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GOOD SELECTION OF PEOPLE APPOINTED TO LEGCO: GOVERNOR

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MOST PEOPLE RECKON THAT THOSE APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE A GOOD SELECTION OF PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THAT MEANS THAT THEY HAVE GOOD QUALIFICATIONS IN THEIR OWN PROFESSIONS; THAT THEY ARE PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MIND; AND THAT THEY WILL MAKE A VERY REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFICIENT AND SENSIBLE WORKING OF LEGCO.

"I THINK THAT'S BEEN THE GENERAL REACTION. THAT CERTAINLY WAS OF COURSE MY INTENTION IN APPOINTING THOSE PARTICULAR PEOPLE," SIR DAVID SAID WHEN SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING YAU TSIM DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG WANTED A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHICH WAS GOING TO DEBATE IN AN OPEN MANNER; WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT VIEWS AND WHICH WOULD COME TO CONCLUSIONS WHICH WERE THE RIGHT ONES FOR HONG KONG.

"I'VE MET NOW, A NUMBER OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND I THOUGHT THEY WERE AN IMPRESSIVE BUNCH OF PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO A COUNCIL THAT IS GOING TO WORK WELL," HE SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT WAS SOMETHING WHICH THE LEGCO MEMBERS WOULD BE DISCUSSING AT THEIR FIRST IN-HOUSE MEETING AND IT MUST BE FOR THEM TO WORK OUT WHAT WAS THE BEST WAY OF RUNNING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID WE WANTED TO TRY TO MAKE THINGS AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER.

"BECAUSE WE WON'T HAVE AS MANY OFFICIALS SITTING ON THE COUNCIL, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THERE ISN'T A GULF BETWEEN THE TWO. THAT THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE COUNCIL GOES ON, INDEED IF ANYTHING, WE SHOULD TRY TO STRENGTHEN IT," HE SAID.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID REITERATED THAT HE WOULD BE THINKING THIS OVER DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

HE SAID: "I DO WANT TO TRY TO GET A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SORT OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT SORT OF BACKGROUNDS ONTO EXCO. I ALSO WANT THOUGH, TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT WORKS WELL TOGETHER, AND THAT MEANS THAT IT HAS TO OPERATE UNDER CERTAIN RULES WHICH HAVE LONG OPERATED IN HONG KONG AND INDEED, FOR ANY DECISION TAKING BODY OF THAT SORT."

/SIR DAVID .....

SIR DAVID SAID EACH TIME HE APPOINTED PEOPLE TO EXCO HE WAS GOING THROUGH A NEW THINKING PROCESS BECAUSE HE WAS LOOKING AT A NEW RANGE OF PEOPLE.

"WHAT, IN THE PARTICULAR CONDITIONS OF HONG KONG IS THE RIGHT MIX FOR EXCO AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME. SO, I'M ALWAYS LOOKING AT IT WITH A VERY FRESH MIND AND I'LL CERTAINLY BE DOING THAT THIS TIME," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS YAU TSIM DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, VISITED YAU TSIM DISTRICT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID BEGAN BY VISITING THE CARITAS BIANCHI COLLEGE OF CAREERS WHICH OFFERS A FULL-TIME CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HOTEL BUSINESS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE TERRITORY.

"TRAINING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY GROWING SERVICE SECTOR IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR POSITION AS A BUSINESS CENTRE FOR THE REGION," SIR DAVID SAID.

"WITH 400 HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES IN THIS DISTRICT ALONE, TRAINING FACILITIES OF THIS TYPE ARE CLEARLY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE."

SIR DAVID ALSO VISITED THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION WHERE HE LISTENED TO A CHILDREN'S CHOIR. HE THEN WENT UP TO A ROOFTOP FOR A VIEW OF AN URBAN RENEWAL SCHEME AND THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT.

THE GOVERNOR THEN WALKED TO THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE TO MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN; DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

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FS VISITS IRD

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THE CONCEPT OF A "PAPERLESS" OFFICE WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, VISITED THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

DURING THE VISIT, MR MACLEOD WAS BRIEFED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR ANTHONY AU-YEUNG, ON THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING THE STAFFING POSITION AND STREAMLINING OF OFFICE PROCEDURES.

HE TOURED A NUMBER OF SECTIONS TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE LABOUR-SAVING DEVICES BEING USED.

THESE DEVICES INCLUDE COMPUTER ON-LINE ENQUIRY AND UPDATING FACILITIES, INSTANT PRINTING OF SALARIES TAX DEMAND NOTES AND DUPLICATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION TECHNIQUE.

MR MACLEOD IS CONTINUING HIS ROUND OF VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AFTER VISITING THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK.

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GOVT ACTIVELY PREPARING HK FOR THE FUTURE: STI

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY PREPARING HONG KONG TO ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY AS A SEPARATE PART OF CHINA AND A KEY CENTRE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN ASIA-PACIFIC, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A TOKYO SEMINAR ENTITLED "HONG KONG: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE", MR CHAU SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAD IMPORTANT PLANS FOR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN THE SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF PORT FACILITIES AROUND THE HARBOUR.

"WE ARE BUILDING A NEW AIRPORT - A FIRST CLASS AND EFFICIENT ONE WHICH WILL HELP ENSURE OUR FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY.

"ADVANCE WORKS FOR THE NEW AIRPORT HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED EARLIER THIS YEAR. ONE RUNWAY WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY 1997. A SECOND WILL BE PHASED IN ACCORDING TO AIR TRAFFIC DEMAND.

"THE AIRPORT PROJECT, WITH ITS RELATED ROAD, BRIDGE, TUNNEL, RAIL AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKS, IS ESTIMATED TO COST SOME US\$13 BILLION.

"AND IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH THE SPEED, ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY FOR WHICH HONG KONG IS JUSTLY FAMOUS," HE SAID.

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MR CHAU ADDED THAT OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDED A US\$2.5 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME; US\$360 MILLION FOR EXPANDING THE SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING WATER FROM CHINA; US\$128 MILLION FOR BUILDING OUR THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE; AND US\$590 MILLION FOR PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO INVESTING HEAVILY IN EDUCATION AND IN TECHNOLOGY, TO MAKE SURE THE TERRITORY CONTINUED TO HAVE A BETTER-EDUCATED AND MORE SKILLED LABOUR FORCE.

"A THIRD MAJOR UNIVERSITY, THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WILL OPEN IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.

"TERTIARY PLACES WILL BE DOUBLED BY 1995. THIS WILL MEAN THAT 18 PER CENT OF SCHOOL LEAVERS WILL HAVE A PLACE ON A DEGREE COURSE COMPARED TO SEVEN PER CENT NOW," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG WAS AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE.

"WITH A POPULATION OF ONLY 5.8 MILLION PEOPLE, AND WITH NO NATURAL RESOURCES, HONG KONG IS THE 11TH LARGEST TRADING ENTITY IN THE WORLD, AND THE SECOND LARGEST IN ASIA.

"THE WORLD'S LARGEST TRADING NATION, THE UNITED STATES, HAS A POPULATION WHICH IS ABOUT 40 TIMES THAT OF HONG KONG. AND, YET, THE VALUE OF UNITED STATES' TOTAL TRADE IS ONLY ABOUT SIX TIMES THAT OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MANY FACTORS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS - ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION IN EAST ASIA, ITS NATURAL DEEP-WATER HARBOUR AND THE INDUSTRY, INGENUITY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF ITS PEOPLE.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY HAS ALSO PLAYED A PART," HE SAID.

ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, MR CHAU SAID SINCE THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS SIGNED THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN WORKING WITH THE CHINESE ON THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN A CHANGE OF SOVEREIGNTY - THE WHOLE RAFT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH TIED HONG KONG TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS, MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, AND SO ON.

"MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE READY FOR 1997 WHEN IT FINALLY ARRIVES," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG'S HISTORY HAD BEEN FULL OF CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY.

"WE HAVE BECOME USED TO COPING WITH CHANGE AND CRISES. THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR ECONOMY IN THE 1980'S WAS ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING SEA-CHANGES THE TERRITORY HAS EVER UNDERGONE. AND WE TOOK IT IN OUR STRIDE.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL COPE IN THE SAME WAY WITH WHATEVER CHALLENGES THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE FOR US.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG WILL BE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH LONG AFTER 1997 HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY. THE 21ST CENTURY WILL BE THE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTURY.

"AND HONG KONG WILL BE THERE, PLAYING ITS PART WITH ITS USUAL VIGOUR, AND CONTINUING AS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE TRIUMPH OF FREE TRADE AND FREE ENTERPRISE," HE SAID.

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HEALTHY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR JAPANESE INVESTORS IN HK  
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THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE OPERATIONS OF JAPANESE FIRMS ALREADY IN HONG KONG IS FORCEFUL TESTIMONY TO JAPANESE INVESTORS' POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TERRITORY, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ENTITLED "HONG KONG: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE" IN TOKYO, MR BARMA SAID UNLESS JAPANESE INVESTORS PERCEIVED HEALTHY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THEY WOULD NOT HAVE EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG AT SUCH A FAST PACE.

HE SAID A NOTABLE EXAMPLE WAS DAIDO CONCRETE CO. LTD WHICH STARTED TO MANUFACTURE CONCRETE PILES PRIMARILY FOR THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

"THE COMPANY SOON EXPANDED ITS PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN PHASES, AND EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO MANUFACTURE NEW PRODUCTS, NAMELY STEEL-CONCRETE COMPOSITE PILES AND PRE-FABRICATED CONCRETE PANELS RESPECTIVELY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID ANOTHER EXAMPLE WAS MITA INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD, WHICH CURRENTLY MANUFACTURED PHOTOCOPIERS, AND INCREASINGLY USED PARTS OBTAINED FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS.

"IT HAS EXPANDED ITS PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN PHASES, AND ALSO INVITED A NUMBER OF ITS PARTS AND COMPONENTS SUPPLIERS TO SET UP MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID JAPAN HAD ALL ALONG BEEN A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG, AS BORNE OUT BY THE FINDINGS OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

"ACCORDING TO THE 1990 SURVEY, THE CUMULATIVE VALUE OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING AT THE END OF 1989 STOOD AT US\$1,108 MILLION, REPRESENTING 29.1 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, JAPAN IS A CLOSE SECOND TO THE USA, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 31 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID JAPANESE INVESTMENT HAD BEEN GROWING MUCH FASTER THAN THE U.S. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS:

"THE GROWTH OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG IS MANIFESTATION OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S STRONG CONFIDENCE IN THE ECONOMIC DYNAMISM OF HONG KONG AND ITS CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN VARIOUS MEASURES IN TANDEM TO UPGRADE THE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL OF ITS INDUSTRY.

"WE RECOGNISE THE NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND PROVIDE MORE TRAINING IN THOSE MUCH-NEEDED ENGINEERING SKILLS APPLICABLE TO MANUFACTURING.

"MASSIVE INVESTMENTS ARE MADE TO THAT END," HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, THERE WERE OTHER GOVERNMENT-FUNDED ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, AND CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AT VARIOUS TERTIARY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION OF RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIES.

"THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IS TARGETTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN 1993, WITH THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FACILITY EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE EVEN EARLIER IN 1991.

"THE CENTRE WILL ACT AS AN INCUBATOR TO STIMULATE GROWTH OF INNOVATIVE NEW TECHNOLOGY-BASED FIRMS AND ASSIST THEM WITH PRODUCT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT; TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES RELEVANT TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY; AND TO HELP WITH THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN LOCALLY," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ALSO SAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITY AS CRUCIAL FOR TECHNOLOGIES TO BE USEFULLY APPLIED IN THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS THUS SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES OF TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

"THE FUNDING FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR THE 1992-95 TRIENNIUM HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR US\$53 MILLION," HE SAID.

MR BARMA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH BUSINESS WOULD BE ABLE TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND PROSPER.

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HE SAID THE INCREASING PRESENCE OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG WAS PROOF THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO FIND NICHE AREAS AND CONDUCT PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

"THEIR PRESENCE ALSO SIGNIFIES CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. IN THE YEARS AHEAD, I LOOK FORWARD TO A CLOSER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

"I WOULD THEREFORE WELCOME PLANS OF OTHER JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS TO FOLLOW THEIR COUNTERPARTS WHO HAVE MADE SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

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## STUDENT GUIDANCE SERVICES TO BE STRENGTHENED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS ACCEPTED THE EDUCATION COMMISSION PROPOSAL THAT ALL TEACHERS IN A SCHOOL SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ASSISTING STUDENTS TO RESOLVE THEIR DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT PRESENT, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS THROUGH STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS (SGOS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND GUIDANCE TEACHERS RESPECTIVELY.

"IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE CURRENT SGO/STUDENT RATIO IS 1:3,000 IN URBAN AREAS AND 1:2,000 IN RURAL AREAS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, GUIDANCE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY GUIDANCE TEACHERS, WITH PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IS MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT ALL TEACHERS PLAY A VITAL PART IN HELPING STUDENTS TO RECOGNISE AND OVERCOME THEIR PROBLEMS.

IT CONSIDERS THAT TEACHERS, BEING IN THE FRONT LINE, ARE OFTEN IN A BETTER POSITION TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS IN NEED OF HELP AND TO OFFER INITIAL ASSISTANCE.

"TEACHERS, HOWEVER, REQUIRE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL HEADS AND THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT, TO CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT IN THE SCHOOLS IN WHICH STUDENTS' PROBLEMS ARE RESPONDED TO IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER," HE ADDED.

"THIS CONCEPT, KNOWN AS 'WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH', HAS ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED IN SOME SCHOOLS AND IS PROVING TO BE SUCCESSFUL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE SCHOOLS TO FOLLOW SUIT AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THIS APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED IN HONG KONG.

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TO IMPLEMENT THIS APPROACH, MOST OF THE SGO POSTS IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE TRANSFERRED GRADUALLY TO SCHOOLS AS ADDITIONAL POSTS TO ENABLE SCHOOL HEADS TO CHOOSE ONE OF THEIR TEACHERS TO SERVE AS THE STUDENT GUIDANCE TEACHER (SGT).

IN LINE WITH THE WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ALSO ACCEPTED THAT:

- \* CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS TO EXTEND VARIOUS PROGRAMMES TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR AMONG THEIR STUDENTS;
- \* THE POSTS TO BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS FOR SGTS BE RANKED AT ASSISTANT MASTER/MISTRESS (AM) LEVEL;
- \* EXISTING CERTIFICATED MASTER/MISTRESS (SGO) POSTS BE UPGRADED TO THE AM RANK OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS;
- \* ONE SGT BE SHARED BY TWO OR MORE SCHOOLS UNDER THE SAME SPONSORING BODY. THE SGT/STUDENT RATIO OF 1:2,500 SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS AN INITIAL STEP IN 1992;
- \* THE RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE DEPENDENT INITIALLY ON THE VACANT POSTS IN THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SECTION AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON THE NATURAL WASTAGE OF SERVING SGOS;
- \* WHEN WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IS IMPLEMENTED AND SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, EVERY SCHOOL WITH 24 CLASSROOMS OR MORE SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH ONE SGT. SCHOOLS OF LESS THAN 24 CLASSROOMS SHOULD SHARE SGTS;
- \* SGTS SHOULD BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE SCHOOLS THEY SERVE AND/OR TO THE SPONSORING BODIES CONCERNED;
- \* THE SUPPORT AND TRAINING ELEMENTS OF THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SECTION IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BE STRENGTHENED;
- \* THE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING ELEMENT IN COURSES AT THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION BE STRENGTHENED;
- \* MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LECTURERS IN GUIDANCE AT THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION BE PROVIDED;
- \* CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO COMMISSION THE LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TO OFFER MORE COURSES AND PLACES IN GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING; AND
- \* THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXPLORE WITH THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG MEANS TO EXPAND LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

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THE ADDITIONAL RECURRENT COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$11 MILLION PER YEAR DURING THE INITIAL PHASE WHEN THE SGT/STUDENT RATIO IS SET AT 1:2,500.

"THE COST WILL EVENTUALLY INCREASE TO ABOUT \$54 MILLION PER YEAR WHEN EVERY SCHOOL WITH 24 OR MORE CLASSROOMS IS PROVIDED WITH ONE SGT."

THIS REFORM PROPOSAL IS THE FIFTH OF A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 4 SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A TWO-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MEASURES AGAINST LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO LAUNCH A THREE-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON MEASURES AGAINST LEAVING CHILDREN ALONE AT HOME STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT COPIES OF A CONSULTATION PAPER ON MEASURES TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM BEING LEFT UNATTENDED AT HOME WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM ALL SWD OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CNTA FROM OCTOBER 1.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN SEND THEIR VIEWS OR SUGGESTIONS ON MEASURES TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 27), BEGINNING AT NOON IN THE SWD HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM, 22ND FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

PRESENT WILL BE THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ANTHONY CHAN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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WATCH OUT FOR BOGUS FSD OFFICER

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST A BOGUS FIRE SERVICES OFFICER SOLICITING MONEY FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SENT ANY OFFICER TO ASK THE PUBLIC TO SUBSIDISE OR SPONSOR IN PRODUCING ITS ANNUAL REPORT OR ANY OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

"THE PUBLIC SHOULD REPORT TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY WHEN APPROACHED BY THE BOGUS OFFICER," HE SAID.

THE APPEAL IS MADE AFTER THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE AN OFFICER FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD ASKED THEM TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

"THE ESTABLISHMENTS APPROACHED ARE MAINLY FACTORIES, RESTAURANTS AND COMPANIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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GOVT LAND TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND AT TAI LAM CHUNG, TUEN MUN.

THE SITE MEASURES ABOUT 4,800 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR STORAGE OF GOODS (EXCLUDING STORAGE OF VEHICLES, CONTAINERS AND TRACTORS) ONLY.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS AND QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 11.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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POSTCARD TO MARK UNIVERSITY'S OPENING

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT A POSTAGE-PREPAID POSTCARD TO MARK THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 10.

"THIS POSTCARD SHOULD BE POPULAR EVEN FOR TOURISTS AS IT CAN BE SENT TO ALL DESTINATION BY AIR MAIL WITHOUT THE NEED TO AFFIX POSTAGE STAMPS," MR WONG SAID.

THE POSTCARD WILL BE ON SALE AT \$3.30 AT THE FOLLOWING SEVEN PHILATELIC OFFICES:

AIRPORT POST OFFICE

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE

GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE

PEAK POST OFFICE

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE

TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THESE POSTCARDS AND ANY OTHER PRIVATELY-MADE MAIL ITEMS BEARING THE "FIRST DAY" INDICATION FOR THE OCCASION AT THE SEVEN PHILATELIC OFFICES.

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CFPA GRANTS TO ARTS GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS

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SEVEN PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WHICH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$474,300 BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) UNDER THE MATCHING GRANT SCHEME SINCE JUNE THIS YEAR.

THEY ARE THE HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY IN THE MUSIC FIELD, SPONSORED BY HO & WONG.

IN THE DRAMA FIELD, ACTORS FAMILY AND BESTREBEN DRAMA ASSOCIATION ARE BOTH SPONSORED BY ESSO (HK) LTD. EXPLORATION THEATRE, CARLSBERG WANCHAI THEATRE AND SHA TIN THEATRE COMPANY ARE ALL SPONSORED BY CARLSBERG BREWERY (HK) LTD.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY THEATRE IS SPONSORED BY DHL INTERNATIONAL, CROWN PACIFIC LTD, SECURITY PACIFIC ASIAN BANK, OLIVER'S AND UNITED AIRLINES.

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OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE CFPA HAS ALSO APPROVED 30 PROJECT GRANTS, TOTALLING \$0.93 MILLION, TO 26 PERFORMING ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS.

THEY ARE HONG KONG SYMPHONIA, THE BUDS ART CENTRE, HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LTD, HONG KONG ORATORIO SOCIETY AND HONG KONG SINFONIETTA IN THE MUSIC FIELD.

IN THE DANCE FIELD, THEY ARE CHAPIO YOUTH AND CHILDREN BALLET COMPANY, HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION AND ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON.

IN THE DRAMA FIELD, GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG STUDENTS' UNION, INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISTIC FELLOWSHIP LTD, PAROUSIA, NOVICE, JOINT SCHOOL DRAMA PROJECT, ANONYMITY DRAMATIC CLUB, HONG KONG ARTS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE, THE RED CALF DRAMA CLUB, ARTISTE CLUB, ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON, CHOI HUNG DRAMA ASSOCIATION, THE PERFORMERS, KWUN TONG THEATRE, SEALS PLAYERS FOUNDATION LTD, CARLSBERG WANCHAI THEATRE AND MR LEE YIN-KWAI.

GRANTS HAVE ALSO BEEN AWARDED TO HONG KONG PEKING OPERA CLUB, THE ARTLAND AND CHING YING DRAMA SOCIETY IN THE CHINESE OPERA FIELD.

APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT AND MATCHING GRANTS CAN BE MADE ANY TIME IN THE YEAR.

THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION MUST BE AN APPROVED CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT-MAKING BODY.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE PLANNED PERFORMANCE DATES TO ALLOW TIME FOR ASSESSMENT BY THE RELEVANT CFPA COMMITTEES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON 25TH FLOOR, SHUI ON CENTRE, 6-8 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 866 0869.

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#### 22 HK STUDENTS EXCEL IN COMMONWEALTH ESSAY CONTEST

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TWENTY-TWO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS, WHO WON THIS YEAR'S LOCAL ROUND OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION, RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, COMMENDED THE STUDENTS WHO HAD AGAIN EXCELLED THEMSELVES IN THE LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AMONG THE 4,000 PARTICIPANTS FROM 40 COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES, MANY OF WHICH WERE PREDOMINANTLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING.

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"THEIR NAMES HAVE APPEARED ON THE LISTS OF MERITORIOUS AWARDS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT HE WAS SURE THEY WOULD MAINTAIN THIS GOOD RECORD IN THE COMING YEARS.

THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY AND SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG.

WINNERS WERE AWARDED BOOK PRIZES RANGING FROM \$375 TO \$1,225.

THE AWARD HAS BEEN ENLARGED TO INCLUDE 10 MORE CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR ENTRIES OF ANY CLASS HIGHLY COMMENDED BY THE JUDGES.

THE HIGHEST AWARD - THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG AWARD - WENT TO WINNIE HO SZE-WAN OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE. IN ADDITION TO THE \$1,225 BOOK PRIZE, SHE ALSO EARNED A ROUND TRIP TO KUALA LUMPUR.

ALSO PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS WERE THE MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MRS CONNIE KWOK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG; DR HALI SHROFF.

THE LIST OF WINNERS OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION ARE:

## CLASS A

PRIZE -----	NAME -----	SCHOOL -----
FIRST	WINNIE HO SZE-WAN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
SECOND	LEUNG CHUN-MAN	ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE
THIRD	LING CHUN-WAI	ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE
COMMENDED	JESSICA SZETO WING-KWAN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
COMMENDED	HOLLY APRILIS HO WING-YIN	HOLY FAMILY CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

## CLASS B

PRIZE -----	NAME -----	SCHOOL -----
FIRST	KAN CHUN-DEI	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
SECOND	ROSY AMARPREET BATRA	SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

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THIRD	VALERIE SUNG	DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
COMMENDED	CLARRY CHAN KA-YEE	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
COMMENDED	JOANNA KWONG DING-YAN	SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

CLASS C

PRIZE	NAME	SCHOOL
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FIRST	SARA TONG	DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND	STEFANIE TANYA WILLIS	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
THIRD	PAUL MAK TAK-CHUEN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
COMMENDED	ELAINE LEE	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
COMMENDED	LILLIAN NG LAI-YAN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
COMMENDED	FUNG YAT-MAN	WAH YAN COLLEGE, HONG KONG

CLASS D

PRIZE	NAME	SCHOOL
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FIRST	LEUNG KWOK-CHEUNG	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL
SECOND	CHANTAL YUNN LIU	DIOCESAN GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL
THIRD	SIMON SUNG	DIOCESAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL
COMMENDED	NIKKI NG MIEN-HUA	DIOCESAN GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL
COMMENDED	YVONNE PANG	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN SCHOOL (AM)
COMMENDED	JAMES WATSON	BOUNDARY JUNIOR SCHOOL

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG AWARD

NAME	SCHOOL
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WINNIE HO SZE-WAN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

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SWD SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPERATING FROM ITS NEW PREMISES AT 18TH FLOOR, WING FAT COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 218 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, FROM TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ARE 555 2284 AND 555 2215.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	24.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	25.9.91	+47
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-47
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.0 **0.1* 25.9.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	24.9.91	25.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.26 PCT	3.99 PCT
1 MONTH	4.29 PCT	4.14 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.58 PCT	4.47 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.07 PCT	4.96 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.80 PCT	5.73 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	7,200 MN	5,287 MN

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