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TOP AUDIENCE FOR "HONG KONG WORKS" CONFERENCE

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INTEREST IN THE "HONG KONG WORKS" CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON NOVEMBER 10 IS RUNNING HIGH WITH SOME 460 DELEGATES HAVING REGISTERED AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO NEXT WEEK.

THEY COMPRISE SOME OF BRITAIN'S TOP DECISION-MAKERS AND EXECUTIVES IN TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. OVER 60 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDIA ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

"HONG KONG WORKS", IS A MAJOR ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (IOD). IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN CENTRAL LONDON.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE OPENED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR. ALSO SPEAKING WILL BE THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY LORD YOUNG, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF CABLE & WIRELESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE IOD, WILL HIGHLIGHT THE INCREASING STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

THE OTHER SPEAKERS ARE BARONESS DUNN, SENIOR MEMBER OF HONG KONG'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR, JOHN SWIRE & SONS (HK), SIR WILLIAM PURVES, GROUP CHAIRMAN HSBC HOLDINGS, DR VICTOR K K FUNG, CHAIRMAN, HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND MR PETER WOO, CHAIRMAN, WHARF (HOLDINGS).

THEY WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE DURING THE PLENARY SESSION IN THE MORNING. MR PATTEN WILL GIVE A LUNCH TIME ADDRESS.

THE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED DURING THE MORNING SESSION ARE:

* FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR ASIA (SIR WILLIAM PURVES)

* HONG KONG: HOW WILL IT REMAIN THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE IN EAST ASIA? (BARONESS DUNN)

* HONG KONG AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA (PETER WOO)

* HOW BRITISH COMPANIES CAN USE HONG KONG FOR IMPROVED TRADING OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA (DR VICTOR FUNG).

IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION DELEGATES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSION AND DEBATES ON KEY BUSINESS ISSUES.

THESE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD TO ALLOW INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS. DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT WHICH SESSION TO ATTEND IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE CHOICES ARE:

* HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA SPONSORED BY HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS;

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* HONG KONG: THE REGIONAL TRADING CENTRE SPONSORED BY JARDINE MATHESON;

* THE SERVICE SECTOR AND REAL ESTATE SPONSORED BY THE SWIRE GROUP; AND

* PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SPONSORED BY THE WHARF (HOLDINGS).

BUSINESS LEADERS WITH CURRENT HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN THE RELEVANT FIELDS WILL GUIDE THESE DISCUSSIONS.

THE HONG KONG COMISSIONER, MR JOHN YAXLEY SAID: "HONG KONG IS NOW THE WORLD'S 10TH LARGEST TRADING ENTITY. ITS PER CAPITA GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT EXCEEDS THAT OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS GREECE, IRELAND AND PORTUGAL.

"BY ANY MEASURE, HONG KONG IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIES.

"BRITISH COMPANIES HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN BUILDING HONG KONG'S SUCCESS. BUT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE AND THE GROWTH OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES SUGGESTS THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE."

HE SAID THIS ONE-DAY PROGRAMME WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED BOTH TO ALLOW TOP DECISION-MAKERS TO UPDATE THEIR STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF THE TERRITORY AND EXECUTIVES TO GET DOWN TO DETAILS.

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APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS BEEN PLEASED TO APPOINT DR ALEX WU SHU-CHIH AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AC) TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION (SFC) FROM NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR TO MAY 31, 1995, THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ACTING UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM THE GOVERNOR IN RESPECT OF SECTION 10 OF THE SFC ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE AC SHOULD HAVE NOT LESS THAN EIGHT AND NOT MORE THAN 12 NON-SFC MEMBERS.

IN JUNE THIS YEAR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY APPOINTED EIGHT SERVING AND THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE AC.

THE APPOINTMENT OF DR WU BRINGS THE NUMBER OF AC MEMBERS UP TO THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED.

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APART FROM THESE 12 MEMBERS, THE AC ALSO CONSISTS OF TWO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE SFC WHILE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SFC PRESIDES AT AC MEETINGS.

"THE NON-SFC MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL PERSONS TO ADVISE THE SFC ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT," MR CARTLAND SAID.

DR WU WAS A GOVERNMENT APPOINTEE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LTD AND HAS SERVED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

HE STEPPED DOWN FROM THE COUNCIL AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 29, THIS YEAR.

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WSD CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP VISITS WATER TREATMENT WORKS

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MEMBERS OF THE CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUP OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WERE TAKEN ON A GUIDED TOUR OF THE SHATIN TREATMENT WORKS TODAY (SATURDAY) TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE STRINGENT WATER TREATMENT PROCESS THAT ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

THE TOUR WAS FOLLOWED BY THE GROUP'S SECOND MEETING CHAIRED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR KO CHAN-GOCK.

AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT OF DISCOLOURATION OF WATER, THE MEMBERS RAISED A NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DISCUSSION ENHANCED THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS GROUP MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH A DINNER HOSTED BY MR KO AND ATTENDED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WU YU-NGONG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	$ MILLION
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,400
REVERSAL OF LAF	-400
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,020

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CABINET COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FINAL STAGE OF TALKS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON SAID HE DID NOT THINK ANYBODY SHOULD EXPECT ANYTHING FINAL FROM THE FORTHCOMING CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING EXCEPT FOR AN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO BRING WHAT IS INEVITABLY THE FINAL STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE WHARF CABLE, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE WILL BE GOING TO LONDON IN ABOUT A WEEK'S TIME FOR THE MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE WHICH WILL REVIEW THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN 15 ROUNDS OF TALKS.

"WE'LL BE DISCUSSING IN THAT CABINET COMMITTEE HOW TO HANDLE MATTERS IN WHAT MUST BE THE FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS."

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

"WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME MOVEMENTS FROM OUR CHINESE COLLEAGUES AS WELL," MR PATTEN SAID.

IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WE WILL BE SAD ABOUT IT. WE WILL HAVE TO GET ON AND DO THINGS AS BEST AS WE CAN OURSELVES."

ON AN EARLIER OCCASION, MR PATTEN SAID THE FORTHCOMING CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE TAKING STOCK OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN 15 ROUNDS OF TALKS AND WOULD AGREE ON THE STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR THE FINAL STAGES OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE SCOUT RALLY AT MONG KOK STADIUM, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE WILL BE TAKING STOCK OF HOW FAR THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE GONE, AWARE OF THE FACT THAT UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE A LIMITLESS AMOUNT OF TIME.

"WE WILL BE ATTEMPTING IN DETERMINING OUR STRATEGY TO FIND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BRING THE DISCUSSIONS TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION."

STRESSING THAT THE BRITISH SIDE WOULD LIKE AN AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WE ARE WORKING FOR AN AGREEMENT BUT, OF COURSE, WE WANT A GOOD AGREEMENT."

HE SAID IT WAS COMMON OF BOTH SIDES THAT TIME WAS NOT LIMITLESS.

"WE DO HAVE TO GET ON BUT IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES TO HAVE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF WHERE WE STAND AT THIS MOMENT AND TRY IN THE LAST STAGES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STORY HAS A HAPPY ENDING," MR PATTEN SAID.

"IF IT DOESN'T HAVE AN IMMEDIATE HAPPY ENDING, WE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO MAKE SURE HERE IN HONG KONG THAT WE COULD PUT TOGETHER AS GOOD A STORY AS POSSIBLE."

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HK NEEDS COMMITTED YOUNG PEOPLE: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG NEEDS A GENERATION OF PERSEVERING AND DYNAMIC YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD ITS PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHALLENGES AHEAD, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

TAKING SALUTE AT THIS YEAR'S SCOUT RALLY TODAY (SUNDAY), MR PATTEN PRAISES THE SCOUTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION:

"SCOUTS, THE EXPERTS IN ORIENTEERING, ARE WELL-PLACED TO DO YOUR DUTY TO THE TERRITORY AND TO HELP OTHERS.

"BY SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SCOUT LAW AND PROMISE, YOU WILL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO FOLLOW," MR PATTEN SAID.

HE SAID A VERY BASIC TRAINING FOR SCOUTS WAS ORIENTEERING: FINDING ONE'S WAY ACROSS ROUGH COUNTRY BY MAP AND COMPASS.

"I BELIEVE ORIENTEERING IS MORE THAN A MATTER OF MAP READING; IT IS A TEST OF ONE'S CHARACTER, DETERMINATION, COURAGE AND RESILIENCE."

MR PATTEN ALSO SETS HIS EYES ON A NEW ERA OF SCOUTING IN HONG KONG.

"I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE NEW HONG KONG SCOUT CENTRE AT AUSTIN ROAD IS NOW READY FOR OCCUPATION, AND THAT THE BADEN-POWELL INTERNATIONAL HOUSE STARTED TO RECEIVE ITS FIRST GUESTS THIS MONTH."

HE SAID THE COMPLETION OF THIS MAGNIFICENT BUILDING AFTER YEARS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF SCOUTING IN HONG KONG.

"IT PROVIDES YOU WITH MODERN FACILITIES TO FURTHER THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING AND TO BETTER SERVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

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HK NEEDS NEW VISIONS TO LEAD IN COMMUNICATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID HONG KONG NEEDED NEW VISIONS TO CARRY IT INTO THE NEXT CENTURY AS A LEADER IN THE COMMUNICATIONS AGE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WHARF CABLE STATION TODAY (SUNDAY), MR PATTEN SAID: "IT IS GOOD TO SEE HONG KONG EMBRACING A TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN BRING NEW CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THE COMMUNITY."

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HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE MODE OF TRANSMISSION OF CABLE TV - A SINGLE STRAND OF OPTIC FIBRE WAS CAPABLE OF CARRYING A THOUSAND TIMES AS MUCH INFORMATION AS ALL RADIO FREQUENCIES PUT TOGETHER.

THE WHARF CABLE COMPANY WILL BEGIN ITS OPERATIONS WITH EIGHT CHANNELS. IT IS ALREADY PLANNING TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS THEY CARRY BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE.

"AND THERE IS TALK OF 500 CHANNELS BEING POSSIBLE ON FIBRE OPTIC SYSTEMS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

MR PATTEN SAID TALENT HAD TO BE UNITED WITH TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE PROGRAMMES THAT WOULD ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, INFORM AND INTEREST THE COMMUNITY.

"I HOPE THAT BY PROVIDING GREATER INCENTIVE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG'S ARTISTS AND DIRECTORS, TECHNICIANS AND DESIGNERS TO DEVELOP AND DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS, IT CAN HELP TO STIMULATE A NEW GROWTH INDUSTRY FOR HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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NO COMPLACENCY FOR CREDIT UNION ACHIEVEMENTS

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THERE IS NO REASON FOR COMPLACENCY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TERRITORY'S CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CELEBRATIONS OF THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY, DR LEE SAID THE LOCAL CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT HAD DEVELOPED GRADUALLY DESPITE HAVING A MODEST START.

DR LEE SAID AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 68 CREDIT UNIONS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 43,800 AND SAVING DEPOSITS OF $369 MILLION. THE COMBINED RESERVE FUND STOOD AT ABOUT $19 MILLION.

AS REGISTRAR OF CREDIT UNIONS IN HONG KONG, HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT STAFF OF HIS DEPARTMENT AND THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE OF HONG KONG (CULHK) HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY SINCE THE MOVEMENT'S INCEPTION.

THE COMMON OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKING PARTNERSHIP WAS TO ENSURE THAT CREDIT UNIONS WERE OPERATED AND MANAGED WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF FINANCIAL SAFETY, SOUNDNESS AND PRUDENCE, HE SAID.

TURNING TO THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY, THE REGISTRAR SAID THE THEME WAS THE "POWER OF PARTNERSHIP", WHICH UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP AND OF CO-OPERATION AMONG ORGANISATIONS AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

HOWEVER, DR LEE SHARED THE SAME CONCERN WITH CULHK OVER THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CREDIT UNIONS, NOW TOTALLING 22, WHICH HAD BECOME INACTIVE.

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"ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO AMEND THE CREDIT UNIONS ORDINANCE SO THAT INACTIVE CREDIT UNIONS CAN BE WOUND UP MORE EXPEDIOUSLY AND WITH FEWER LEGAL COMPLICATIONS," HE SAID.

ON THE PROTECTION OF CREDIT UNIONS AND MEMBERS' SAVINGS, DR LEE URGED THOSE UNIONS WITH GROWTH RATE EXCEEDING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY TO REVIEW MEASURES WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THEIR FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES.

"IN ADDITION TO ARRANGING SUFFICIENT BONDING, LIFE SAVINGS AND LOAN PROTECTION INSURANCES, CREDIT UNIONS SHOULD ALSO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AND ADVANTAGES OF SECURING PAID PROFESSIONALS TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED EXECUTIVE DUTIES WHILST RETAINING THEIR POLICY-MAKING, CONTROLLING AND STATUTORY FUNCTIONS."

IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING CITY LIKE HONG KONG, HE SAID, IT WAS CRUCIAL THAT PRUDENTIAL MANAGEMENT IN THE BUSINESS AND FINANCES OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED CREDIT UNIONS BE MAINTAINED.

NEVERTHELESS, DR LEE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE CONTROL OF MOST CREDIT UNIONS IN HONG KONG WAS WELL WITHIN THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OF THEIR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

AT TODAY'S CELEBRATIONS, DR LEE ALSO PRESENTED OUTSTANDING AND LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO CREDIT UNION LEADERS AND MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOVEMENT.

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JOINT EFFORT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH

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THE GOVERNMENT, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND LEADING NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD WILL JOIN HANDS TO LAUNCH A MENTAL HEALTH WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

MORE THAN 60 PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF EX-MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.

THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK WILL BE OFFICIALLY KICKED OFF AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL ON NOVEMBER 8 BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, PROFESSOR FELICE LIEH-MAK; THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, DR E K YEOH; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, DR RAYMOND WU.

MRS WONG SAID BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS WAS CRUCIAL TO EVERYONE.

"THE COMING NOVEMBER OFFERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

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"BY DE-MYSTIFYING THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, WE HOPE TO CULTIVATE A POSITIVE PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISCHARGED MENTAL PATIENTS.

"COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR ACHIEVING INTEGRATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE PEOPLE," SHE SAID.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, BAPTIST OI KWAN SOCIAL SERVICE AND NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK INCLUDE A SEMINAR ON "CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL - HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY" TO BE OPENED BY MRS PATTEN AT THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM, AND OPEN DAYS AT THE KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND DISTRICT BODIES, WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS, TALKS AND FUN DAYS.

COPIES OF A PAMPHLET CONTAINING DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE-OF-CHARGE AT DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

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61 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN AUGUST

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 61 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 20 WERE FOR HONG KONG, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 29 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED . PLANS INCLUDED 21 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 14 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND 16 FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

IN THE MONTH, CONSENTS WERE GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 24 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 21,297 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 29,696 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS ABOUT $1,870 MILLION.

USABLE FLOOR AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE 64,686 SQUARE METRES AND 46,378 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN AUGUST, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 22 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 11 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE FOR KOWLOON, AND EIGHT FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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IN ADDITION, 31 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 68 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 742 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,451 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 267 REMOVAL ORDERS IN RESPECT OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTED 726 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FOUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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GRAND PROCESSION TO HERALD TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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A GRAND PROCESSION FEATURING LION DANCES, PERFORMANCES BY SILVER BANDS AND A PARADE OF EIGHT DECORATED VEHICLES, INCLUDING POLICE CARRIERS AND FIRE ENGINES, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) NIGHT TO HERALD THE MONTH-LONG TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 93.

INVOLVING 2,000 PEOPLE, THE TWO-HOUR SPECTACULAR WILL START AT 7 PM FROM THE SPORTS GROUND AT TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD AND MAKE ITS WAY THROUGH TSUN WAN ROAD TO TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN VIEW THE PROCESSION AT HOME AS IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY THE TELEVISION BROADCAST IN ITS "ENJOY YOURSELVES TONIGHT" SPECIAL AT 8.30 PM.

WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING, TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 93 WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH MANIFOLD ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER.

THESE WILL RANGE FROM RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO SPORTS EVENTS AND CIVIC EDUCATION FUNCTIONS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GRAND PROCESSION AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL 93 TOMORROW (MONDAY) NIGHT.

THE PROCESSION WILL LEAVE THE SPORTS GROUND AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD AT 7 PM, WHILE THE OPENING CEREMONY, OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AROUND 9 PM.

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FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER
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A TOTAL OF 10 ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THESE ORGANISATIONS WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKEN OR SIMILIAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXED IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT ON HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ON TEL 866 8123 IN CASE OF ANY DOUBTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO ADOPT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIME FOR SELLING, AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND, HE SAID.

PERMITS ALLOCATED FOR SELLING FLAGS AND FOR SUBSCRIBING IN PUBLIC ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FOR FLAGS

EVENT DATE	PERMITTEE
6.11.93	HK ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
13.11.93	THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
20.11.93	HK FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH
27.11.93	THE SALVATION ARMY

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EVENT DATE	PERMITTEE
6.11.93	LIFEWAY FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH
13.11.93	
20.11.93	
27.11.93	
7.11.93	HONG KONG CHURCH OF CHRIST
14.11.93	
11.11.93	WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY
12.11.93	
13.11.93	
14.11.93	
13.11.93	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD
14.11.93	
21.11.93	
20.11.93	WORLD VISION OF HONG KONG
21.11.93	
14.11.93	BAUHINIA ASSOCIATION

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