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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR OCT-DEC 1990 RELEASED
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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THUS, THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME TIGHTENING IN LABOUR MARKET CONDITIONS TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990 WAS 1.4%, COMPARED WITH 1.7% FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1990 AND 1.3% FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 38,100, COMPARED WITH 47,100 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1990 AND 35,800 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990 WAS 0.8%, WHILE THIS WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER, IT WAS LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD AT 1.0%.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990 WAS 21,700, COMPARED WITH 28,800 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1990 AND 22,800 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1990 - JANUARY 1991 WAS 1.3% AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.6%.

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

THE SURVEY FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,300 HOUSEHOLDS OR 40,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

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

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND MARCH 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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HK'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON HEALTHY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

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HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF ITS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR LAN MADE THIS REMARK WHEN HE WELCOMED MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION DURING THEIR COURTESY CALL ON THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION THIS AFTERNOON.

AT THE MEETING, MR LAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE TERRITORY'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"THESE INCLUDED RAISING FUNDS ANNUALLY FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST AND OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS, TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, PROMOTING BUSINESS ETHICS AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND HELPING TO SPREAD ANTI-CORRUPTION MESSAGES.

"THE ASSOCIATION ALSO ORGANISES JOINT FUNCTIONS WITH THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

"THE ASSOCIATION HAD SUPPORTED THE 1990 VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER TRADE AND INDUSTRY BODIES BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

IN CONCLUSION, MR LAN REMINDED THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 3.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS, DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.HIGH PROSPEROUS DEVELOP- MENT LTD	TAI LOONG ST, KWAI CHUNG	9.11.89- 9.12.89	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	2,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
2.ALAN TEXTILES LTD	SHA TSUI RD, TSUEN WAN	23.4.90- 8.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	10,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
3.TO PONG DYEING CO LTD	WANG LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	14.5.90- 14.6.90	APCO: FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

4. GUANGDONG WATER CON-SERVANCY & HYDRO-POWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CO LTD	ASHLEY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	7.6.90	APCO: CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE	6,000	3RD	SAN PO KONG
5. HONG KONG PING JENG LAU CO LTD	QUEENSWAY, CENTRAL	15.6.90- 18.7.90	APCO: UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	CENTRAL
6. YAT FUNG WOOLLEN PIECES DYEING FACTORY LTD	LAM TIN ST, KWAI CHUNG	19.6.90	APCO: USING AN UNSUITABLE FUEL IN A RELEVANT PLANT	10,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
7. GOLDEN POND LAUNDERING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	MA TAU KOK RD, TO KWA WAN	3.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	3RD	SAN PO KONG
8. DOUBLE CROWN LAUNDRY LTD	TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, TSING YI	3.7.90	APCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS	2,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
9. SHUN CHEONG RAISING & FINISHING FACTORY LTD	TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, TSING YI	4.7.90	APCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
10. KAI LUEN DYEING FACTORY LTD	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	6.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	5TH	TSUEN WAN
11. LAI YIP DYEING FACTORY LTD	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	6.7.90	"	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
12. TAI YIP DYEING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	10.7.90	"	5,000	8TH	KWUN TONG
13. SHUN CHEONG RAISING & FINISHING FACTORY LTD	TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, TSING YI	16.7.90	"	3,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN

14.SUN KEUNG DYEING FACTORY LTD	MEI WAN ST, TSUEN WAN	16.7.90	APCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS	2,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
15.CARRY STRONG DYEING FACTORY LTD	HUNG TO RD, KWUN TONG	17.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	2ND	KWUN TONG
16.YAU LEE CONSTRUC- TION CO LTD	WAN TAU TONG ESTATE, TAI PO	22.7.90	NCO: CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	2,500	1ST	SHA TIN
17.DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS (HK) LTD	KWAI TAI RD, KWAI CHUNG	22.7.90	"	2,000	1ST	TSUEN WAN
18.NG PING- YAU (PERSON-IN CHARGE)	A CONS- TRUCTION SITE IN LAI WAN RD, LAI CHI KOK	22.7.90	NCO: PERMIT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	5,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
19.MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD	LOT 64, TAI PO	22.7.90	NCO: CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	50,000	4TH	SHA TIN
20.MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD	AREA 8, TAI PO	22.7.90	"	50,000	4TH	SHA TIN
21.MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD	WO LIU HANG, SHA TIN	22.7.90	"	50,000	4TH	SHA TIN
22.MANFIELD BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD	HING FONG RD, KWAI CHUNG	22.7.90	"	50,000	4TH	TSUEN WAN

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23.ULTRA-FAIR DEVELOPMENT LTD	TA CHUEN PING ST, KWAI CHUNG	25.7.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
24.SHUI WING STEEL WORKS LTD	PING CHE, FANLING	26.7.90	APCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FUEL RESTRICTION REGULATIONS	3,500	1ST	FANLING
25.SUN MEI FUNG METAL WARE PRODUCTS CO LTD	NATHAN RD, MONGKOK	26.7.90	"	3,500	1ST	FANLING
26.MAN HING MEAT CO	CANTON RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	31.7.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
27.INTER-NATIONAL DYEING & BLEACHING FACTORY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	1.8.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
28.NEVER STOP DYEING & WASHING FACTORY LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	1.8.90	"	3,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
29.HIP SHING LAUNDRY FACTORY	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	1.8.90	"	4,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
30.TUNG FONG HUNG MEDICINE CO LTD	NGAU TAU KOK RD, NGAU TAU KOK	1.8.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
31.LE SAUNDA SHOES LTD	NGAU TAU KOK RD, NGAU TAU KOK	1.8.90	"	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG

32.PUBLINK MANAGEMENT LTD	JORDAN RD, YAU MA TEI	2.8.90	NCO: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IN A NOISE ABATEMENT NOTICE	4,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON
33.WAI ON DYEING & FINISHING LTD	KWAI CHEONG RD, KWAI CHUNG	7.8.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
34.TAI YIP DYEING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	8.8.90	"	5,000	7TH	KWUN TONG
35.SATIS- FACTORY PRINTING & DYEING FACTORY LTD	YIP SHING ST, KWAI CHUNG	8.8.90	"	3,000	3RD	TSUEN WAN
36.MILK & HONEY LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	9.8.90	"	2,500	2ND	KWUN TONG
37.CLEVER HO CO LTD	TSING YI INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, TSING YI	16.8.90	"	3,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
38.YUE FUNG DYEING & FINISHING FACTORY	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	22.8.90	APCO: EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	4TH	TSUEN WAN
39.HERAEUS LTD	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	6.9.90	"	4,500	3RD	KWUN TONG
40.CHIAPHUA INDUSTRIES LTD	DAI WANG ST, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	28.9.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT INTO FOUL SEWER WITHOUT A LICENCE	8,000	2ND	SHA TIN
41.HON YICK CONSTRUC- TION LTD	PRAT AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	8.10.90	DASO: LOADING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL ONTO A BARGE FOR DUMPING WITHOUT A LICENCE	5,000	2ND	CENTRAL

42.FANTA CONSTRUC- TION CO LTD	WAI CHING ST, YAU MA TEI	9.10.90	DASO: SHORT DUMPING OF 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA NEAR GREEN ISLAND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITIONS	5,000	2ND	CENTRAL
AND NG TAI-KIT (BARGE OPERATOR)	FANTA CONSTRUC- TION CO LTD	"	"	2,000	1ST	"
43.CHUNG YING KNITTING FACTORY LTD	TING KOK RD, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	15.10.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT INTO STORM DRAIN WITHOUT A LICENCE	4,500	1ST	SHA TIN
44.MIRACLE FOODS CO LTD	DAI SHING ST, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	15.10.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT INTO FOUL SEWER IN BREACH OF THE LICENCE	5,000	1ST	SHA TIN
45.MEYER ALUMINIUM LTD	DAI LI ST, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	19.10.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT INTO STORM DRAIN WITHOUT A LICENCE	15,000	3RD	SHA TIN
46.ICONA CO LTD	WONG CHUK YEUNG ST, FO TAN	14.11.90	WPCO: DISCHARGE EFFLUENT INTO FOUL SEWER IN BREACH OF THE LICENCE	20,000	3RD	SHA TIN
47.ROYCESKY INDUSTRIES LTD	AU PUI WAN ST, FO TAN	14.11.90	"	10,000	1ST	SHA TIN

NOTE:

APCO: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO: NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

DASO: DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

WPCO: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE, 32 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACES AT NIGHT WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$150 TO \$500.

ONE PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED \$800 FOR CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE WITHOUT A PERMIT.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN CASE 19, 20, 21, 22 WAS FINED A TOTAL OF \$200,000 FOR COMMITTING FOUR OFFENCES UNDER THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE, THAT IS, CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK USING POWERED MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, THE DEPARTMENT HAD IMPLEMENTED AN ACTION PLAN IN TOLO AND FACTORIES WHICH DISCHARGE HEAVY METAL WERE PUT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE. ROUND-THE-CLOCK MONITORING OF THE EFFLUENTS FROM THE MAJOR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTROPLATING FACTORIES HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT TO DETECT ANY ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF CHEMICALS.

THIS SERIES OF ACTION HAS RESULTED IN TWO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION CASES ON HEAVY METAL DISCHARGES. THIS IS SHOWN IN CASE 46 AND 47.

ALSO, CASE 41 WAS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL CASE WHICH INVOLVED THE "LOADING" OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL ONTO A BARGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DUMPING AT SEA WITHOUT A LICENCE.

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FAR EAST INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED CEASES WRITING INSURANCE BUSINESS
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 228A OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, THE DIRECTORS OF THE FAR EAST INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED HAVE MADE A STATUTORY DECLARATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMPANY CANNOT BY REASON OF ITS LIABILITIES CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE COMPANY BE WOUND UP, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, MR DAVID HAGUE AND MR LO YIN-YEUNG OF PRICE WATERHOUSE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATORS OF THE COMPANY, HE SAID.

"THE COMPANY HAS, SINCE NOVEMBER 1990, CEASED WRITING INSURANCE BUSINESS AND COMMENCED A RUN-OFF OF ITS OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMPANY HAS BEEN REQUIRED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY, THROUGH THE POWERS AVAILABLE TO HIM UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, TO TERMINATE ALL POLICIES UNDERWRITTEN BY IT.

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"THE POLICY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE THEREFORE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO CONSIDER TAKING UP INSURANCE WITH ANOTHER AUTHORISED INSURER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY HAS ALREADY TAKEN INTO HIS CUSTODY A MAJOR PORTION OF THE COMPANY'S AVAILABLE ASSETS.

"THE AUTHORITY BELIEVES THAT SUCH ASSETS, COUPLED WITH THE GUARANTEE FUND OPERATED BY THE MOTOR INSURER'S BUREAU, WILL PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OF SECURITY TO THE COMPANY'S POLICY HOLDERS AND INSURANCE CLAIMANTS," HE SAID.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE COMPANY WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY OTHER COMPANY HAVING THE NAME FAR EAST, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDS TO SRI LANKA

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT AS FROM FEBRUARY 25, THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO SRI LANKA TO COVER THE MUNICIPAL AREAS ZONE 1 TO 15 IN COLOMBO.

"I AM PLEASED WITH THIS ADDITION," MR WONG SAID, ADDING THAT IT WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SERVED BY OUR SPEEDPOST NETWORK TO 61.

"OUR SPEEDPOST SERVICE HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS OF FORWARDING DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS," MR WONG SAID.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS POSTED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SHOULD BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND DAY AFTER POSTING.

ITEMS POSTED ON TUESDAY SHOULD BE DELIVERED ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER POSTING DUE TO FLIGHT SCHEDULES.

BUSINESS PAPERS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE ADMISSIBLE TO SRI LANKA. BOTH 'CONTRACT' AND 'ON DEMAND' SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT IS 20 KG. THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEMS WEIGHING NOT OVER 250 G	\$90
ITEMS WEIGHING NOT OVER 500 G	\$105
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$20
KILOPAK SPECIAL RATE	\$115

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO SRI LANKA AND THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE GENERALLY MAY CONTACT POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON TEL. 868 3868.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AT 10 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 40 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

EM9283	DH4	EN286	EN813
AJ219	AR6618	EN300	EM189
CC8628	EM1828	EP1	EN3698
EN2298	EM663	EM117	DH7777
AK707	AJ722	EN339	EM669
EM332	EN1832	EM3338	EN887
EC87	EM889	DH8	BC877
EM1386	DC285	EN302	EM116
EN902	EM6368	EM1883	EL318
3016	EL171	EE33	EM138

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 161ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ELECTION FORUMS
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DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION FORUMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE FORUMS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ELECTORS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CANDIDATES BEFORE CASTING THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 3.

"ALL THE FORUMS WILL START AT 8 PM," HE SAID.

"AS THE CONSTITUENCIES OF SAI YING PUN EAST, SAI YING PUN WEST AND KENNEDY TOWN EAST ARE UNCONTESTED, THE FOUR CANDIDATES HAVE AGREED TO HOLD A JOINT FORUM TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLATFORMS," HE ADDED.

DETAILS OF THE FORUMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE -----	CONSTITUENCY -----	VENUE -----	MODERATOR -----
FEBRUARY 20	MID-LEVELS EAST	DIOCESE CENTRE, 16 CAINE ROAD	DR CHAN YIU-NAM, HKU SENIOR LECTURER
FEBRUARY 21	CHUNG WAN	SWATOW CHURCH, 20 SHELLEY STREET	MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG
	SAI YING PUN EAST/ SAI YING PUN WEST AND KENNEDY TOWN EAST	WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTERN STREET	DR LUK YAN-LUNG, HKU SENIOR LECTURER
FEBRUARY 22	MID-LEVELS WEST	RHENISH MISSION SCHOOL, 86A BONHAM ROAD	DR HO PUI-HUNG, HKU PROFESSOR
	SHEUNG WAN	SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE	DR CHAN MING-KAU, HKU LECTURER
FEBRUARY 26	KENNEDY TOWN WEST AND MOUNT DAVIS	YWCA CENTENARY MANSION, 9-15 VICTORIA ROAD	MR CHAN YUK-CHEUNG, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUMS.

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