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HK WILL HOLD ON WINNING FORMULA: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID HONG KONG WOULD HOLD ON TO ITS WINNING FORMULA - A FREE MARKET WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RULE OF LAW.

"IT IS AN UNBEATABLE FORMULA FOR IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IN HARMONIOUS AND CIVILISED EXCHANGE.

"IT IS A COMBINATION THAT PROMISES A PROSPEROUS AS WELL AS STABLE FUTURE FOR HONG KONG, AND FOR ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES FOR THE SAME," HE SAID.

ADDRESSING A CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH MEETING, MR PATTEN SAID THE COMMUNITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW MADE HONG KONG DISTINCT.

IT IS A DISTINCTION THAT WAS GUARANTEED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

"MAINTAINING THAT DISTINCTIVENESS - IMPLEMENTING THE JOINT DECLARATION FULLY IN SPIRIT AND TO THE LETTER - IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

"WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WITH CHINA IS HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THE ELECTION PROCESS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE JOINT DECLARATION AND BASIC LAW IS ONE THAT IS OPEN, FAIR, CREDIBLE AND ONE WHICH PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ACCEPT AS SUCH," HE SAID.

MR PATTEN SAID THERE WAS AN AXIOMATIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A CREDIBLE ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND THE SECURE RULE OF LAW.

HAVE AN ELECTION PROCESS THAT IS NOT RESPECTED BY THE COMMUNITY WOULD WEAKEN RESPECT FOR THE LAWS THAT ARE PASSED, AND WOULD WEAKEN THE WATCH THAT A LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO KEEP OVER THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW BY THE EXECUTIVE, HE SAID.

"WE ARE DOING OUR VERY BEST TO ENSURE THAT AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO BRITAIN, TO CHINA, AND TO THE SIX MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE."

TURNING TO THE LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG, MR PATTEN SAID BOTH ENJOYED EXCELLENT AND FLOURISHING TRADE AND ECONOMIC LINKS, ALONGSIDE HUMAN LINKS.

HE ATTRIBUTED THESE LINKS TO THE SHARING OF A COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE.

RECOGNISING THAT MANY CANADIAN BUSINESSES DO NOT JUST COME TO HONG KONG FOR THE TERRITORY'S OWN SAKE, HE SAID THEY CAME BECAUSE OF THE OPENING UP OF CHINA'S ECONOMY AND BECAUSE HONG KONG WAS AN UNPARALLEL GATEWAY TO CHINA.

HE HOPED THE WORLD WOULD SHOW A LITTLE PATIENCE AND A LOT OF UNDERSTANDING AS CHINA WENT ABOUT THIS NEXT STAGE OF ITS TRANSFORMATION.

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"THE SKILL THAT CHINA'S LEADERSHIP HAS SHOWN IN THE LAST DECADE IN MANAGING THE SHIFT FROM A COMMAND TO A MARKET ECONOMY GIVES GROUNDS FOR REASONABLE OPTIMISM THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO MANAGE THE ECONOMY WELL IN FUTURE," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN WERE TAKING A LONG-TERM VIEW AND WERE CONTINUING TO INVEST THROUGH HONG KONG.

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VIEWS INVITED ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN OF HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED A CONSULTATION DIGEST ON "TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW - DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS" FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, DR PETER K S PUN, EXPLAINED THAT TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (TDS) WAS THE HIGHEST TIER IN THE HIERARCHY OF TOWN PLANS IN HONG KONG.

THE FIRST TDS WAS PREPARED IN 1984, PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE TERRITORIAL LAND USE - TRANSPORT PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT UP TO THE YEAR 2001.

"SINCE THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST TDS, A LOT OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN AND AROUND HONG KONG," HE SAID.

WITH CHINA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY, THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION HAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED INTO AN IMPORTANT OUTWARD PROCESSING AREA FOR HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES.

IN RETURN, HONG KONG SERVES AS A MAJOR TRADING OUTLET AND A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INVESTMENT FOR THIS REGION.

"A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT TO CHEK LAP KOK, THE EXPANSION OF PORT FACILITIES ON NORTH LANTAU AND IN THE WESTERN HARBOUR AREA, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE METROPLAN.

"THE TDS THEREFORE NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED TO PROVIDE A LONG-TERM LAND USE-ENVIRONMENT-TRANSPORT PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR HONG KONG, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECENT STRATEGIC PLANNING DECISIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF SOUTH CHINA," DR PUN SAID.

THE TIME FRAME FOR THE PRESENT TDS REVIEW IS UP TO 2011.

DR PUN POINTED OUT THAT IN THE FORMULATION OF THE TDS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, TWO DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS HAVE BEEN POSTULATED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA.

SCENARIO A ASSUMES THE PEARL RIVER DELTA AREA AS HONG KONG'S PRIMARY ECONOMIC HINTERLAND WHILE SCENARIO B INCLUDES BOTH THE PEARL RIVER DELTA AREA AND SOME INNER PROVINCES OF CHINA AS HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC HINTERLAND.

THE CURRENT TDS REVIEW HAS IDENTIFIED TWO MAJOR DIRECTIONS OF GROWTH IN HONG KONG.

ON ONE HAND, THERE IS THE EAST TO WEST DEVELOPMENT AXIS COMPRISING THE NEW PORT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES ON NORTH LANTAU AND WESTERN HARBOUR, PLUS THE METROPLAN PROPOSALS IN THE METRO AREA.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE EAST BAND OF PEARL RIVER AND THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES, A SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT AXIS FROM HONG KONG TO GUANGZHOU IS ALSO GRADUALLY EMERGING.

BASED ON THE BROAD DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS AND DIRECTIONS OF GROWTH, SIX DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS HAVE BEEN FORMULATED ON THE BASIS OF VARYING RATES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, VARYING DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LAND FOR VARIOUS USES, AND VARYING ROLES OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS AS DEVELOPMENT AGENTS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED IN THE TDS CONSULTATION DIGEST, COPIES OF WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR FROM DISTRICT OFFICES.

AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE TDS CONSULTATION DIGEST, TWO REPORTS ARE ALSO RELEASED TODAY.

THE FIRST IS A TDS FOUNDATION REPORT WHICH SUMMARISES THE RESULTS OF DETAILED STUDIES ON MAJOR LAND USES, SUCH AS HOUSING, INDUSTRY, OFFICE, RECREATION AND LANDSCAPE.

THESE STUDIES WERE CARRIED OUT AT THE EARLY STAGE OF TDS REVIEW. BASED ON THE FORECAST DEMAND AND SUPPLY, AND THE CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED FOR EACH MAJOR LAND USE, THESE STUDIES PROVIDE REFERENCES AND DIRECTIONS FOR FORMULATING TDS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS.

AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE TDS REVIEW, AN ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDY WAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE INPUTS FOR DERIVING AND EVALUATING THE TDS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS.

THE STUDY HAS FORMULATED TERRITORY-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILES THAT WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE SUSTAINABLE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT FOR EACH SUB-REGION.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY ARE SET OUT IN A TDS ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE CONDITIONS REPORT WHICH IS ALSO RELEASED TODAY.

COPIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES OF THE TDS FOUNDATION REPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE CONDITIONS REPORT ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

THE FULL REPORTS ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

"THE TDS REVIEW WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS ON THE FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG," DR PUN SAID.

"THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS WHICH MAY BE OF CONCERN TO INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESS CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS. PUBLIC VIEWS WOULD BE USEFUL IN HELPING GOVERNMENT FINALISE THE STRATEGY FORMULATION.

"THEIR SUGGESTIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS AND PATTERNS OF HONG KONG OR COMMENTS ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE STRATEGY REVIEW WOULD ALSO PROVIDE IMPORTANT INPUTS TO THE STUDY PROCESS."

HE SAID PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS WOULD BE MODIFIED AND BROUGHT TOGETHER TO FORM PREFERRED OPTIONS FOR THE TDS FOLLOWING A THREE-MONTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD.

"THE AIM IS TO COMPLETE THE TDS REVIEW EXERCISE BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON THE TDS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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HK COMMITTED TO FREE TRADE  
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HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS IS DUE TO ITS COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY, U.S. TIME).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE UNITED STATES, HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG AND THE U.S. SHARED THE SAME COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND WOULD BE VITAL FOR HONG KONG, THE U.S. AND THE WORLD.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ASIA-PACIFIC PRESENTED A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN.

"HONG KONG IMPORTS MORE U.S. GOODS PER CAPITA THAN MOST COUNTRIES. IN TOTAL, HONG KONG IMPORTED US\$5 BILLION WORTH OF GOODS FROM USA IN 1992," HE SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF AMERICAN FIRMS WITH FAR EAST HEADQUARTERS HAVE THEM IN HONG KONG.

"IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MORE THAN 30 PER CENT OF U.S. EXPORTS TO CHINA PASS THROUGH HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

LOOKING AHEAD, MR MACLEOD BELIEVED THAT THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WOULD CONTINUE.

THE REASONS FOR THIS OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK, HE SAID, WERE HONG KONG'S STRONG ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS; ITS STRONG FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES SITUATION; THE MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS, AND THE CONTINUATION OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE AND MAXIMUM SUPPORT.

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HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE INFLATION PROBLEM IN CHINA AND THE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINA, ESPECIALLY THE MOST FAVOURED NATION ISSUE, DID POSE DOWNSIDE RISKS TO THIS OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

HE SAID HONG KONG'S FUTURE ECONOMIC SUCCESS ALSO DEPENDED ON THE CONTINUATION OF ITS SEPARATE TRADING AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND ITS STATUS AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY AFTER 1997, AS ENSHRINED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

MR MACLEOD IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. VISITING PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE AFTER ATTENDING THE IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS WEEK.

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CASH GRANTS TO FLOOD VICTIMS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE HAS SO FAR RECEIVED 300 APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF GRANTS FROM FLOOD VICTIMS OF TYPHOON DOT.

NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TIMOTHY TONG, URGED THOSE WHO HAD NOT YET FORWARDED THEIR REQUESTS TO DO SO NOW.

HE GAVE HIS ASSURANCE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION SPEEDILY.

"OUR OFFICE MAY APPROVE A GRANT OF UP TO \$5,000 TO EACH FAMILY IN NEED."

"EACH FAMILY MAY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION. ALL CASES WOULD GO THROUGH A MEANS TEST BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY A VETTING COMMITTEE."

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING.

A SPECIAL HOTLINE - 675 1606 - HAS ALSO BEEN SET UP TO HELP THE VICTIMS.

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GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC MEETING TICKETS GONE IN 5 HOURS

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ALL ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY ADDRESS HAVE BEEN SNATCHED AT VARIOUS URBIX OUTLETS IN LESS THAN FIVE HOURS AFTER THEY BECAME AVAILABLE AT 10 AM TODAY (THURSDAY).

ALL THE 1,469 TICKETS FOR THE SESSION AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON OCTOBER 8 HAVE GONE BY 1 PM.

SHORTLY BEFORE 3 PM, THE 1,322 TICKETS FOR THE OTHER SESSION AT SHATIN TOWN HALL ON OCTOBER 7 WERE ALSO SNATCHED.

IN VIEW OF LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE THAT SOME TICKET HOLDERS DID NOT TURN UP AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS, THIS TIME EACH CALLER CAN GET ONLY ONE TICKET. AN ADDITIONAL TICKET WILL BE GIVEN ONLY UPON REQUEST.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROCESS OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS CAN TUNE IN TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WHICH WILL BROADCAST THOSE SESSIONS LIVE.

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LAW GOVERNING SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENTS COMES INTO EFFECT  
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THE NEW PROVISION IN THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1993 TO CONTROL MISLEADING SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENTS WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (OCTOBER 1), THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"UNDER THIS PROVISION, OPERATORS WHO PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE MASS MEDIA WILL BE REQUIRED TO QUOTE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THIS IS TO AVOID UNSCRUPULOUS OPERATORS ADVERTISING PLACES IN UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS," HE SAID.

"ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO DO SO OR FALSELY CLAIMS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENTS WILL COMMIT AN OFFENCE AND MAY BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10,000," HE ADDED.

THE SECRETARY SAID OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE NEW DEFINITION OF SCHOOL, THE POWERS OF SPONSORING BODIES AND THE SIMPLIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF SCHOOL MANAGERS, WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR ALL CONCERNED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS.

THE NEW DEFINITION OF SCHOOL WILL REQUIRE ANY TEACHING OPERATION PROVIDING EDUCATION TO EIGHT OR MORE STUDENTS AT ANY ONE TIME TO REGISTER WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PREMISES WILL HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTRATION IN TERMS OF SAFETY AND HYGIENE.

THE PRESENT FLEXIBILITY OF ALLOWING OPERATORS TO HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 19 STUDENTS ON ANY ONE DAY, WITHOUT HAVING TO BE REGISTERED, WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE NEW PROVISIONS GOVERNING SPONSORING BODIES CLEARLY SPELL OUT THE DEFINITION OF THESE BODIES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

THE OTHER PROVISIONS AMEND THE EXISTING EDUCATION ORDINANCE BY RATIONALISING AND SIMPLIFYING THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL MANAGERS.

ALL OF THE NEW PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED ON JUNE 4 THIS YEAR.

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NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM DEALS WITH IMMIGRATION ENQUIRIES

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE MORE TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 4) WHEN A NEW INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM IS PUT INTO USE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SYSTEM WAS OPERATED ROUND THE CLOCK AND WAS COST-EFFECTIVE TO DEAL WITH SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD ENQUIRIES.

A CALLER MAY USE HIS TELEPHONE SET AS A TERMINAL AND GET ACCESS TO A PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE OF HIS CHOICE BY PRESSING DIGITS AS PROMPTED BY THE SYSTEM.

HE MAY ALSO GET FAX COPIES OF THE PRE-RECORDED MESSAGES AT ANY TIME.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT CALLERS USING TOUCH-TONE DIAL TELEPHONES COULD MAKE USE OF THE NEW SERVICE.

HOWEVER, CALLS ON PULSE-DIAL TELEPHONES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THOSE WHO HAVE MORE COMPLICATED ENQUIRIES MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO SPEAK TO THE OFFICERS DIRECTLY DURING OFFICE HOURS.

MESSAGES OFFERED BY THE SYSTEM COVER VARIOUS TYPES OF SERVICES INCLUDING APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, IDENTITY CARDS, VISAS, EXTENSIONS OF STAY, NATURALISATION AS BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN, BRITISH NATIONALITY SELECTION SCHEME, ENTRY TO UK, AS WELL AS BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATION.

THE SYSTEM CAN ALSO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION MADE TO THE BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORT ENQUIRY HOTLINE - 824 1717 (CHINESE) AND 824 1177 (ENGLISH).

AT PRESENT, THE INFORMATION OFFICE OFFERS TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE ON ITS HOTLINE 824 6111. EACH DAY ABOUT 5,000 CALLS ARE RECEIVED WHICH ARE ANSWERED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

LEAFLETS ABOUT THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS FROM OCTOBER 4.

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BANK LICENCE GRANTED TO GUNMA BANK

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

GUNMA IS THE 32ND LARGEST BANK IN JAPAN, AND RANKS 138TH IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF CAPITAL.

PRIOR TO 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 GUNMA IS THE SIXTH 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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UN SANCTIONS AGAINST ANGOLA

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THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 864 ON SEPTEMBER 15, IMPOSING A RANGE OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ANGOLA.

THE RESOLUTION CAME INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

SPECIFIC POWERS FOR THE BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN A UK ORDER IN COUNCIL THAT COMES INTO FORCE ON OCTOBER 1.

THE ORDER IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXPORT TO ANGOLA AND THE SUPPLY TO PERSONS IN ANGOLA OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIAL, AND PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

IT ALSO RESTRICTS CERTAIN RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE CARRIAGE OF PROHIBITED GOODS IN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT AND LAND TRANSPORT VEHICLES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT FULLY ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ORDER IN COUNCIL.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

- \* GENERAL AND PRESS ENQUIRIES:  
DUTY OFFICER, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
(TEL 842 8747)
- \* TRADE RELATED MATTERS:  
TRADE DEPARTMENT (TEL 398 5556 OR 398 5572)  
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT (TEL 852 3303)
- \* MARINE MATTERS:  
MARINE DEPARTMENT (TEL 852 4603 OR 852 4538)
- \* FLIGHTS AND AVIATION RELATED MATTERS:  
CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (TEL 867 4210 OR 867 4211)

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HEALTH EDUCATION TO PREVENT CHRONIC DISEASES

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMES ON THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASES. THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CLINIC IN SHA TIN, DR LEE SAID: "AS A RESULT OF CHANGING LIFESTYLES, CHRONIC DISEASES ARE AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF OUR POPULATION.

"MANY OF OUR GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS ARE NOW OFFERING HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR OUR CLIENTS AND PEER GROUP DISCUSSIONS ARE ARRANGED TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES," HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID PATIENTS, WITH THE GUIDANCE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SELF-CARE AND OFTEN OFFER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO EACH OTHER.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY SET UP SUCH PEER GROUPS IN 42 GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS.

DR LEE STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PUBLIC TO BUILD UP A CLIENT-ORIENTED SERVICE FOR HONG KONG.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE CLINIC, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH AND MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR NATALIS YUEN, SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE WITNESSED THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE.

HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE YUEN CHAU KOK CLINIC'S INNOVATIVE AND USER-FRIENDLY DESIGN WHICH MADE IT AN EXCEPTIONALLY REFRESHING ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH PATIENTS AND STAFF.

PROFESSOR YUEN ADDED THAT THIS NEW CLINIC MARKED ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE PROVISION OF QUALITY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE FOR SHA TIN, IN LINE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S PLEDGE TO BE A CARING DEPARTMENT.

THE CLINIC HAS MANY FEATURES OF A MODERN CLINIC DESIGNED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON A CLIENT-CENTRED SERVICE.

THE FACILITIES IN THE CLINIC INCLUDE A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC WITH FOUR CONSULTATION ROOMS, TWO TREATMENT ROOMS, A MINOR SURGERY AND A DISPENSARY, AS WELL AS A PURPOSE-BUILT CHEST CLINIC WITH AN X-RAY UNIT TO SERVE THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW HONORARY COLONEL OF REGIMENT APPOINTED  
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MAJOR-GENERAL GUY WATKINS WILL SUCCEED CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AS HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) FROM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 1).

THE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, WHO IS COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

MAJOR-GENERAL WATKINS MOVED TO HONG KONG IN 1986 AFTER A 33-YEAR SERVICE WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, IN THE ROYAL ARTILLERY.

"HIS MOST DIFFICULT TASK WILL BE TO OVERSEE THE DISBANDMENT OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN 1995 AFTER 141 YEARS OF UNBROKEN SERVICE TO THE TERRITORY," THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE VOLUNTEERS, LIEUTENANT COLONEL KESTREL SIMSON, SAID.

AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AT 2 SPORTS ROAD, HE IS IDEALLY PLACED FOR THE JOB AS THE VOLUNTEERS HEADQUARTERS IS AT 1 SPORTS ROAD, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID FORD TOOK UP THE APPOINTMENT AS HONORARY COLONEL OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN LATE 1990.

HE WAS NO STRANGER TO THE MILITARY WAY OF LIFE HAVING SERVED FOR 17 YEARS IN THE BRITISH ARMY AS A ROYAL ARTILLERY OFFICER BEFORE MOVING TO HONG KONG IN 1972.

"SIR DAVID'S WISE COUNSEL, HIS INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS HIS DISTINCTIVE GREEN COMMANDO BERET WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE IN THE REGIMENT," LIEUTENANT COLONEL KESTREL SIMSON SAID.

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SEK KONG RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT WORKS  
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR THE SEK KONG RUNWAY.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN HALF OF THE RUNWAY; REPAIRS TO CRACKS ON THE EASTERN HALF; AND RESURFACING OF 23,000 SQUARE METRES OF THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN SIX MONTHS.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 22, 1993.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON.

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MAN JAILED FOR ILLEGAL MEAT IMPORT

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A MAN WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO ONE-WEEK IMPRISONMENT IN COURT RECENTLY FOR ILLEGALLY IMPORTING MEAT.

THE 42-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS ARRESTED AT LOK MA CHAU CHECK POINT ON JUNE 16 AFTER HE FAILED TO PRODUCE OFFICIAL MANIFEST AND HEALTH DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT ON BOARD HIS GOODS VEHICLE.

THE GOODS COMPRISED 1,900 KILOGRAMS OF FRESH PIG CARCASSES AND 800 KILOGRAMS OF PORK, BEEF AND OFFALS OF BOVINE.

HE WAS CONVICTED IN FANLING MAGISTRACY ON SEPTEMBER 27.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR SIMILAR OFFENCE IS \$25,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN OCTOBER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 21 DAYS NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER).

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE	TIME
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OCTOBER 4 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 5 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 7 (THURSDAY)	5 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 8 (FRIDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 9 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 11 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 12 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 13 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 14 (THURSDAY)	5 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 15 (FRIDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 16 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 18 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 20 (WEDNESDAY)	5 AM - 11.59 PM
OCTOBER 21 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 25 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 26 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 28 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
OCTOBER 29 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX FOR HAPPY VALLEY RESIDENTS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EIGHT-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX AT WONG NAI CHUNG, HAPPY VALLEY.

THE BUILDING WILL HOUSE A MARKET, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, A LIBRARY, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, THREE SQUASH COURTS, A MULTI-PURPOSE ACTIVITIES ROOM AND A CHILDREN PLAY ROOM.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START NEXT JANUARY FOR COMPLETION IN AUGUST 1995.

DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 22.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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KOWLOON CITY TO HOLD LANTERN CARNIVAL

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL HOLD A LANTERN CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND AT 7 PM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 2).

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN. ADMISSION IS FREE.

APART FROM A SHOW BY POPULAR SINGERS AND A LANTERN EXHIBITION, THERE WILL BE RIDDLES, WESTERN AND ORIENTAL FOLK DANCES, CHINESE ACROBATICS, PUPPET SHOW, CHINESE HANDICRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS, PALM-READING, CHESS COMPETITION AS WELL AS CANTONESE OPERA.

GAMES TICKETS AND COUPONS FOR HANDICRAFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

COLOURFUL LANTERNS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AND THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CARNIVAL, MR LEE HOI-SANG.

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

THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE, ERECTED AT THE SIDE LAND ADJACENT TO 189 HAI TAN STREET, IS BEING USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 11 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (THURSDAY).

DEMOLITION IS EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,850
REVERSAL OF LAF	+150
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-193
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,807
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.2 *+0.0* 30.9.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.92 PCT	14 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.35	3.42
1 MONTH	2.85 PCT	17 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.55	3.61
3 MONTHS	2.88 PCT	20 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.85	3.88
6 MONTHS	3.04 PCT	23 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.23	3.98
12 MONTHS	3.34 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,237 MN

CLOSED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

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CHINA AND HK HAVE CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (FRIDAY, U.S. TIME) OUTLINED THE CLOSE AND IMPORTANT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG'S ECONOMIES TO A GATHERING OF PROMINENT FINANCIERS AND BUSINESSMEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

CHINA, HE SAID, HAD BEEN THE REASON FOR MUCH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS IN RECENT YEARS.

MR MACLEOD WAS SPEAKING AT A BREAKFAST MEETING HOSTED BY THE MORGAN STANLEY GROUP AND THE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK.

HE SAID CHINA AND HONG KONG WERE NOW EACH OTHER'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND EXTERNAL INVESTOR.

CHINA'S DIRECT INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG AMOUNTS TO OVER US\$12 BILLION IN SECTORS INCLUDING REAL ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING, TRADING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HONG KONG ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN CHINA AT US\$23 BILLION IN PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, TRANSPORT LINKS AND MANUFACTURING, HE ADDED.

"IN ADDITION TO STRONG LINKS IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT, HONG KONG NOW PLAYS A MAJOR FINANCIAL ROLE IN CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT.

"NINETY PER CENT OF EXTERNALLY SYNDICATED LOANS FOR CHINA ARE ARRANGED IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"HONG KONG ALSO PROVIDES THE CAPITAL AND EXPERTISE FOR CHINA'S FINANCIAL MARKET.

"FOUR LEADING STATE-OWNED FIRMS IN CHINA HAVE LISTED THEIR SHARES ON HONG KONG'S STOCK MARKET AND FIVE MORE WILL FOLLOW," HE ADDED.

GIVING AN UPDATE ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, MR MACLEOD POINTED OUT THAT THE TERRITORY'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT GREW BY 5.3 PER CENT IN 1992 AND WAS ESTIMATED TO GROW BY 5.5 PER CENT THIS YEAR.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE INFLATION RATE HAD BEEN MODERATING, FROM A HIGH OF 14 PER CENT DOWN TO 9 PER CENT.

MEANWHILE, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 19 PER CENT IN 1992.

HE ALSO TOLD THE AUDIENCE THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME WITH 33 CONTRACTS WORTH US\$5.8 BILLION BEING AWARDED SO FAR.

"IN TOTAL, 12 U.S. FIRMS ARE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND CONSULTANCIES, AT A TOTAL COST OF OVER US\$1.26 BILLION," HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE SAID CHINA'S BLESSING ON FINANCING AND LAND WAS NEEDED SOON.

ON THE LONGER-TERM OUTLOOK, MR MACLEOD WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE STRENGTH OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WOULD CONTINUE.

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IN ADDITION TO THE TERRITORY'S STRONG ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, CHINA WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT FACTOR, HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG'S FUTURE ECONOMIC SUCCESS ALSO DEPENDED ON THE CONTINUATION OF ITS SEPARATE TRADING AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND ITS STATUS AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY AFTER 1997, AS ENSHRINED IN THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

MR MACLEOD IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. PROMOTING HONG KONG AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CENTRE AFTER ATTENDING THE IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS WEEK.

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#### \$1 MILLION RELIEF FOR FLOODING VICTIMS

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THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (FRIDAY) BEGAN ISSUING EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND TO VILLAGERS IN NORTH DISTRICT AFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODING.

ABOUT \$1 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL CHINESE CHARITABLE FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TIMOTHY TONG, SAID SO FAR MORE THAN 400 APPLICATIONS FOR THE RELIEF FUND HAD BEEN RECEIVED, AND EACH NEEDY FAMILY COULD OBTAIN \$5,000 OR \$2,000, DEPENDING ON THE CONDITIONS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THOSE APPLICATIONS WOULD BE PROCESSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND ALL APPLICANTS WOULD GO THROUGH A SCREENING PROCESS TO DECIDE ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CASH ASSISTANCE.

HE SAID ABOUT 100 FAMILIES HAD RECEIVED THE MONEY TODAY, AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE WORKING DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY AND OVER THE WEEKEND TO PROCESS OTHER CASES.

"STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ALSO VISITED ALL THE FAMILIES IN THE FLOODED AREAS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS TO SEE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"AND WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND EMERGENCY RELIEF TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING," MR TONG SAID.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE NEEDY FAMILIES TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THE CASH RELIEF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY COULD CONTACT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON 675 1606 FOR DETAILS.

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