINDS OF NON-PROFIT MAKING ASSOCIATIONS, AND EACH GRANT APPROVED WILL NORMALLY NOT EXCEED \$20,000.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT:

* SECRETARIAT, SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE, RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, ROOM 4015, 40TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI;

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- * THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, 11-13TH FLOORS, DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI;
- * SUBVENTIONS BRANCH OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH FLOOR, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI; AND
- * ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 594 5660.

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POLLUTION CASES RELEASED

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A TOTAL OF 58 CONVICTIONS WERE MADE IN THE COURTS LAST MONTH FOR BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION ENFORCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THEM, 24 WERE CONVICTIONS MADE UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (APCO), 18 UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (WPCO), 13 UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE (NCO) AND THREE UNDER THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE (WDO), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FINES IMPOSED RANGED FROM \$500 TO \$100,000, UNITED CIRCUITS (HK) LIMITED WAS FINED \$100,000 UPON ITS FOURTH CONVICTION FOR DISCHARGING POLLUTING MATTER IN THE NORTH WESTERN WATER CONTROL ZONE.

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22 CANDIDATES PASS EXAM FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS

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THE LICENTIATE COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG ANNOUNCES THAT 22 CANDIDATES HAVE PASSED THE FINAL PART OF THE LICENTIATE EXAMINATION FOR UNREGISTRABLE DOCTORS WHILE 30 OTHERS HAVE FAILED.

THIS PART OF THE EXAMINATION, HELD BETWEEN JULY 5 AND 7, WAS AN ORAL EXAMINATION TO TEST THE ABILITY OF CANDIDATES TO APPLY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS.

CANDIDATES WERE EXAMINED BY TWO PANELS OF EXAMINERS IN EACH OF THE THREE DISCIPLINES: MEDICINE, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO AN 18-MONTH OF ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING IN HOSPITALS APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 1994.

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AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY (JULY 23) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING AT 9.30 AM. THEY ARE:

GA996	GA613	GA915	BB5411
GA3328	GA2280	FL338	GA1681
*EE131	*2263	*GA3	*FY5
CF1955	GA520	GA810	GA782
GA1686	CC302	XX320	GA3380
GA369	GA336	GA106	GA938
AA203	GA850	FY328	ET3339
*FC12	*FY33	*FY18	*GA1000
GA1178	FZ8788	GA7771	GA372
FZ8613	GA3336	GA8256	DA1223
GA3889	GA693	*DD9595	GA927
GA1028	GA4898	GA2618	*DY656
GA7318	GA7298		

IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION WHICH WILL START AT 2.30 PM, ANOTHER 50 LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

GA129	GA821	GA318	BG7717
GA233	CC360	GA993	GA150
*FG8822	*AW29	*810	*FY3
BH1997	GA448	HK320	GA1812
GA663	GA718	GA168	GA273
GA320	CH1113	GA330	GA930
HK2891	GA8828	GA963	BB8831
*GA6	*GA10	*FY88	*FC36
BB3108	GA3038	GA1800	GA3318
GA2331	GA1668	GA5184	DG8990
GA623	GA1386	*FE2332	FH2160
GA529	GA7366	GA8341	*GA656
GA1275	GA7921		

* SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE CAR REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A CAR REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE CAR REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTIONS WILL BE THE 234TH AND 235TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	19 JUL 94	19 JUL 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q429	H469
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$4,640 MN	HK\$2,140 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,500 MN	HK\$800 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	4.26 PCT	4.58 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.28 PCT	4.60 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 28 PCT	ABOUT 44 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.30 PCT	4.61 PCT

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 25 JUL 1994-

TENDER DATE	25 JUL 94	26 JUL 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF NOTES	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	3707	Q430
ISSUE DATE	26 JUL 94	27 JUL 94
MATURITY DATE	28 JUL 97	26 OCT 94
TENOR	3 YEARS	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$500 + 100 MN	HK\$1,500 + 300 MN
COUPON	6.95 PCT	

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,920	0930	-715
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,170	1000	-715
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-645
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-645	1200	-645
LAF TODAY	+895	1500	-645
		1600	-645
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 122.5	*+0.1*	19.7.94

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EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.98	16 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.29	5.56
1 MONTH	4.04	22 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.73	6.00
3 MONTHS	4.25	27 MONTHS	3610	4.20	95.68	6.36
6 MONTHS	4.56	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.81	6.53
12 MONTHS	5.28	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.87	6.71

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 29,657 MN

CLOSED 19 JUNE 1994

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