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EARLY RETURN OF IIS MUST BE ASSURED: GOVERNOR  
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IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GIVE HONG KONG PEOPLE THE ASSURANCE THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE RETURNED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING HEALTH CLINICS IN YUEN LONG, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "IT WAS ALWAYS THE POSITION OF CHINESE OFFICIALS IN RELATION TO VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS FROM VIETNAM THAT THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, THAT VIETNAM SHOULD ACCEPT THEM AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

"IF THAT APPLIES TO VIETNAM, IT CERTAINLY APPLIES AS WELL TO CHINA, WHERE THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS."

HE SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME AN ASSURANCE FROM CHINESE OFFICIALS ALONG THOSE LINES.

"I THINK THAT THERE'S VERY LITTLE DOUBT THAT THEY ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND I THINK THEY SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE OTHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO GET INTO HONG KONG AND WHO ARE FOUND AND SENT BACK, AND SENT BACK VERY RAPIDLY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THIS REALLY IS A DIFFICULT SOCIAL PROBLEM. OVER THE YEARS, HONG KONG HAS SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY FORBEARING, EXTRAORDINARY PATIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

"WE'VE DONE THAT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE'VE BEEN AS GENEROUS AS ANY COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD, MORE GENEROUS THAN MOST COMMUNITIES."

"I'M SURE THAT OFFICIALS IN THE PRC WILL TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT, WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHEN THEY MAKE STATEMENTS AND WHEN THEY COME TO DECISIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WEEKS," HE ADDED.

"FOR PEOPLE IN HONG KONG THIS IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND IT DESERVES PRIORITY TREATMENT FROM OFFICIALS IN CHINA."

COMMENTING ON THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON "TOWARDS BETTER HEALTH", MR PATTEN SAID: "WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT HONG KONG HAS A HEALTH SERVICE WHICH CAN CARRY US ALL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. AND THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE HEALTH DOCUMENT THAT WE PRODUCED THIS WEEK."

HE HOPED THE DOCUMENT WOULD BEGIN A PROCESS OF INTELLIGENT AND LIVELY DEBATE ABOUT HOW HONG KONG COULD IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR EVERYONE.

"WHAT WE WANT IS A HEALTH SERVICE WHICH IS AFFORDABLE FOR ALL AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. THAT'S OUR OBJECTIVE. THAT'S WHAT WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE," HE SAID.

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"OBVIOUSLY OVER THE NEXT YEARS THE OVERALL COSTS OF HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE GOING TO INCREASE. THAT'S SOMETHING EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS. WHAT WE'VE GOT TO FIND ARE FAIR WAYS OF MEETING THOSE COSTS.

"BUT IN DOING THAT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED, THAT THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MORE FOR SERVICES CAN GET THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT WITHOUT BEING INHIBITED BY QUESTIONS OF COSTS."

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#### GOVERNOR SEES IMPROVEMENTS IN CLINICS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED TWO GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS IN YUEN LONG TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDER THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PROGRAMME.

MR PATTEN FIRST VISITED THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE WHERE HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR MARGARET CHAN, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR PAUL SAW, AND OTHER CLINIC STAFF.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE 27-YEAR-OLD CLINIC WAS SCHEDULED TO UNDERGO IMPROVEMENTS UNDER PHASE III OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PROGRAMME IN LINE WITH OTHER CLINICS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNOR TOURED THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE CLINIC WHERE PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED TO THE PUBLIC.

HE LEARNT THAT THE CLINIC HAD ALREADY UPGRADED ITS SERVICE BY INTRODUCING AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR CHRONIC PATIENTS SEEKING FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT, AND LABELLING OF DISPENSED MEDICINE MANUALLY.

THE GOVERNOR THEN WENT TO THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC LOCATED AT MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE HEALTH CENTRE WHERE HE SAW VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT FACILITIES AND MEASURES INTRODUCED UNDER PHASE I OF THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE EXERCISE.

IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE: AIR-CONDITIONED WAITING AREA WITH PIPED MUSIC AND MORE COMFORTABLE SEATS; PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN; DIGITAL DISPLAY SYSTEM AT CONSULTATION ROOMS; PROVISION OF DRINKING FOUNTAIN AND WEIGHING SCALE; ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY OF HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS AND A PATIENT ASSISTANCE COUNTER OFFERING PROMPT INFORMATION AND HELP TO PATIENTS.

CLINIC PROCEDURES HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPROVED TO PLACE A GREATER EMPHASIS ON CONVENIENCE, COMFORT AND CONTINUITY OF CARE.

THESE EMBRACE AN ADVANCE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR CHRONIC PATIENTS, A PRIORITY SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY, AN IMPROVED APPOINTMENT SYSTEM FOR OTHER PATIENTS WHICH GUARANTEES WAITING TIME FOR CONSULTATION OF NO MORE THAN 60 MINUTES.

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PATIENTS MAY ALSO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COUNSELLING BY NURSES AND ATTEND EDUCATION TALKS ON COMMON DISEASES HELD REGULARLY.

AT THE DISPENSARY, THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF DISPENSER, MR SAN YEUNG, ON HIS AWARD-WINNING PROJECT -- THE COMPUTERISED DRUG DISPENSING SYSTEM -- WHICH HAS TREMENDOUSLY UPGRADED THE QUALITY OF DRUG DISPENSING.

THE GOVERNOR SAW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HAND-WRITTEN LABELS AND COMPUTER-GENERATED LABELS WITH THE LATTER PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ON SIDE-EFFECTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS, IN A MORE LEGIBLE MANNER.

HE LEARNT THAT COMPUTERISED LABELS NOT ONLY ENABLED PATIENTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR MEDICATION BUT ALSO ENCOURAGED THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE COURSE OF DRUG TREATMENT PRESCRIBED.

MR YEUNG'S EFFORT IN COMPUTERISING DRUG DISPENSING THROUGH DESIGN OF SOFTWARES AND TRAINING OF STAFF WON HIM AN AWARD UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE STAFF SUGGESTIONS SCHEME.

THE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE PROGRAMME IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR IN 15 OF ITS 56 GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

BEST PRACTICE TECHNIQUES WERE DEVELOPED IN THESE CLINICS WHICH WOULD BE APPLIED TO OTHER CLINICS AT LATER PHASES.

THE SECOND PHASE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH IN 13 MORE CLINICS.

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TELECOMS AUTHORITY APPROVES IDD RATE CUTS AND DOMESTIC TARIFFS  
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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MR ALEXANDER ARENA, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HE HAD APPROVED THE 8 PER CENT REDUCTION IN IDD CHARGES.

"THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR CONSUMERS," SAID MR ARENA, "AND REPRESENTS SAVINGS TO THE CONSUMER OF MORE THAN \$600 MILLION OVER A FULL YEAR."

HE NOTED THAT HE HAD APPROVED THE CUTS AFTER THE AUTHORITY'S ANALYSIS ENSURED THEY WERE IN LINE WITH THE IDD REDUCTION PLAN AGREED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND HONGKONG TELECOM INTERNATIONAL.

"CONSUMERS BENEFIT ON EVERY TRAFFIC STREAM BECAUSE CHARGES WILL NOT INCREASE ON ANY STREAM. IN EFFECT THE CHARGES ON EACH STREAM WILL DROP IN REAL TERMS BY AT LEAST THE RATE OF INFLATION OF ABOUT 9.5 PER CENT," MR ARENA OBSERVED.

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"CALLS TO SOME COUNTRIES WILL BE CUT BY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS.

"THIS HAS BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE LARGER DEGREE OF PROFITABILITY ON SOME STREAMS, PARTICULARLY TO THOSE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS THAT HAVE LIBERALISED THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES," HE SAID.

EXAMPLES OF SUCH COUNTRIES INCLUDE THE USA, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

"THESE CUTS ARE IMPORTANT TO KEEP HONG KONG RATES COMPETITIVE AND AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. BUT THIS ROUND OF CUTS IS ONLY THE FIRST INSTALMENT AS INTERNATIONAL RATES MUST FALL BY 2 PER CENT NEXT YEAR AND 2 PER CENT IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR."

ALSO GAZETTED TODAY ARE THE AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG TELEPHONE'S DOMESTIC TARIFFS.

MR ARENA CONFIRMED THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WAS SATISFIED THAT THE AMENDED TARIFFS WERE IN LINE WITH THE PRICE-CAP ARRANGEMENTS WHICH LIMIT INCREASES IN THE BASKET OF DOMESTIC CHARGES, AS A WHOLE, TO 4 PER CENT BELOW INFLATION.

"AGAIN CONSUMERS ARE BENEFITING FROM CUTS IN DOMESTIC TARIFFS OF 4 PER CENT OVERALL IN REAL TERMS. THE INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL LINE RENTAL HAS BEEN HELD TO 3 PER CENT BELOW THE INFLATION RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRICE CONTROL RULES."

BOTH THE REVISED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TARIFFS COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1 THIS YEAR.

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## IDD STANDARD RATE REDUCTION

Country	Existing Rate (HK\$/min)	New Rate (HK\$/min)	% Reduced
ALASKA	12.30	9.80	20.33%
ALBANIA	15.80	15.20	3.80%
ANTARCTICA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ANTIGUA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ARUBA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ASCENSION	15.80	14.00	11.39%
AUSTRALIA	12.30	8.10	34.15%
AUSTRIA	15.80	12.50	20.89%
BAHAMAS	15.80	15.20	3.80%
BAHRAIN	14.00	13.00	7.14%
BANGLADESH	12.30	12.00	2.44%
BARBADOS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
BELGIUM	15.80	12.50	20.89%
BELIZE	15.80	15.20	3.80%
BERMUDA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
BOTSWANA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
CANADA	11.70	8.90	23.93%
CAYMAN IS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
COSTA RICA	15.80	15.20	3.80%
CYPRUS	15.80	12.50	20.89%
DENMARK	15.80	14.00	11.39%
DOMINICA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
EGYPT	24.00	21.00	12.50%
FALKLAND IS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
FIJI IS	12.30	12.00	2.44%
FINLAND	15.80	14.00	11.39%
FRANCE	15.80	12.50	20.89%
GAMBIA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
GERMANY	15.80	12.50	20.89%
GHANA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
GIBRALTAR	15.80	14.00	11.39%
GRENADA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
GUAM	12.30	12.00	2.44%
GUYANA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
HAWAII	12.30	9.80	20.33%
ICELAND	15.80	14.00	11.39%
INDIA	12.30	12.00	2.44%
IRISH REP	15.80	12.50	20.89%
ITALY	15.80	12.50	20.89%
JAMAICA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
KENYA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
LESOTHO	15.80	14.00	11.39%
MALAWI	15.80	14.00	11.39%
MALDIVE IS	12.30	12.00	2.44%
MARIANA IS	12.30	12.00	2.44%
MAURITIUS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
MICRONESIA	12.30	12.00	2.44%
MONTSERRAT	15.80	14.00	11.39%
NETH W INDIES	15.80	14.00	11.39%

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NETHERLANDS	15.80	12.50	20.89%
NEW ZEALAND	12.30	8.10	34.15%
NIGERIA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
NORWAY	15.80	14.00	11.39%
P NEW GUINEA	12.30	12.00	2.44%
PAKISTAN	12.30	12.00	2.44%
PERU	15.80	15.20	3.80%
PORTUGAL	15.80	12.50	20.89%
PUERTO RICO	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SEYCHELLES	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SIERRA LEONE	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SINGAPORE	7.00	6.90	1.43%
SOUTH AFRICA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SRI LANKA	12.30	10.00	18.70%
ST HELENA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ST KITTS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ST LUCIA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ST VINCENT/GREN	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SUDAN	15.80	15.20	3.80%
SWAZILAND	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SWEDEN	15.80	14.00	11.39%
SWITZERLAND	15.80	12.50	20.89%
TANZANIA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
TONGA	12.30	10.00	18.70%
TRINIDAD/TOBAGO	15.80	14.00	11.39%
TURKS/CAICOS	15.80	14.00	11.39%
UGANDA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
UNITED KINGDOM	10.30	9.80	6.67%
UNITED STATES	12.30	9.80	20.33%
VANUATU	12.30	12.00	2.44%
VIRGIN IS-BRI	15.80	14.00	11.39%
VIRGIN IS-USA	15.80	14.00	11.39%
ZAMBIA	15.80	14.00	11.39%

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PART II REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO WITNESS PROTECTION

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED PART II OF THE REPORT OF MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER'S INQUIRY INTO WITNESS PROTECTION.

ON JANUARY 12, 1993, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL APPOINTED MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DECISION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN A MURDER CASE AND TO EXAMINE THE EXISTING WITNESS PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS IN GENERAL.

PART I OF THE REPORT COVERING THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT WAS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 8, 1993.

IN PART II OF THE REPORT, THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY MAKES 19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING WITNESS PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS.

THE PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A CENTRALISED WITNESS PROTECTION AUTHORITY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF WITNESSES IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT SPECIAL PROTECTION, SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF A "SAFE HOUSE" OR RELOCATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS CALL FOR CHANGES TO THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL WITNESSES, INCLUDING IMPROVING THEIR ACCOMMODATION IN CRIMINAL COURTS AND PAYING THEM OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO LEARN THAT THE COMMISSION HAD FOUND THE REPORT OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ON WITNESS PROTECTION USEFUL AND THAT THE COMMISSION HAD ADOPTED THE MAJORITY OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

"THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW STUDY IN DETAIL THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY," HE SAID.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALISED WITNESS PROTECTION AUTHORITY WOULD MARK A DEPARTURE FROM EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY."

"WE ARE GATEFUL TO MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER FOR ALL THE HARD WORK HE HAS PUT INTO THIS REPORT," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT (PART II) IN ENGLISH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT DISTRICT OFFICES PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES FROM NEXT MONDAY (JULY 19).

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS THE TRANSLATION WORK IS COMPLETED.

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EARLY RETURN OF VIIS FROM CHINA URGED

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THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) ASKED CHINA TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EARLY RETURN OF THE MORE THAN 500 EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVIIS) WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG DURING THE PAST MONTH.

MR EHRMAN ASKED OFFICIALS OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY TO CALL ON HIM TO HEAR OF THE GROWING CONCERN IN HONG KONG AT THE HIGH RATE OF ECVII ARRIVALS AND OF THE NEED FOR URGENT ACTION TO RETURN THEM TO CHINA WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SETTLED FOR MANY YEARS.

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TWO CAMPS TO HOLD EX-CHINESE VIET IIS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT BOTH THE KAI TAK VIETNAMESE MIGRANT TRANSIT CENTRE AND CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE (LOWER CAMP) HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS PLACES OF DETENTION FOR THE EX-CHINESE VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (ECVIIS) UNDER SECTION 35(1) OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE RECENT UPSURGE IN THE NUMBER OF ECVIIS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG NECESSITATED THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION.

"UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, ECVIIS ARE REGARDED AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THERE IS THEREFORE A NEED TO PROVIDE SEPARATE ACCOMMODATION FOR THEM.

"TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AND OVERCROWDING AT THE GREEN ISLAND RECEPTION CENTRE, THE GROUND FLOOR OF KAI TAK VIETNAMESE MIGRANT TRANSIT CENTRE WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SOME TIME HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A SHORT-TERM MEASURE TO PROVIDE CONTINGENT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ECVIIS.

"IN PARALLEL, WE HAVE ALSO ADVANCED THE EMPTYING OF THE CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE (LOWER CAMP) IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE ADDITIONAL ECVIIS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST BATCH OF AROUND 200 ECVIIS ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE KAI TAK CENTRE TODAY. THE REMAINDER WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRE (LOWER CAMP) WHEN THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATED THERE ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE HIGH ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE LATE NEXT WEEK.

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WORLD TRADE CENTRE GROUP - FREEZING OF SHARES

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AN ERROR MADE BY A NOMINEE COMPANY IN QUOTING CERTAIN SHARE CERTIFICATE NUMBERS HAS RENDERED VOID PART OF AN ORDER MADE ON JULY 8, 1993 TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC SHARES OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE GROUP (WTCG), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HAVING ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION BY AN INSPECTOR APPOINTED IN EARLY JUNE TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF WTCG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY MADE AN ORDER ON JULY 8, 1993 UNDER THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SOME 179 MILLION WTCG SHARES.

FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION ON JULY 10, 1993, OF THE SHARE CERTIFICATE NUMBERS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER ONE OF THE NOMINEE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION DISCOVERED AND INFORMED THE INSPECTOR THAT IT HAD INADVERTENTLY PROVIDED A WRONG LIST OF SHARE CERTIFICATE NUMBERS TO THE INSPECTOR.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT WAS COMPILED ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE NOMINEE COMPANY AND THE RESTRICTION ORDER THEREFORE COVERS THE MISTAKEN SHARE CERTIFICATE NUMBERS.

"THE EFFECT WAS THAT 44.85 MILLION WTCG SHARES NOT INTENDED TO BE THE TARGET OF THE INVESTIGATION WERE INCLUDED IN THE RESTRICTION ORDER DATED JULY 8, 1993.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THESE SHARES HAD NO LEGAL EFFECT," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS ERROR MADE BY THE NOMINEE COMPANY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ISSUED A NOTICE ON JULY 14, 1993 THAT INsofar AS THE ORDER MADE ON JULY 8, 1993 AFFECTED THE 44.85 MILLION MISTAKEN SHARES, IT WAS NULL AND VOID AND WAS REVOKED.

"THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT AFFECT THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE OTHER WTCG SHARES COVERED BY THAT ORDER," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AT THE SAME TIME MADE A NEW ORDER TO SUBJECT THE CORRECT 44.85 MILLION WTCG SHARES TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF PART V OF THE SECURITIES (DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS) ORDINANCE AS IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING OUT THE RELEVANT FACTS ABOUT THESE SHARES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

PART V RESTRICTIONS ARE MAINLY TO LIMIT THE TRANSFERABILITY OF SHARES.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES THAT AN ORDER APPLYING PART V RESTRICTITONS MAY BE DISAPPLIED BY A SUBSEQUENT ORDER SHOULD THE RELEVANT FACTS ABOUT PARTICULAR SHAREHOLDINGS BE DISCLOSED AND NO UNFAIR ADVANTAGE HAD ACCRUED TO ANY PERSON AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER FAILURE TO MAKE A DISCLOSURE.

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THE NOTICE TO DECLARE PART OF THE ORIGINAL ORDER DATED JULY 8, 1993 VOID AND THE NEW ORDER DATED JULY 14, 1993 WERE ISSUED TO PARTIES CONCERNED AS WELL AS THE WTCG AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LTD.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO ISSUE A NOTICE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN ONE ENGLISH AND TWO CHINESE NEWSPAPERS DETAILING THE MISTAKEN CERTIFICATE NUMBERS AND THE LIST OF SHARES AFFECTED BY THE NEW ORDER DATED JULY 14, 1993.

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WORKS TO EASE TUEN MUN ROAD JAM

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SUITABLE CONTRACTORS TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR TENDERING FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON TUEN MUN ROAD TO EASE THE SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENT WAS TO WIDEN THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY AT FOUR LONG UPHILL SECTIONS OF TUEN MUN ROAD TO ACCOMMODATE AN 8.5-KILOMETRE CLIMBING LANE SO AS TO INCREASE THE ROAD CAPACITY.

THE FOUR UPHILL SECTIONS ARE AT SAM SHING HUI, SO KWUN WAT, TAI LAM AND TING KAU, WHICH ARE AT PRESENT BOTTLENECKS OF TUEN MUN ROAD.

FURTHERMORE, A HARD SHOULDER OF A FULL LANE WIDTH ADJACENT TO THE CLIMBING LANE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO FACILITATE FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND TO DEAL MORE EFFICIENTLY WITH ACCIDENTS OR VEHICLE BREAKDOWNS AT THE SECTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAJOR WORKS COMPRISE CUTTING AND FILLING OF SLOPES, WIDENING OF VEHICLE BRIDGES, EXTENSION OF PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS AND STORM WATER CULVERTS, CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS AND IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD DRAINAGE.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY DIVIDER TO CONCRETE PROFILE BARRIERS, EXCEPT FOR BRIDGES AND VIADUCTS, WITHIN THE CLIMBING LANE SECTIONS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED A DESIGN AND BUILD TYPE CONTRACT TO ENABLE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE START AND COMPLETION OF THE WORKS. CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN MAY 1997.

DETAILS OF THE PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION ARE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

CONTRACTORS WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE ARE INVITED TO APPLY. PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/NT, HIGHWAYS/NT REGION, THIRD FLOOR, HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 88 CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

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APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS NO LATER THAN NOON ON AUGUST 13.

FOLLOWING THE EXERCISE, TENDERS FROM THE PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS WILL BE INVITED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

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MODERATE INCREASE IN COURT INSOLVENCIES

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THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, MR ROBIN HEARDER, ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR SAW A MODERATE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW INSOLVENCIES REACHING THE COURTS.

THERE WERE 189 NEW COMPULSORY COMPANY LIQUIDATION ORDERS AND 167 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY ORDERS IN THE SIX MONTHS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES OF 170 AND 146 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THERE WERE 111 PETITIONS WITHDRAWN OR DISMISSED, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE OF 89 LAST YEAR.

IT WOULD BE SEEN, THEREFORE, THE TOTAL OF 356 NEW INSOLVENCIES HAD INCREASED BY 12.66 PER CENT WHICH WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE UPWARD TREND SINCE 1990, BUT STILL BELOW THE RECORD NUMBER OF 397 TOTAL NEW INSOLVENCIES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1985.

THE BUSINESSES MAINLY AFFECTED BY COMPULSORY COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND BANKRUPTCIES INCLUDED GARMENT AND KNITTING MANUFACTURING, COMPANY DIRECTORS GIVING PERSONAL GUARANTEES, RESTAURANTS AND CANTEENS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS, CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MANUFACTURING.

PETITIONS WERE FILED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID (37 PER CENT), TRADE CREDITORS (48 PER CENT), BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (14 PER CENT) AND OTHERS (1 PER CENT).

MORE COMPLICATED OR SIGNIFICANT INSOLVENCIES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WERE META-GROW LIMITED, CONSO ELECTRONICS (FAR EAST) LIMITED AND ENIM OIL COMPANY LIMITED, CANADA SPRINGFIELD (HK) LIMITED, M S UNIVERSE TEXTILE LIMITED, EVEREX SYSTEMS (FAR EAST) LIMITED, EVEREX SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT LIMITED, HEROFORM INDUSTRIES LIMITED, DESSON INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AND SKINK LIMITED.

DURING THE PERIOD, 36 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED AGAINST DIRECTORS OF COMPANIES IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND TO KEEP BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF WOUND-UP COMPANIES.

THIRTY DIRECTORS WERE CONVICTED. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURT WAS \$202,748.

A DIRECTOR WAS FINED \$60,000 IN A SINGLE CHARGE FOR FAILING TO PRESERVE THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE COMPANY.

TOTAL DIVIDENDS DECLARED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$121.1 MILLION IN 125 INSOLVENCIES, AS AGAINST \$72.76 MILLION IN 117 INSOLVENCIES FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1992.

THERE WERE 10 SCHEMES OF ARRANGEMENT/COMPOSITIONS APPROVED BY THE COURT DURING THE PERIOD, AS COMPARED WITH SEVEN FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE INSOLVENCY CASES BEING HANDLED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE AT THE END OF JUNE WAS 1,983, REPRESENTING 1,190 COMPULSORY COMPANY LIQUIDATIONS AND 793 PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES.

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR (EXCLUDING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE BCCHK LIQUIDATIONS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN APRIL 1993) TOTALLED \$1,217 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH \$1,416 MILLION AT THE END OF JUNE LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING A REDUCTION OF \$199 MILLION.

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER ALSO ADMINISTERED THE SUMS OF US\$2 MILLION (US\$2.3 MILLION AT THE END OF JUNE 1992) AND JAPANESE YEN 13 MILLION (NIL AT JUNE 30, 1992).

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENT TO KOWLOON SEWER SYSTEM IN THE PIPELINE

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SPEND ANOTHER \$80 MILLION TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

NORTHWEST KOWLOON IS AN OLD RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH SEWERAGE BASINS IN LAI CHI KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND YAU MA TEI.

THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM ARE THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE SEWAGE IS BEING DISCHARGED THROUGH STORM DRAINS TO COASTAL WATERS WITHOUT TREATMENT AND PART OF THE SYSTEM HAS INADEQUATE CAPACITY.

TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS, THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWERAGE PROJECT - IN THREE STAGES.

STAGE I WORKS INVOLVING INTERCEPTION OF THE POLLUTED FLOW IN THE STORM DRAINS AND DIVERTING IT TO THE EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT. THE WORKS WILL START IN LATE 1993.

THE PROJECT TOOK ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON WITH THE ENGAGEMENT OF A CONSULTANCY FIRM FOR THE STAGE II WORKS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRM, MONTGOMERY WATSON HONG KONG LIMITED, WILL CARRY OUT DETAILED DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO REPLACE OLD TRUNK AND BRANCH SEWERS IN 14 LOCATIONS SO AS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN LAI CHI KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND YAU MA TEI.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START EARLY 1995 AND BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1996. ON COMPLETION, THE RISK OF SEWAGE FLOODING IN THOSE AREAS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWERAGE PROJECT IS THE SECOND MAJOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

THE FIRST WAS THE \$1.3 BILLION NORTHWEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1992, ALLOWING SEWAGE COLLECTED IN THE AREAS TO BE TREATED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND BEFORE DISPOSAL.

A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR THE STAGE II WORKS WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT), MR CLEMENT LAU AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MONTGOMERY WATSON HONG KONG LIMITED.

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ADVANCE RECONSTRUCTION WORK FOR LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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WORKS TO REMOVE THE EXISTING CONCRETE CENTRAL DIVIDER ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD BETWEEN HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE AND SHA TIN ROAD WILL START ON SUNDAY (JULY 18) AND BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THE ADVANCE WORK WAS TO HELP THE TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENT AND TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC IMPACT DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STAGE I OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT INVOLVES THE SECTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM THE TOLL PLAZA TO SHA TIN ROAD.

DURING STAGE I OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK, TIDAL FLOW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO EASE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS.

"TRAFFIC CYLINDERS TO DELINEATE LANES, WARNING LIGHTS AND SHORT SECTION OF SAFETY FENCE WILL BE ERECTED IN PLACE TO SEPARATE TRAFFIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ADVANCE WORK WILL REDUCE THE CONSTRUCTION TIME OF THE SUBSEQUENT STAGE I RECONSTRUCTION WORKS FROM EIGHT MONTHS TO SEVEN MONTHS, HE ADDED.

DURING THE ADVANCE WORKS, THE FAST LANES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WILL BE CLOSED DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS EACH DAY.

THE FAST LANE ON THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM AND THAT ON THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

TO SHORTEN CONSTRUCTION TIME, NIGHT WORKING WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

"HOWEVER, NIGHT WORKS WILL BE CONFINED TO ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL NOT GENERATE EXCESSIVE NOISE," HE STRESSED.

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BANKING LICENCE GRANTED TO SHIGA BANK

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SHIGA BANK, LTD HAD BEEN GRANTED A BANKING LICENCE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

SHIGA IS THE 52ND LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN, AND RANKS 266TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CAPITAL.

BEFORE THE GRANTING OF THE BANKING LICENCE, THE BANK HAS BEEN OPERATING A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE SINCE 1989.

THE NEW BRANCH WILL ENABLE THE BANK TO OFFER A WIDER RANGE OF BANKING SERVICES TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF FOREIGN BANKS IN ENTERING THE LOCAL MARKET REFLECTED HONG KONG'S CONTINUED IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE LICENCE FOR SHIGA IS THE FIFTH BANKING LICENCE GRANTED THIS YEAR.

THERE ARE NOW 169 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG, OF WHICH 137 ARE INCORPORATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR MARCH - MAY

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THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH - MAY WAS 2.3%, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.0%, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL - JUNE 1993 WAS 2.2%, WHILE THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.0%.

THE LATEST STATISTICS SUGGEST THAT BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES REMAINED BROADLY STABLE.

DURING THE PERIOD MARCH - MAY 1993, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, ADJUSTED FOR VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS, WAS ESTIMATED AT 64,500, WHILE THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED AT 57,000.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR MARCH - MAY 1993 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 12,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,500 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

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RELEVANT DATA WAS OBTAINED BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1993 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE BY LATE JULY AT \$23.50 A COPY.

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NEW LAW PROVIDES EMPLOYEES BETTER PROTECTIONS  
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR ALFRED CHAN, TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYEES WHO WERE UNABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR EMPLOYMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND CLAIM LONG SERVICE PAYMENT ON GROUNDS OF ILL HEALTH THAT THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES HAD BEEN SIMPLIFIED.

MR CHAN SAID UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1993 WHICH WAS APPROVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY AND GAZETTED TODAY, ANY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER REGISTERED UNDER THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE.

PREVIOUSLY, AN EMPLOYEE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PRACTISING IN A GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED OR PUBLIC HOSPITAL AS PERMANENTLY UNFIT FOR THE TYPE OF WORK HE IS PERFORMING, HE SAID.

"IF THE EMPLOYER IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE EMPLOYEE, HE MAY, AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, APPOINT ANOTHER MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO REASSESS HIS EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

"SHOULD THE MEDICAL OPINIONS OF THE TWO ASSESSMENTS BE IN CONFLICT, THE CASE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR FOR DETERMINATION," MR CHAN ADDED.

HE SAID THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDED BETTER PROTECTION TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAD GIVEN EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE OR BREACHES OF WORK SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THE LEGISLATION EMPOWERS THE COURT OR MAGISTRATE TO ORDER THE EMPLOYER TO PAY COMPENSATION TO HIS EMPLOYEE SHOULD HE BE CONVICTED.

THE COMPENSATION WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY FINE IMPOSED BY THE COURT OR THE MAGISTRATE, MR CHAN ADDED.

ANOTHER NEW MEASURE STIPULATED IN THE ORDINANCE RELATES TO THE LAY-OFF PROVISIONS.

FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE NEW EMPLOYMENT LAW, THE DAYS OF LOCK OUT, REST DAYS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS AND ANNUAL LEAVE DAYS WILL NOT BE RECKONED AS NORMAL WORKING DAYS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD.

THE NEW LEGISLATION ALSO PROVIDES AN EMPLOYER AN OPTION TO SPECIFY ANY PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AS THE COMMON LEAVE YEAR FOR HIS EMPLOYEES.

THIS MEASURE WILL REDUCE THE GREAT DEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE WORK IMPOSED ON AN EMPLOYER IN KEEPING TRACK OF ALL HIS EMPLOYEES' ANNUAL LEAVE SINCE DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES HAVE DIFFERENT STARTING DAYS OF THEIR LEAVE YEAR, MR CHAN NOTED.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER. MR MICHAEL LEUNG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING THREE PERSONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- \* MR MICHAEL HONG MAN-HOI, PRINCIPAL OF SHUN LEE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL;
- \* MR HERMAN HU SHAO-MING, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY PROFESSION, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NUMBER OF COMPANIES; AND
- \* MRS GRACE HUI WONG KING-MAN, PRINCIPAL OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WONG FUT NAM COLLEGE.

THEY ARE APPOINTED ON A TWO-YEAR TERM STARTING JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

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WATER WORK PROJECT ON LANTAU

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPROVED CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PREQUALIFICATION EXERCISE FOR CONSTRUCTING AQUEDUCTS FROM SIU HO WAN TO SILVERMINE BAY ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETRES OF PRESSURE TUNNEL AND ABOUT 0.4 KILOMETRE OF WELDED STEEL WATER MAINS, PORTAL WORKS, AUXILIARY PIPEWORKS, ACCESS ROADS AND INSTRUMENTATION WORKS.

THOSE ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C CONFIRMED FOR WATERWORKS, OR LIST II CONFIRMED FOR WATERWORKS MAY APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM PHH/SWK WATER CONSULTANTS, THIRD FLOOR, ASLAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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TENDERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CALLED FROM PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS LATER THIS YEAR AND THE PROJECT WILL TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON AUGUST 16.

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VILLAGE ACCESS ROADS IN TUEN MUN PROPOSED  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW ROADS AND FOOTWAYS IN SUN FUNG WAI AND NAI WAI, TUEN MUN TO SERVE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE WORK IS ONE OF THE PROPOSED ITEMS UNDER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BASED RURAL PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY PROGRAMME.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY). A NOTICE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

PLANS SHOWING THE AREAS AND ROADS TO BE AFFECTED CAN BE INSPECTED AT:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- \* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SEND HIS WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14, 1993.

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36 MADE JUSTICES OF PEACE  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 36 PERSONS HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS NON-OFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 3 THIS YEAR.

THE APPOINTMENTS, GAZETTED TODAY, ARE:

MR BARMA TYEBJEE HATAM, ISO  
DR CHAN LAI-WAN, CECILIA  
MR CHAN SING-CHUK, CHARLES  
PROF CHAN TAI-KWONG  
MR CHAN WING-KEE  
DR CHANG SAU-HAN, JOYCE  
DR CHAO SZE-BANG, FRANK  
PROF CHEN CHAR-NIE  
PROF THE HON CHEN KWAN-YIU, EDWARD  
THE HON CHENG HOI-CHUEN, VINCENT  
MR CHEUNG WING-SUM, AMBROSE  
DR THE HON CH' IEN KUO-FUNG, RAYMOND  
MR CHIU JAMES  
MR CHOY KAN-PUI, ALEX  
MR FAN CHOR-HO, PAUL  
MR GAIRNS DAVID WYLIE  
DR HODGKISS IVOR JOHN  
MR LAI KAM-CHEUNG, MICHAEL  
DR THE HON LAM KUI-SHING, CONRAD  
MRS LAU PONG ELIM  
MR LEE YEH-KWONG, CHARLES  
DR THE HON LEONG CHE-HUNG, EDWARD, OBE  
PROF LEONG CHI-YAN, JOHN  
MR LEUNG KAM-CHUNG, ANTONY  
MR LEUNG SAU-CHI  
MR LI YUET-TING, CBE  
MR LUNG PING-YEE, DAVID  
MR NEOH ANTHONY FRANCIS, QC  
DR NG MUNG-CHAN, AGNES  
MR PONG CHONG, EDWARD  
MR SO HOI-PAN  
MR TSANG SIU-CHUN  
MS TSUI WAI-LING, CARLYE  
MR WONG PO-HANG, ALEX  
MR WOO KWONG-CHING, PETER  
MR YEUNG YIU-TIN, JEROME

WITH THESE APPOINTMENTS, THERE ARE NOW A TOTAL OF 534 NON-OFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN HONG KONG.

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OPERATION TO STAMP OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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A ROUND-THE-CLOCK OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 107 PERSONS.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THE 104 SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

THE OTHER THREE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED BY IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATORS.

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

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

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

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

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

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 13,398 PERSONS, 2,122 VEHICLES AND 312 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 2,389 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 7,821 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

FOURTEEN ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES FOR INSPECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$250,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO THREE YEARS IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FOOTBRIDGE LINK WITH WAN CHAI RECLAMATION  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD FOOTBRIDGE EXTENSIONS TO PROVIDE AN ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION.

THE TWO EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS GLOUCESTER ROAD AT TONNOCHY ROAD AND FENWICK STREET WILL BE DEMOLISHED. TWO REPLACEMENT COVERED FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE BUILT. ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

ON COMPLETION, THE REPLACEMENT FOOTBRIDGES WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS GLOUCESTER ROAD AT TONNOCHY ROAD AND FENWICK STREET.

WORKS WILL START IN OCTOBER 1993 AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1995.

THE DESIGNER, WALLACE EVANS ASIA LIMITED, WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF WALLACE EVANS ASIA LIMITED ON 14TH FLOOR, OTB BUILDING, 160 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 575 1701.

AN INVITATION NOTICE IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AND ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON AUGUST 13.

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AMBULANCEMEN COMMENDED FOR LIFE SAVING  
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SEVEN AMBULANCEMEN WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILL WHICH HELPED SAVE THE LIVES OF TWO MEN IN TWO SEPARATE CASES IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES, THE ACTING CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR MAK KWAI-PUI, PRESENTED THEM WITH HIS COMMENDATION AND FAVOURABLE ENTRY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT TSUEN WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT, MR MAK SAID THEIR PERFORMANCES NOT ONLY BROUGHT CREDIT TO THEMSELVES BUT ALSO TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

IN THE FIRST CASE, A 60-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS REPORTEDLY COLLAPSED AT HIS SAN TSUEN STREET HOME IN TSUEN WAN ON APRIL 14 AND A TEAM OF AMBULANCEMEN WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO THE SCENE.

TOGETHER WITH THREE CREW MEMBERS, SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN LAM MAN-CHUN APPLIED CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) ON THE MAN UNTIL HE REGAINED HEART BEAT AND RESPIRATION.

THE MAN WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AND DISCHARGED ON JUNE 14.

IN THE SECOND CASE, A 45-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS FOUND COLLAPSED IN A TSUEN WAN CLINIC WHILE WAITING FOR TREATMENT ON APRIL 24.

SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN LAM MAN-CHUN, THE AMBULANCE-AID MOTORCYCLE RIDER RESPONDING TO THE CALL, APPLIED DEFIBRILLATION AND CPR ON THE PATIENT WITH THE HELP OF THE DOCTOR OF THE CLINIC UNTIL HE RESTORED HEART BEAT AND BREATHING.

ON THE WAY TO HOSPITAL, THE PATIENT WAS UNDER OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION AND CLOSE MONITORING BY OTHER AMBULANCE CREW. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL ON JUNE 15.

AWARDED THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER'S COMMENDATION WERE SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN LAM MAN-CHUN AND CHAN KA-FAI, AND AMBULANCEMEN CHANG YIN AND MAK YIP-WAH.

THE FAVOURABLE ENTRY WENT TO PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN CHAN CHUN-LOONG, AND AMBULANCEMEN LEE NAI-KWONG AND HO SHU-CHEONG, WHO RENDERED EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE SECOND PATIENT.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,631
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,169
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-791
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,009
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.8 *+0.2* 16.7.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.28 PCT	13 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.65	3.79
1 MONTH	2.61 PCT	16 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.89	3.97
3 MONTHS	3.08 PCT	19 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.00	4.13
6 MONTHS	3.38 PCT	22 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.02	4.36
12 MONTHS	3.72 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 27,220 MN

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