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HK DELEGATION OFF TO BERLIN FOR AIDS CONFERENCE  
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A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, HAS LEFT FOR BERLIN TO ATTEND THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LUCAS CHAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JUNE 7 AND 11, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIDS SOCIETY, THE EVENT WILL BE ATTENDED BY OVER 10,000 POLICY MAKERS, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, EDUCATIONALISTS AND SCHOLARS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

MRS WONG SAID HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE WOULD "HELP OUR SHARING OF EXPERIENCE WITH LEADING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTS AND FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PREVENTION OF AIDS".

"1993 MARKS THE WATERSHED YEAR IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST AIDS IN HONG KONG," SHE SAID.

"WE ARE PROUD OF OUR INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHING THE AIDS TRUST FUND EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ADMIRATION FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES."

MRS WONG SAID HONG KONG MUST CONTINUE TO DO MORE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

"WE NEED TO FURTHER EDUCATE OUR PEOPLE ON THE PREVENTION OF AIDS," SHE SAID. "WE MUST ALSO REMOVE PREJUDICE AND TREAT THOSE WHO ARE UNFORTUNATELY INFECTED BY THE VIRUS WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING."

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG BY JUNE 15.

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HOIST INSPECTION GOES ON  
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FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONTINUED THEIR INSPECTION CAMPAIGN TODAY (SATURDAY) TO ENSURE THAT PASSENGER HOISTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE IN SAFE CONDITION.

THEY VISITED 64 WORK SITES AT VARIOUS DISTRICTS AND INSPECTED 12 HOISTS AT 10 OF THE SITES.

THIS BRINGS TO 263 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SITES VISITED SINCE THE SPECIAL OPERATION STARTED ON JUNE 3. A TOTAL OF 86 HOISTS ON 55 SITES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED SO FAR.

/IN TODAY'S .....

IN TODAY'S EXERCISE, ONE OFFENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOIST GATE AT THE LANDING PLACE WAS DETECTED ON A SITE IN HONG KONG WEST.

FOUR OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH PASSENGER HOISTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN DETECTED. PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE WILL BE TAKEN OUT IN DUE COURSE.

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CAR MARKS AUCTION FETCHES \$3M  
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FIFTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE SOLD IN AN AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,013,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK, FM8, FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$800,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK, FJ8888, WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$650,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1000 FOR FE2317.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
FE6663	7,000	FF2228	40,000	FF369	40,000	FE8280	5,000
FF938	21,000	FE997	10,000	FE248	22,000	FF6893	2,000
*FK36	30,000	*DD555	65,000	*FK2	220,000	*FM8	800,000
FE3288	45,000	FF733	28,000	FF3888	100,000	DD355	20,000
AC1321	8,000	CX261	6,000	AB901	20,000	FE9388	12,000
FF8001	4,000	FE325	10,000	FE237	5,000	BB115	30,000
FC8777	19,000	FF2188	15,000	CL667	3,000	FE9226	3,000
*AW400	15,000	*FJ8888	650,000	*2628	350,000	*FM800	170,000
FE889	40,000	FC3471	2,000	FF7397	7,000	CW1220	4,000
FF8038	6,000	FE3648	2,000	FE1239	3,000	FF6663	70,000
FF8986	12,000	FE665	5,000	*AH747	30,000	FE2317	1,000
CC480	20,000	FE6369	5,000	FE1678	8,000	*FL678	19,000
BG8599	3,000	FF704	WITHDRAWN				

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 195TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$199,319,905.

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MORE ELDERLY SERVICES IN COMING YEARS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS GEARED TO MEET MOST OF THE DEMANDS FOR ELDERLY SERVICES OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF CARITAS FU HENG HOME, MR STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PLEDGED TO ACCORD PRIORITY TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE COMING YEARS.

THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THERE WAS A GROWING DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF NUCLEAR FAMILIES, HE SAID.

ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, MR STRACHAN POINTED OUT THAT SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ENABLE SENIOR CITIZENS TO REMAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THESE INCLUDED THE SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME, HOME HELP, MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES, DAY CARE CENTRES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

"THERE IS ALSO A NECESSITY TO TAKE CARE OF OLD PEOPLE WHO, FOR PERSONAL, SOCIAL OR HEALTH REASONS, ARE IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SUITED TO THEIR VARYING NEEDS."

THE DIRECTOR SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD PLANS TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER FACILITIES, AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 PLACES IN CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THESE FOUR YEARS.

MR STRACHAN ALSO COMMENDED THE CARITAS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

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AWARD-WINNING HK FILM DRAWS ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENT

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AT A TIME WHEN THE ENVIRONMENT IS OF MAJOR CONCERN WORLDWIDE, AN AWARD-WINNING HONG KONG FILM HAS DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF A SMALL BAY TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE TERRITORY.

PRODUCER AND CAMERAMAN MICHAEL PITTS VENTURED TO THE UNDERWATER WORLD OF MARINE AND CORAL LIFE IN TOLO HARBOUR FOR HIS 30-MINUTE FILM - HOI HA WAN: BAY BENEATH THE SEA.

THE FILM WAS AWARDED FIRST PRIZE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY AT THE PRESTIGIOUS 26TH ANNUAL U.S. INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL AWARDS PRESENTATION IN CHICAGO ON JUNE 3.

ALREADY THE RECIPIENT OF TWO AWARDS FOR HIS FILM, HONG KONG-BASED MR PITTS SAID HE HOPED THE FILM WOULD HELP PEOPLE BEGIN TO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING HONG KONG'S MARINE HERITAGE.

THE FILM WAS THE WINNER OF THE 1992 HONG KONG SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (NON FICTION) AND A SPECIAL JURY PRIZE AT A MAJOR FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL.

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HONG KONG HAS A SURPRISINGLY RICH AND DIVERSE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. MORE THAN 50 SPECIES OF HARD AND SOFT CORALS LIVE IN THE TERRITORY'S WATERS - AS MANY AS IN THE CARIBBEAN, ACCORDING TO MR PITTS.

BUT OVER-FISHING, POLLUTION AND THE LARGEST RECLAMATION PROJECT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHICH DUMPS THOUSANDS OF TONS OF HEAVILY POLLUTED SILT INTO THE SEABED, IS SUFFOCATING MANY CORALS.

THIS, IN TURN, IS KILLING OFF THE ASSOCIATED MARINE LIFE FOUND ON THE REEFS.

YET, THE SHELTERED BAY OF HOI HA WAN, LYING TO THE NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG, HAS SO FAR ESCAPED THIS DISTURBANCE.

HOME TO MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S CORAL LIFE, THE BAY HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED A SITE OF SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

AND NOW THE WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION FOR NATURE IN HONG KONG, CO-PRODUCER OF MR PITTS' FILM, WANTS THE BAY DECLARED A MARINE PARK, HONG KONG'S FIRST, TO GIVE IT THE FULL PROTECTION IT DESERVES.

"PRIMARILY MY AIM WAS TO MAKE AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL TO SHOW SCHOOLS AND RAISE AWARENESS," MR PITTS SAID.

"BUT YOU COULDN'T MAKE A MARINE FILM WITHOUT SAYING WHAT'S GOING WRONG SUCH AS POLLUTION AND OVERFISHING, BECAUSE IF NOTHING HAPPENS NOW OUR KIDS WILL INHERIT A STAGNANT POOL."

MR PITTS WAS IN NEW ZEALAND AND UNABLE TO RECEIVE HIS AWARD. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER MRS MELINDA PARSONS, ACCEPTED THE AWARD FOR MR PITTS ON HIS BEHALF.

THE FILM WAS CHOSEN FROM AMONG 1,300 ENTRIES FROM 31 COUNTRIES. THE FESTIVAL IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPETITION DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING SPONSORED, BUSINESS, TELEVISION AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIONS.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT FEATURED WINNERS FROM 20 COUNTRIES.

THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PATRICIA MEYER, SAID: "THE NON-THEATRICAL FILM AND VIDEO INDUSTRY FOR SPONSORED PRODUCTIONS IS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE HIGH-PROFILE THEATRICAL INDUSTRY."

"WHEN TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS ARE INCLUDED, THE COMPETITION REPRESENTS A VAST PRODUCTION INDUSTRY WORLDWIDE WITH A HUGE TALENT BASE. THIS IS EVIDENT IN BOTH THE DIVERSITY AND QUALITY OF OUR WINNERS."

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ENVIRONMENT PANEL MEMBERS VISIT CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE  
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PANEL THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING VISITED THE NEWLY OPENED CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE ON TSING YI ISLAND TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH ITS OPERATION.

THE PARTY WAS RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR MIKE STOKOE AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CONTRACTOR ENVIROPACE LIMITED, MR WILLIAM GRUBE.

MEMBERS LEARNT THAT THE CENTRE WAS THE FIRST INTEGRATED CHEMICAL TREATMENT FACILITY BUILT IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR AN ESTIMATED 100,000 TONNES OF CHEMICAL WASTE GENERATED BY SOME 9,000 PRODUCERS EACH YEAR.

THEY WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT ENVIROPACE LIMITED WAS CONTRACTED TO DESIGN, BUILD AND OPERATE THE CENTRE FOR A 15-YEAR PERIOD WHICH MUST BE PERFORMED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT'S STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON VARIOUS TREATMENT PROCESSES IN THE CENTRE, INCLUDING OIL/WATER SEPARATION, PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL TREATMENT AND HIGH TEMPERATURE INCINERATION.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED DURING THE TOUR.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

	\$ MILLION
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,000
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-455
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,545

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