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LORD CAITHNESS VISITS STANLEY SATELLITE EARTH STATION

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO OPEN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE TO COMPETITION WAS ENTIRELY UP TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE WAS DIFFERENT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO HONG KONG TELECOM'S SATELLITE EARTH STATION AT STANLEY, LORD CAITHNESS SAID: "IN HONG KONG, YOU HAVE A FAIR TENDER SYSTEM, EVERYBODY CAN COMPETE AND THE BEST MAN WINS."

"NOW, WE HAVE GOT A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT BRITIAN CAN DO HERE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR MARKET AND I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY FAIR. THERE SHOULDN'T BE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT," HE SAID.

"OF COURSE ONE BELIEVES IN COMPETITION, AS A FREE MARKET PERSON I BELIEVE IN COMPETITION, THAT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL. BUT AT THE SAME TIME WHAT ONE WANTS IS EXCELLENT SERVICE," HE ADDED.

"WHERE IT IS ALMOST A MONOPOLY SERVICE, THEN THAT SERVICE HAS GOT TO BE JUST AS GOOD, AND YOU DEMAND THAT QUALITY. THIS EXAMPLE PROVIDES THAT QUALITY," LORD CAITHNESS SAID.

"I THINK WHAT YOU'VE GOT HERE IS THE VERY BEST. IT IS BRITISH. IT IS STATE OF THE ART. IT IS PROVIDING SUPERB COMMUNICATIONS. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MUST DECIDE WHAT TO DO," HE SAID.

EARLIER, ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR PETER HEAP, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, HONGKONG TELEPHONE, MR GREG CREW, LORD CAITHNESS WAS SHOWN AROUND THE CONTROL ROOM OF THE STATION AND SAW A DISH ANTENNA.

SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS WERE INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG IN 1969, AND THE COMBINATION OF SATELLITE AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS GIVES THE TERRITORY THE CAPACITY AND SECURITY NECESSARY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE.

LORD CAITHNESS WAS BRIEFED ON HOW HONG KONG COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY TO EUROPE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM BY UTILISING SATELLITES POSITIONED OVER THE INDIAN OCEAN AND HOW THE TERRITORY ALSO COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE PACIFIC BASIN VIA SATELLITES POSITIONED OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT SIX DISHES IN OPERATION AT STANLEY, WITH TWO MORE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1990-91 PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT'S FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1990-91, WHICH ENDED ON MARCH 31, 1991 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FINANCE BRANCH SAID THE TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE YEAR WAS \$89.5 BILLION, VERY CLOSE TO THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF \$89.9 BILLION GIVEN BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS 1991 BUDGET SPEECH.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT, THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND (WORKS ACCOUNT), THE LOAN FUND AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND WAS \$85.5 BILLION COMPARED WITH THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF \$89.7 BILLION.

"THERE WAS THUS AN UNDER-SPENDING OF \$4.2 BILLION OR ABOUT FIVE PER CENT OF THE REVISED ESTIMATE," HE SAID.

THERE WAS HARDLY ANY UNDER-SPENDING ON RECURRENT ACCOUNT: ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENDITURE WAS ABOUT ONE PER CENT LESS THAN THE REVISED ESTIMATE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

"THE MAIN CAUSE OF UNDER-SPENDING CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A SLIPPAGE IN EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL WORKS AND LAND ACQUISITION AND SOME OF THIS WILL FALL TO BE MET IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

"IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL WORKS TO SLIP. DELAYS CAN OCCUR IN THE LETTING OF CONTRACTS AND PROGRESS ON WORKS, SOMETIMES SLIPS AS A RESULT OF FACTORS THAT CANNOT BE FORESEEN. THESE INCLUDE ADVERSE WEATHER, UNEXPECTED SITE DIFFICULTIES, UNEXPECTED BUT NECESSARY VARIATIONS TO PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS AND DELAYS IN THE NEGOTIATION OF LAND ACQUISITION SETTLEMENTS," HE ADDED.

AS A RESULT OF THE VARIATIONS IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, THE OVERALL SURPLUS FOR 1990-91 WAS ALMOST \$4 BILLION, COMPARED WITH THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF \$150 MILLION. THE TOTAL FISCAL RESERVES AS AT MARCH 31 STOOD AT \$76.5 BILLION.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE 1991

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FOR JUNE 1991, THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WERE 12.3% AND 11.8% RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1990, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SLOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN APRIL AND MAY 1991 (13.9% AND 13.0% RESPECTIVELY FOR APRIL 1991, AND 13.0% AND 12.4% RESPECTIVELY FOR MAY 1991), MAINLY DUE TO THE REDUCTION IN THE TOBACCO DUTY AND THE REMOVAL OF THE FUEL SURCHARGE FROM TAXI FARES.

AS COMPILATION OF THE 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) SERIES ONLY BEGAN FROM OCTOBER 1990, REFERENCE HAS TO BE MADE TO THE 1984/85-BASED CPIS FOR YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON OF PRICE MOVEMENTS.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN CPI(A) IN JUNE 1991 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FOR HOME CONSUMPTION (41.7%), SERVICES (14.4%), HOUSING (13.6%), AND TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES (12.7%).

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN CPI(B) WERE 39.4%, 13.2%, 12.7% AND 12.1% RESPECTIVELY.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST WEIGHTING IN THE INDEX, INCREASED BY 11.7% IN CPI(A) AND BY 12.0% IN CPI(B).

THESE FIVE COMPONENTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 89% OF THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND 87% OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI(B).

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1991, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) INCREASED BY 12.5% AND 12.0% RESPECTIVELY OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1991, THE CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WERE 11.4% AND 11.2% RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990.

FOR JUNE 1991, THE 1984/85-BASED HANG SENG CPI WAS 10.9% HIGHER THAN IN JUNE 1990. FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1991, THE HANG SENG CPI WAS UP BY 11.7% COMPARED WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1990.

THE 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR JUNE 1991 BOTH INCREASED BY 0.5% COMPARED WITH MAY 1991.

FOODSTUFFS ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF THE INCREASES IN BOTH INDEXES. WITHIN THIS GROUP, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, LIVE POULTRY AND SALT-WATER FISH AS A RESULT OF INCREASED DEMAND AROUND THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL, AND FOR THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY HOUSING, IN WHICH HIGHER RENTS WERE RECORDED FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS, AND SERVICES, IN WHICH HIGHER CHARGES WERE RECORDED FOR MEDICAL CARE AND CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PACKAGE OF GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CURB INFLATION HAD PROVIDED SOME OFFSETTING EFFECT ON THE INDEXES.

THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI FOR JUNE 1991 INCREASED BY 0.4% COMPARED WITH MAY 1991.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO RELEASE THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) IN PARALLEL WITH THE NEW SERIES OF 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) UNTIL MARCH 1992, AFTER WHICH THE FORMER SERIES WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR JUNE 1991, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$7.0 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES, PLEASE CALL THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 805 6403.

DETAILS REGARDING THE HANG SENG CPI ARE CONTAINED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

1984/85-BASED CPIS AND 1989/90-BASED CPIS ARE CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES:

TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) (OCT. 84 - SEP. 85 = 100)
----- FOR JUNE 1991 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 = 100) CPI(A)		CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR JUNE 91	% CHANGE OVER JUNE 90	INDEX FOR JUNE 91	% CHANGE OVER JUNE 90
FOODSTUFFS	160.8	+11.7	163.0	+12.0
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	179.6	+13.7	180.1	+13.6
FOODSTUFFS, EXCLUDING MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	144.7	+9.7	146.2	+10.0
HOUSING	148.9	+13.6	142.0	+12.7
FUEL AND LIGHT	110.9	+6.8	110.6	+6.3
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	223.4	+41.7	221.2	+39.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	159.4	+8.2	164.1	+8.9
DURABLE GOODS	131.4	+4.5	130.3	+4.3
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	148.9	+8.4	149.0	+8.2
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	174.8	+12.7	173.2	+12.1
SERVICES	179.8	+14.4	178.1	+13.2
ALL ITEMS	159.2	+12.3	158.1	+11.8

THE 1984/85-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 50% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000-\$6,499 A MONTH IN 1984/85.

THE CPI(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE NEXT 30% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$6,500-\$9,999 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

(THE 1984/85-BASED HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000-\$24,999 IN 1984/85.)

TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (A) AND (B) (OCT. 89 - SEP. 90 = 100)
----- FOR JUNE 1991 COMPARED WITH MAY 1991

SECTION -----	(OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 = 100)			
	CPI(A)		CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR JUNE 91 -----	% CHANGE OVER MAY 91 -----	INDEX FOR JUNE 91 -----	% CHANGE OVER MAY 91 -----
FOODSTUFFS	114.6	+1.8	115.0	+1.4
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	116.7	+0.5	116.6	+0.5
FOODSTUFFS, EXCLUDING MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME	112.4	+3.3	112.6	+2.6
HOUSING	116.3	+0.5	115.7	+0.6
FUEL AND LIGHT	108.4	-0.4	108.2	-0.4
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	145.3	-10.6	138.1	-8.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111.2	-0.2	112.4	-0.1
DURABLE GOODS	105.1	+0.1	104.6	+0.0*
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	107.7	+0.2	107.1	+0.3
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	117.2	-0.6	116.7	-0.7
SERVICES	114.1	+0.7	113.2	+0.8
ALL ITEMS	114.6	+0.5	114.1	+0.5

* LESS THAN 0.05%

THE 1989/90-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS DERIVED FROM THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 50% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,500-\$9,999 A MONTH IN 1989/90.

THE CPI(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE NEXT 30% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000-\$17,499 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

(THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$17,500-\$37,499 IN 1989/90.)

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NEW SECRETARY FOR WORKS APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT MR JAMES BLAKE WILL BE APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR WORKS TO SUCCEED MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI, WHO WILL BE RETIRING AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC NOTES ON MR KWOK AND MR BLAKE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI, OBE, JP

AGED 59. MR KWOK JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ENGINEER IN APRIL 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT IN JUNE 1983, TO DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY 1986 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN MARCH 1990. HE WAS THE FIRST SECRETARY FOR WORKS WHEN THE WORKS BRANCH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1990. ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR KWOK WILL HAVE COMPLETED 31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR JAMES BLAKE

AGED 57. MR BLAKE IS CURRENTLY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CROW MAUNSELL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LTD AND PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS. HE HAS HAD 40 YEARS CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE COVERING DESIGN, CONTRACTING, ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND IS RECOGNISED AS AN OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL BY HIS PEERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

AFTER QUALIFYING AS A CIVIL ENGINEER, MR BLAKE WORKED FROM 1965 TO 1973 WITH SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK & PARTNERS ON A VARIETY OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN HONG KONG.

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BETWEEN 1973 AND 1989, MR BLAKE WAS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE WITH PAUL Y CONSTRUCTION, HANDLING LARGE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT PROJECTS.

HE ALSO WORKED ON PROJECTS IN BOTH SINGAPORE AND CHINA, RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS THROUGH ALL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

HE HAS UNDERTAKEN SENIOR EXECUTIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SOME OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, SUCH AS ISLAND AND KOWLOON APPROACHES TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, KAI TAK AIRPORT EXTENSION WORKS, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS AND TUNNELS, EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL APPROACHES.

MR BLAKE IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY, VARIOUS ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

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CONTROL ON DOMESTIC PESTICIDES TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT MONTH
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED IMPORTERS, RETAILERS AND SUPPLIERS OF DOMESTIC OR NON-AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES TO APPLY FOR LICENCES AND PERMITS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 24.

TRADERS OF SUCH PRODUCTS ARE ALSO REMINDED TO COMPLY WITH THE LABELLING AND BOTTLING REQUIREMENTS AS LAID DOWN IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE PESTICIDES ORDINANCE OR ELSE THEY WILL BE PROSECUTED AFTER FEBRUARY 24 NEXT YEAR.

ACCORDING TO AN AFD SPOKESMAN, DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE BRINGING THESE PRODUCTS UNDER PROPER CONTROL ARE LISTED IN THE PESTICIDES ORDINANCE WHICH TOOK EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 25 THIS YEAR.

"A GRACE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR IMPORTERS AND DEALERS OF DOMESTIC AND NON-AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR LICENCES AND PERMITS WHEREAS A GRACE PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR TRADERS TO COMPLY WITH THE LABELLING AND BOTTLING REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ALL PESTICIDE CONTAINERS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE AFD. INFORMATION SUCH AS THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE PESTICIDE, THE TYPE OF PESTICIDE, FORMULATION, USAGE, PRECAUTIONS AND SUITABLE DISPOSAL STATEMENT FOR CONTAINERS AND RESIDUES SHOULD APPEAR ON THE LABEL.

CIRCULAR LETTERS REMINDING THE TERRITORY'S 3,300 DOMESTIC PESTICIDE DEALERS OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WERE SENT OUT EARLIER THIS MONTH.

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"UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE MEANING OF THE TERM 'PESTICIDE' HAS BEEN BROADENED TO COVER ALL CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL PESTICIDES IN WHATEVER FORMS AND USE.

"OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES, MOTH PROOFER, INSECTICIDE AEROSOL, ANT/FLY/ROACH DUST, RAT BAIT, MOSQUITO COIL/MAT, INSECTICIDE PAINT, INSECTICIDE IMPREGNATED CABINET PAPER AND AQUARIUM USE ALGICIDE ARE NOW SUBJECT TO CONTROL."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IT IS INTENDED TO REDUCE POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS TO THE PUBLIC, IN THEIR HOMES AS WELL AS OUTDOORS."

THE ORDINANCE INCLUDES A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR ALL PESTICIDES. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORT, SALE AND SUPPLY OF REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED PESTICIDES BY MEANS OF LICENCES AND PERMITS RESPECTIVELY.

AS FAR AS REGISTERED PESTICIDES ARE CONCERNED, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WILL MAINTAIN A REGISTER, PART I OF WHICH WILL CONTAIN READY-FOR-USE DOMESTIC PESTICIDES AND PART II OF WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALL OTHER PESTICIDES.

"SUCH A CLASSIFICATION WILL GIVE A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARD TO USERS, FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT CONTROL AND PROVIDE A BASIS FOR INTRODUCING DIFFERENT FEES, RANGING FROM \$160 TO \$525, FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF LICENCES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE REGULATIONS REGARDING LICENCES AND PERMITS WILL BE A FINE OF \$50,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE LABELLING AND BOTTLING REQUIREMENTS, THE MAXIMUM FINE WILL BE \$2,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

TRADERS AND DEALERS OF DOMESTIC AND NON-AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES HAVE BEEN WELL INFORMED OF SUCH LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS BY AFD.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANT AND PESTICIDES REGULATORY UNIT OF THE AFD ON TEL. 733 2160 OR 733 2272.

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BROADCASTING SURVEY 1990

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ACCORDING TO A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ON TELEVISION BROADCASTING 1990, RESPONDENTS SPEND AN AVERAGE OF 4.2 HOURS A DAY ON TELEVISION.

VIRTUALLY ALL RESPONDENTS OWN TELEVISION SETS IN THEIR HOUSEHOLDS AND ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OWN TWO SETS.

/THE SURVEY,

THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, WAS CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT FIRM BETWEEN JULY 16 AND AUGUST 27 LAST YEAR AND AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITS FINDINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SURVEY ADOPTED THE METHOD OF RANDOM SAMPLING AND A SAMPLE OF 2,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN PROPORTION TO THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF DIFFERENT STRATA IN HONG KONG WAS SELECTED.

"ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY, MOST RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED THE QUALITY OF PROGRAMMES WAS AVERAGE. AS REGARDS PROGRAMME VARIETIES, THE TOP THREE TYPES THAT RESPONDENTS COMMENTED TO BE INSUFFICIENT ARE INFORMATIVE PROGRAMME, SPORTS PROGRAMME AND FILM," CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE SURVEY, DR PAUL LEE WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY, SAID.

ON PROGRAMME STANDARDS, MORE THAN HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS PERCEIVED THAT THE STANDARDS ON HORROR, NUDITY, SEX, TRIAD RITUALS, VIOLENCE AND TRIAD EXPRESSION ARE JUST RIGHT. HOWEVER, LESS THAN HALF CONSIDERED THE STANDARDS ON DIALOGUE JUST RIGHT.

DR LEE SAID THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY ON PARENTAL GUIDANCE ON CHILDREN'S HABIT OF WATCHING TELEVISION ARE INTERESTING.

SIXTY PER CENT OF THE PARENTS INTERVIEWED CLAIMED THAT THEY CARED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S HABIT OF WATCHING TELEVISION BUT 38 PER CENT OF THE CHILDREN AT THE AGE OF 12-17 PERCEIVED THAT THEIR PARENTS CARED ABOUT THEIR TELEVISION WATCHING HABITS.

THE SURVEY ALSO COVERED OTHER TOPICS SUCH AS THE PERCEPTION OF THE RESPONDENTS ON THE PORTRAYAL OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE ON TELEVISION, ACCEPTABILITY OF VARIOUS THEMES FOR SHOWING DURING FAMILY VIEWING HOURS, TENDENCY OF RESPONDENTS BELIEVING IN CLAIMS MADE IN TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS AND SO ON.

THIS IS PART OF A PERIODIC EXERCISE CARRIED OUT BY THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY. THE LAST ONE WAS CONDUCTED IN 1987.

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LOCAL BODIES PLAY VITAL ROLE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING : RS
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING SERVICES, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAN SAID THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THESE ORGANISATIONS HAD FOSTERED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD RELATIONS AMONG RESIDENTS AS WELL AS ENHANCING THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY.

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"THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE ACTIVITIES COINCIDES WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME," HE SAID.

EARLIER, MR LAN PRAISED THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY BUILDING SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE ASSOCIATION HAS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS ORGANISED MORE THAN 50 ARTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

"THE CHOIR OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO ACTIVELY NURTURED THE INTEREST IN MUSIC OF YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

"THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT ONLY ENHANCED RESIDENTS' STANDARD IN ARTS, BUT HAVE ALSO ENABLED THEM TO LIVE A FULLER LIFE," MR LAN SAID.

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FUND BOARD SET UP TO PROTECT WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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WORKERS WHO FAIL TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR WORK INJURIES BECAUSE OF THEIR EMPLOYER'S FAILURE TO INSURE THEM OR THE INSURER'S INSOLVENCY, MAY APPLY FOR PAYMENT FROM THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE FUND BOARD.

THE FUND BOARD, WHICH WAS SET UP ON JULY 1, COMPRISES EIGHT MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ON A THREE-YEAR TERM, WITH QUEEN'S COUNSEL MR ANTHONY NEOH AS THE CHAIRMAN.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE DR LUI MING-WAH AND MR CHAN WING-KEE REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS, MISS LI FUNG-YING AND MR POON TO-CHUEN REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES, MR VALIANT CHEUNG, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

"THE FUND BOARD WILL PROCESS APPLICATIONS AND WILL MAKE PAYMENTS IN DEFAULT CASES FROM THE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE FUND IN RESPECT OF WORK INJURIES SUSTAINED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1984," MR NEOH SAID.

"HOWEVER, APPLICANTS MUST PROVE THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY EXHAUSTED ALL LEGAL AND FINANCIALLY VIABLE CHANNELS OF RECOVERY BEFORE THEY APPLY FOR PAYMENT FROM THE FUND," MR NEOH EXPLAINED.

THE FUND COMES FROM A ONE PER CENT LEVY ON EACH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION PREMIUM AS REQUIRED UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE LEVIES ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1 LAST YEAR.

"EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE PAID THE LEVY WILL ALSO QUALIFY FOR PROTECTION AND WILL BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE FUND IN RESPECT OF THEIR LIABILITY FOR EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION SHOULD THEIR INSURER BECOME INSOLVENT," MR NEOH NOTED.

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"EMPLOYEES HAVING A VALID CLAIM ARE ENTITLED TO RECOVER THE LEGAL COST THEY HAVE INCURRED IN MAKING AN APPLICATION, WHILE COSTS INCURRED BY EMPLOYERS WILL BE REIMBURSED ONLY AT THE FUND BOARD'S DISCRETION," HE ADDED.

"SHOULD THERE BE INSUFFICIENT MONEY TO PAY ALL APPLICANTS, THE FUND BOARD WILL OPERATE A QUEUING SYSTEM, WITH PRIORITY FOR PAYMENT BEING DETERMINED BY THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AND THE DATE OF THE ACCIDENT," MR NEOH SAID.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED AN INFORMATION LEAFLET ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO THE FUND BOARD. COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION.

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PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW APPOINTED SWAC CHAIRMAN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW WING-SUM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE APPOINTMENT, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON AUGUST 1, 1991 AND LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1992.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SWAC ARE:

- * TO KEEP SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW, AND
- * TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON ALL MATTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY.

PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW, AGED 44, IS NOW PROFESSOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE HAS BEEN A SWAC MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 1984.

HE WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE THEN WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND SERVICES WHICH FORMULATED THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990S AND BEYOND.

ON PROF CHOW'S APPOINTMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID:

"I WELCOME THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR NELSON CHOW, WHO IS A RESPECTED FIGURE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD IN HONG KONG AND HAS LONG EXPERIENCE ON THE COMMITTEE."

HE SAID HE WAS SORRY TO SEE THE DEPARTURE OF MRS ROSANNA TAM FROM THE SWAC.

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REGISTERED AIR LETTER MAIL SERVICE TO KUWAIT RESUMED
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THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MISS ELLE SHUM, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FURTHER TO THE RESUMPTION OF ORDINARY AIR LETTER MAIL SERVICE TO KUWAIT ON JUNE 10, REGISTERED AIR LETTER MAIL SERVICE HAS NOW RESUMED.

OTHER SERVICES TO KUWAIT, INCLUDING SURFACE MAIL, PARCEL, SPEEDPOST, EXPRESS AND POSTFAX, REMAIN SUSPENDED.

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RECLAMATION FOR CENTRALISED ROCK BORROW AREA
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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT RECLAMATION NEAR FA PENG AT TSING CHAU TSAI IN LANTAU TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A CENTRALISED ROCK BORROW AREA.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 54.4 HECTARES OF SEABED NEAR FA PENG.

THE AREA WILL BE USED FOR TEMPORARY STOCKPILING OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL FROM AN ADJACENT ROCK BORROW AREA ON TSING CHAU PENINSULA AND FOR THE MOORING OF BARGES FOR THE LOADING AND TRANSPORT OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN LATE NEXT YEAR.

ALSO, AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE RECLAMATION WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.7 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NEAR NORTH TSING YI AND NGAU KOK WAN.

THIS IS TO PROVIDE LAND FOR A WORKS AREA FOR CONTRACTORS AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARGING POINT FOR REMOVING EXCAVATED MATERIAL TO BE USED AS FILL MATERIAL FOR THE NEW AIRPORT.

WORKS WILL BEGIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE JULY 25 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD TO BE AMENDED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE WORKS FOR IMPROVING A SECTION OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD BETWEEN LEI TUNG ESTATE AND LEE NAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

A NOTICE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE ON THE ORIGINAL WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE ON MARCH 22 AND 28, THIS YEAR.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS INCLUDE:-

- * RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD, BETWEEN LEI TUNG ESTATE ROAD IN THE EAST AND THE BUS STATION AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE IN THE WEST, TO DUAL CARRIAGEWAY STANDARD;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD JUNCTIONS OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD WITH LEI TUNG ESTATE ROAD AND LEE CHI ROAD;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD FROM THE BUS STATION AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE FOR ACCESS TO AP LEI CHAU INLAND LOT 121 DEVELOPMENT;
- * RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF LEE NAM ROAD, TO DUAL CARRIAGEWAY STANDARD;
- * RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD LEADING TO THE BUS STATION AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS AND STAIRCASES, AND CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, CAISSON WALL, SLOPES AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE PLANS AND AMENDED SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:-

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG;
- * AP LEI CHAU SUB-OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND HOW HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS OR THE USE.

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A SECTION OF SECOND STREET TO BE RECONSTRUCTED
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF SECOND STREET BETWEEN WATER STREET AND POKFULAM ROAD, WESTERN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 85-METRE LONG CARRIAGEWAY AND THE ASSOCIATED FOOTWAYS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF OR INCIDENTAL TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, THE GOVERNMENT MAY REMOVE ANY OBJECT OR STRUCTURE ATTACHED TO OR PROJECTING FROM SOME BUILDINGS IN SECOND STREET AND WATER STREET.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.
- * HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHOORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24 THIS YEAR DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND HOW HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS OR THE USE.

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INT'L LANGUAGE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES TO INCLUDE PURSUIT OF QUALITY
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THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY WILL BE ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE STUDIES AND TEACHER EDUCATION BEING ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

QUILT AND QUILL IS THE THEME OF THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 17 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE CONFERENCE WILL EXAMINE KEY ISSUES RELATING TO ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING QUALITY IN LANGUAGE TEACHING.

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IT WILL ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION ON:

- * QUALITY IN SCHOOLS: THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS;
- * RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS;
- * QUALITY IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES;
- * LANGUAGE STANDARDS;
- * AREAS IN THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY; AND
- * ASSESSMENT, APPRAISAL AND MONITORING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 100 PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE PRESENTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE BY WORLD EXPERTS.

"IT WILL BE A PRIME OCCASION FOR ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION, AS WELL AS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN THE 1990S," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE WHO WISHED COULD STILL SUBMIT PAPERS NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE SHOULD APPLY NOW AS THERE WILL NOT BE ON-SITE ENROLMENT AT THE CONVENTION VENUE.

HE SAID SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR REGISTERED TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE PARTIAL REFUND OF THE REGISTRATION FEES.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT 2 HOSPITAL ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS OR BY TELEPHONING 803 2420.

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FOUR PRIVATE STREETS IN CENTRAL & WESTERN TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RESUME AND REPAIR SAM TO LANE, CHUNG WO LANE, WA IN FONG EAST AND WA IN FONG WEST IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

THE FOUR STREETS ARE UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND ARE NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

AS A RESULT, THEY ARE IN POOR REPAIR AND ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT. THE SITUATION GIVES RISE TO CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS AND TO REPAIR THE STREETS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE PROPOSED REPAIR WORKS INCLUDE REPAIRING THE DEFECTIVE FOOTWAYS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE BY NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:-

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17.

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TENDERS FOR SLUDGE TRANSPORTATION INVITED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF WATER TREATMENT SLUDGE FROM PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS IN SAI KUNG TO TSEUNG KWAN O SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IN TSEUNG KWAN O FOR DISPOSAL.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE OPERATOR IS REQUIRED INITIALLY TO EMPLOY THREE ROAD-TANKER VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SLUDGE.

THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE OF A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN 7.5 CUBIC METRES AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A 24-HOUR SERVICE ON A THREE-SHIFT BASIS.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD COVERS 12 MONTHS AND IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 16.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE QUARTERS
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BUILDINGS ON TSING YI ISLAND WHICH WILL BE USED AS MARRIED QUARTERS FOR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT ARE EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JULY 1993.

UPON COMPLETION, THE TWO 19-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL CONSIST OF 288 QUARTERS.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMITTING OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 16.

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PARRISH NG TO BECOME SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER
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MR PARRISH NG WILL TAKE UP THE POST OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 19, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN THE MEANTIME, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MISS BERNADETTE LINN, WILL DOUBLE UP AS DISTRICT OFFICER FROM AUGUST 1 WHEN THE POST IS VACATED BY MR FREDERICK TONG.

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COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION 1991-92
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THE ANNUAL COMMON RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION (CRE) FOR FIVE CIVIL SERVICE GRADES WILL BE HELD ON A SATURDAY IN EARLY-NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIVE GRADES ARE: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (AO), EXECUTIVE OFFICER II (EO II), ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICER II (ALO II), MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER II (MSO II) AND ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER II (ATO II).

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WORK OF THESE POSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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- * AO'S ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FORMULATION, CO-ORDINATION, IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES AND THE CONTROL OF RESOURCES INVOLVED. THEY ARE GENERALIST MANAGERS WHOSE CAREERS SPAN A VARIETY OF POSTINGS AND WHO DEAL WITH PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.
- * EO II'S ARE MAINLY DEPLOYED ON ASSISTING IN THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES, RESOURCE PLANNING AND CONTROL, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS AS WELL AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION LIAISON FUNCTIONS.
- * ALO II'S PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO STUDENTS, JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS; AND ENFORCE LABOUR LEGISLATION.
- * MSO II'S CARRY OUT MANAGEMENT SERVICES WORK SUCH AS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCIES, ORGANISATION REVIEWS, VALUE FOR MONEY STUDIES, OFFICE AUTOMATION STUDIES AND CONDUCTS ASSIGNMENTS ON OFFICE ACCOMMODATION PLANNING AND USE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT.
- * ATO II'S WORK EITHER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OR INDUSTRY AND ASSIST IN RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, LICENSING AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS, AND INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION. THEY MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND OVERSEAS CONFERENCES OR TO ASSIST IN OVERSEAS NEGOTIATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN GENERAL, GRADUATES WHO POSSESS A DEGREE FROM A HONG KONG OR BRITISH UNIVERSITY, OR EQUIVALENT, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

"UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE TAKING THEIR FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATIONS IN SUMMER 1992 MAY ALSO APPLY. DIPLOMA HOLDERS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MSO II POSTS, AND EXCEPTIONALLY FOR THE EO II POSTS."

THE CRE EXAMINATION WAS FIRST HELD IN 1984.

IT WAS INTRODUCED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEPARATE EXAMINATIONS WHICH CANDIDATES HAD TO TAKE FOR DIFFERENT CIVIL SERVICE JOBS.

IT HAS ESPECIALLY RELIEVED THE BURDEN OF MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS ON UNDERGRADUATES WHO PREPARE FOR THEIR FINAL UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

THIS YEAR, THE CRE WILL FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF PREVIOUS YEARS AND CONSIST OF 3 PAPERS.

PAPER 1 (A 2-HOUR PAPER) IS "USE OF ENGLISH". PAPER 2 (A 1.25-HOUR PAPER) IS "OBJECTIVE TESTS". PAPER 3 (A 3-HOUR PAPER) IS "TASK PAPER".

THE WEIGHTINGS ARE 30 PER CENT, 20 PER CENT AND 50 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

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PAPERS 1 AND 2 ARE EXAMINED IN ENGLISH WHEREAS HALF OF PAPER 3 IS SET IN CHINESE AND MUST BE ANSWERED IN CHINESE. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES' APPLICATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN THIS EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE FIVE GRADES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND SING TAO WAN PAO ON SATURDAYS IN LATE AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 301 YU CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDER UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 26, HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL START AS SOON AS THE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

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SUPPLY OF BOTH FRESH AND SALT WATER TO CERTAIN AREAS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 28) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, FUNG CHI TSUEN, CHUNG HING SAN TSUEN, KWAN LOK SAN TSUEN, YEUNG UK TSUEN, FUK HING TSUEN, CHUNG HAU TSUEN, CHUNG HAU YU MAN SAN TSUEN, TAI TSENG WAI, SHING UK TSUEN, NG UK TSUEN AND LONG PING ESTATE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	25.7.91	540
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	26.7.91	+190
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-190
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+300*

* LATE O/N ASSISTANCE
TO BE REVERSED ON 29.7.91

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.6 *+0.2* 26.7.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	26.7.91	25.7.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	6.16 PCT	6.04 PCT
1 MONTH	6.17 PCT	6.12 PCT
3 MONTHS	6.28 PCT	6.28 PCT
6 MONTHS	6.37 PCT	6.38 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.70 PCT	6.69 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	5,360 MN	5,446 MN

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