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TOO EARLY FOR DETAILS OF EXCO CONTINUITY, SAYS GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY AT THE MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS OF CONTINUITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AFTER 1997.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A VISIT TO TAI PO DISTRICT, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT WE WANT IS CONTINUITY OF ADMINISTRATION; CONTINUITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, AND WHEN WE COME NEARER 1997, I THINK WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE QUESTION OF CONTINUITY OF PERSONNEL, BOTH IN SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE POSTS AND POSSIBLY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS WELL."

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE ISSUE OF CONTINUITY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE IN GENERAL TERMS, ADDING: "FOR INSTANCE, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT CONTINUITY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND WE HAVE ARRANGEMENTS NOW IN PLACE WHERE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 1997; THAT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT."

SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS THE CONTINUITY IN OTHER SECTORS MUST ALSO BE TALKED ABOUT.

ASKED ABOUT MORALE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING WHICH WAS ALWAYS VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFINE.

"WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT I THINK THE GOVERNMENT, THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE POLICE FORCE, THE OTHER BITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE ARE WORKING VERY WELL INDEED AT THE MOMENT," HE SAID.

"NOW, THERE ARE ALWAYS WAYS YOU CAN IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND WE OUGHT TO GO ON LOOKING AT THAT, IMPROVING OUR PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

"BUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THAT. I AM OF COURSE DETERMINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD GO ON BEING AS EFFECTIVE AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST," HE ADDED.

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ABOUT PROBLEMS IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. I AM PLEASED TO SEE THESE PROBLEMS COMING OUT INTO THE OPEN IN A WAY WHICH CAN NOW BE DEALT WITH. IF YOU CAN DEAL WITH SOME OF THE PROBLEM AREAS IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT YOU CAN START OFF WITH A CLEAN SLATE."

"WE NOW HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS. HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET DOWN TO WORK, BUILD HIS OWN TEAM UNDERNEATH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOO CAN GET ON WITH MAKING IT INTO THE EFFECIENT, EFFECTIVE DEPARTMENT THAT I KNOW HE WANTS TO HAVE," HE SAID.

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COMMENTING ON THE EFFECT THE GULF CRISIS MIGHT HAVE ON HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MONITOR AND WATCH VERY CAREFULLY THE WHOLE QUESTION OF OIL SUPPLIES AND PRICES.

"FORTUNATELY THERE IS NO PROBLEM AT ALL ABOUT OIL SUPPLIES SO NO ONE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE TO KEEP A WATCH ON PRICES AND THE EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE AFFECTED IF THERE WAS AN EFFECT ON OUR MAJOR MARKETS LIKE THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND JAPAN.

"IT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGHER ENVIRONMENT FOR US. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE COMPETITIVE," HE SAID, ADDING: "WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRY HARDER OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS."

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE HAD FOUND THAT THERE HAD BEEN DUMPING AND THAT ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON HONG KONG KNITWEAR MANUFACTURERS.

"IT IS, ON THE FACE OF IT, QUITE DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS CAN DUMP BECAUSE WE HAVE A TOTALLY OPEN MARKET. BUT THAT HAS BEEN A DECISION AND WE'VE SIMPLY GOT TO FACE THAT REALITY AT THE MOMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IF NECESSARY, WE WILL TALK TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT IT, BUT THEY HAVE A VERY OPEN SYSTEM OF TRYING TO WORK OUT WHETHER THERE ARE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON BUSINESSMAN, MR GORDON WU'S PROPOSALS FOR A NEW AIRPORT, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT WHILE MR WU'S IDEAS WOULD BE LOOKED AT, WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW WAS TO GET ON WITH THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE NEW AIRPORT.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY MR WU'S REPORT IN THAT HE AGREED THAT HONG KONG NEEDED A NEW AIRPORT AND THAT CHEK LAP KOK WAS THE RIGHT PLACE.

"ON SOME OF THE DETAILS, HE COMES UP WITH DIFFERENT IDEAS, AND OF COURSE WE WILL LOOK AT THOSE IDEAS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO PICK UP," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR VISITS TAI PO
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TAI PO IS A NEW TOWN HONG KONG CAN BE PROUD OF, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID DURING A VISIT THERE TODAY (THURSDAY).

"IT HAS A WIDE VARIETY OF MODERN, ATTRACTIVE HOUSING WITH SOME EXCELLENT FACILITIES. AND DESPITE THE TOWN'S RAPID EXPANSION, THE FEELING OF COMMUNITY IS STRONG," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THEIR VISIT BY THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR LEO KWAN, AND THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW.

THEY WALKED THROUGH TAI PO CENTRE, A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MET A FAMILY LIVING IN A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLAT IN TAI WO ESTATE AND VISITED KAM SHEK NEW VILLAGE.

THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN AND MET MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER LOCAL PERSONALITIES AT A TEA RECEPTION.

"TAI PO IS STILL DEVELOPING AND A SPORTS COMPLEX WITH AN OLYMPIC-SIZE SWIMMING POOL IS DUE FOR COMPLETION NEXT YEAR," SIR DAVID SAID.

"HOUSING SCHEMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND DAY CARE CENTRES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ARE ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"OTHER FACILITIES, INCLUDING AN INFIRMARY, ARE IN THE PIPE-LINE.

"WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THESE PROJECTS MEET THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF TAI PO."

DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN BEGAN IN 1979. THE POPULATION IS NOW 190,000 AND IS FORECAST TO REACH 250,000 IN THE LATE 1990'S.

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PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS KEY ROLE TO PLAY
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THE PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (PDB) HAS AN ABSOLUTELY KEY ROLE TO PLAY TO ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL REALITIES OF THE PORT AND THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF ITS COMPONENT PARTS.

ADDRESSING THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY OF THE PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MR TONY CLARK, SAID THE BOARD WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE SCALE, TIMING AND NATURE OF ESSENTIAL PORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

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"TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY, SOME OF THE BLACK HOLES IN OUR STORE OF KNOWLEDGE WILL HAVE TO BE ILLUMINATED.

"THE BOARD WILL THUS HAVE TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM WHICH CAN PROVIDE A DETAILED IDENTIFICATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE MANY COMPONENT ACTIVITIES OF THE PORT, THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PORT AND THEIR SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE LAND, MARINE AND TRANSPORT ASPECTS," MR CLARK SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE BOARD WOULD DO THIS THROUGH SPECIALIST COMMITTEES DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS AREAS OF PORT ACTIVITY. AT THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING, THE BOARD AGREED TO ESTABLISH THREE SUCH COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH MID STREAM OPERATIONS, SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES, AND RIVER TRADE CARGO ACTIVITIES.

"THESE COMMITTEES ARE MERELY A START - FOR THE PDB WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADVISE ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE PORT.

"WE ARE EXPECTING RATHER A LOT FROM THE PDB. IT HAS STARTED WELL - WITH VERY CONSIDERABLE ENERGY AND IS LIKELY TO BECOME A KEY ELEMENT IN ENSURING HONG KONG'S CONTINUING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," MR CLARK SAID.

ON THE FUTURE FOR THE PORT, HE SAID AS A PORT, HONG KONG HAS LITTLE DIRECT COMPETITION IN THE SENSE EXPERIENCED BY THE PORTS OF NORTH AMERICA, OR WESTERN EUROPE.

WINDING UP ON HIS ADDRESS, MR CLARK STRESSED THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE NEW AIRPORT ON CHEK LAP KOK AND TO INCREMENTAL PORT DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STONECUTTERS, TSING YI AND, BY ABOUT 1996, ON LANTAU.

"IN THE PORT, OUR GENERAL AIM WILL BE TO DEVELOP FACILITIES INCREMENTALLY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SUPPLY MATCHES THE DEMAND FOR THEM," HE SAID.

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1990

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO $183,096 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990, A GROWTH OF 14 PER CENT IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT RELEASES THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 ANALYSED BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

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RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

CHINA AND THE U.S.A., THE TWO LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTED FOR 27 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

THE SHARES OF JAPAN, TAIWAN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE 6 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1989, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT WHILE MOST OF THE OTHER MAJOR MARKETS REGISTERED INCREASES.

THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (51 PER CENT), FRANCE (32 PER CENT), CANADA (28 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (28 PER CENT), TAIWAN (24 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (24 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (20 PER CENT). THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT WHEREAS THAT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 4 PER CENT.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE LARGEST MARKET, DECREASED BY $2,344 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990 AS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY FOR THIS MARKET, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $1,220 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY $1,182 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY $1,555 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $383 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); AND PAPER, PAPERBOARD, AND ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD (BY $305 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A., THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, INCREASED BY $8,242 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE TO THIS MARKET WERE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $2,277 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (BY $1,730 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY $1,508 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY $201 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY $80 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY $288 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $417 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $340 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY $292 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN RECORDED AN INCREASE OF $1,962 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE REGISTERED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $898 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY $728 MILLION OR 144 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY $166 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY GREW BY $2,938 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $1,122 MILLION OR 148 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY $823 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT). A NOTABLE DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY $216 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

GOODS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE U.S.A. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTED 56 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990.

CHINA CONTINUED TO BE THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990. A GROWTH OF 25 PER CENT IN VALUE OR $20,405 MILLION OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WAS RECORDED IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA. AMONG GOODS ORIGINATING IN CHINA, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $5,462 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY $4,552 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $3,501 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY $1,168 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT); AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $414 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990. COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, THERE WAS A DECREASE OF $1,133 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN. DECREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE REGISTERED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $555 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY $344 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE RECORDED IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY $241 MILLION OR 174 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $189 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY $139 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

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RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN INCREASED BY $351 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1990, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF TEXTILES (BY $892 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $265 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY $591 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE U.S.A. INCREASED BY $1,360 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WERE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $832 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY $334 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE OF RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY $86 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY $1,032 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $448 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY $232 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE IN RE-EXPORT VALUE WAS RECORDED IN CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY $76 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE RE-EXPORT STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1990" NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $27 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 823 4915.

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUNE 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1989 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	50,212	52,556	- 2,344	- 4
U.S.A.	38,029	29,787	+ 8,242	+ 28
JAPAN	10,509	10,221	+ 288	+ 3
TAIWAN	10,121	8,159	+ 1,962	+ 24
F.R. OF GERMANY	8,661	5,723	+ 2,938	+ 51
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,493	6,760	- 267	- 4
SINGAPORE	6,230	5,029	+ 1,201	+ 24
UNITED KINGDOM	4,672	3,891	+ 780	+ 20
CANADA	2,969	2,311	+ 657	+ 28
FRANCE	2,820	2,133	+ 687	+ 32

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TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JAN-JUNE 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1989 (HKD MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HKD MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	102,393	81,989	+20,405	+ 25
JAPAN	19,189	20,322	- 1,133	- 6
TAIWAN	13,764	13,413	+ 351	+ 3
U.S.A.	12,429	11,069	+ 1,360	+ 12
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5,155	6,187	- 1,032	- 17
F. R. OF GERMANY	2,480	2,443	+ 37	+ 2
SINGAPORE	2,346	1,949	+ 397	+ 20
FRANCE	2,265	1,914	+ 351	+ 18
SWITZERLAND	2,226	1,901	+ 325	+ 17
UNITED KINGDOM	2,112	1,812	+ 300	+ 17

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GOVT DISAPPOINTED OVER US ITC DECISION

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A TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S (ITC) DECISION THAT MAN-MADE SWEATERS FROM HONG KONG HAD CAUSED INJURY TO US PRODUCERS OF SIMILAR PRODUCTS.

"WE ARE WAITING FOR A FULL REPORT OF THE REASONS FOR THIS DECISION, BUT ON THE FACE OF IT IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW INJURY COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY HONG KONG MAN-MADE SWEATERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO RESTRAINT SINCE 1971," THE ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, SAID.

"THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL EXAMINE THE DETAILS OF THE COMMISSION'S FINDING AND THE EARLIER ONE IN JULY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF DUMPING.

"IF NECESSARY, WE WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE US AUTHORITIES AND IN THIS REGARD WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR INDUSTRY," HE SAID.

FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF THE INJURY DETERMINATION BY THE ITC THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL ISSUE A FORMAL ANTI-DUMPING ORDER WITHIN SEVEN DAYS REQUIRING IMPORTERS OF MAN-MADE FIBRE SWEATERS FROM HONG KONG TO PAY ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES AT A RATE OF 5.86 PER CENT IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES.

WITH THE FINDING OF DUMPING BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SUCH IMPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO PROVISIONAL ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES SINCE LATE APRIL THIS YEAR.

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SUNKEN BARGE IN TYPHOON SHELTER LIFTED
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE IN THREE WEEKS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE IN WHICH A BARGE WITH A CARGO OF WASTE OIL SANK IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER, THE PRINCIPAL MARINE OFFICER, MR JOHN SHEARMAN, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON AFTER THE BARGE WAS REFLOATED.

MR SHEARMAN SAID CONTRACTORS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD SUCCESSFULLY LIFTED THE BARGE WHICH, ALTHOUGH STILL WATERLOGGED, REPRESENTED NO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT WOULD CONTINUE TO SPRAY DISPERSANT ON THE SMALL REMAINING OIL SLICKS INSIDE THE TYPHOON SHELTER, HE SAID.

"THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE TYPHOON SHELTER IS NOW RE-OPENED," MR SHEARMAN SAID, ADDING THAT THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE HAD BEEN OPENED ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 4).

HE SAID OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD EXAMINE THE BARGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE.

THE BARGE SANK ABOUT 500 METRES FROM THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE TYPHOON SHELTER LAST FRIDAY (AUGUST 31) NIGHT.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BIWEEKLY INTERVALS DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG IN RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

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THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE "1" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 24 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED RISK OF MINOR ILLNESS TO SWIMMERS IS UNDETECTABLE.

GRADE "2" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS FAIR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 180 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 10 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "3" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE E. COLI COUNT IS NO MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS NO MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

GRADE "4" INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE E. COLI COUNT IS MORE THAN 610 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS MORE THAN 15 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, THE CLOSURE OF A BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "4" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS. SIMILARLY, THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "3" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, TWO BATHING BEACHES, NAMELY CASTLE PEAK AND OLD CAFETERIA, HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THE WATER AT THESE TWO BEACHES.

IN ADDITION, ROCKY BAY BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THESE THREE BEACHES ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" ON THE FOLLOWING LIST.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH	LAST GRADING (AS AT 23.8.90)	PRESENT GRADING (AS AT 6.9.90)
HONG KONG SOUTH		
BIG WAVE BAY	2	2
CHUNG HOM KOK	2	2
DEEP WATER BAY	2	1
HAIRPIN	1	1
MIDDLE BAY	1	1
REPULSE BAY	1	1
SHEK O	2	2
SOUTH BAY	1	1
ST STEPHEN'S	1	1
TURTLE COVE	2	2
STANLEY MAIN	1	1
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	1	1
SAI KUNG DISTRICT		
CAMPERS	1	1
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	2	2
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	2	2
HAP MUN BAY	1	1
KIU TSUI	1	1
PAK SHA CHAU	1	1
SILVERSTRAND	2	1
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	1	1

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ISLANDS DISTRICT		
CHEUNG SHA UPPER	1	1
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	2	2
DISCOVERY BAY*	1	1
HUNG SHING YEH	1	1
KWUN YAM WAN	1	2
TONG FUK	1	1
LO SO SHING	1	1
PUI O	1	1
SILVERMINE BAY	2	2
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	2	2
TUNG O*	1	1
TSUEN WAN DISTRICT		
ANGLERS'	4	3
APPROACH	3	3
CASAM	3	2
GEMINI	2	2
HOI MEI WAN	2	2
LIDO	3	3
TING KAU	3	4
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	1	1
TUEN MUN DISTRICT		
OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	3	3

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CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	3	3
BUTTERFLY	2	2

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

DEEP WATER BAY AND SILVERSTRAND, FROM "2" TO "1"; CASAM, FROM "3" TO "2"; KWUN YAM WAN, FROM "1" TO "2" AND TING KAU, FROM "3" TO "4".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

ANGLERS', FROM "4" TO "3".

ANGLERS' BEACH IS UPGRADED IN THIS OCCASION. THE PREVIOUS GRADE WAS DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINFALL IN JULY WHICH HAD CAUSED THE POLLUTANTS IN THE BEACH HINTERLAND TO BE FLUSHED INTO THE BEACH WATER.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF RED TIDE OCCURRENCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED RECENTLY AT SOME OF THE BEACHES. THESE ARE, HOWEVER, TRANSITORY PHENOMENA WHICH ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY, AND WHILE THEY UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECT WATER QUALITY FROM A BEACH-GOER'S POINT OF VIEW, THEY CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE GRADING SYSTEM.

THE EPD'S BEACH WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON E. COLI DATA, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY OF A BEACH REMAINS GOOD WHILE A RED TIDE IS PRESENT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS NOT ADVISABLE FOR SWIMMERS TO ENTER THE WATER WHEN A RED TIDE CAN BE SEEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY), DR M.J. BROOM, ON TEL. 835 1234.

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TREND TO ADOPT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

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FIRMS WHICH HAVE EMPLOYED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY, HIGH VALUE-ADDED GOODS ARE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER USE OF SCARCE MANPOWER AND TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED DEMANDS OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN OPENING A CHINA PAINT MANUFACTURING CO. LTD FACTORY AT SAI KUNG.

"IN ESTABLISHING THIS NEW PLANT, CHINA PAINT HAS MADE A DECISION TO MOVE TOWARDS THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY IN PAINT MANUFACTURING," HE SAID.

"IT HAS INVESTED HEAVILY IN ADVANCED MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

"THE NEW PLANT IS HIGHLY AUTOMATED. AND CHINA PAINT IS NOW THE LICENSEE OF A NUMBER OF THE WORLD'S LEADING PAINT MANUFACTURERS," MR CHAN SAID.

THIS MOVE WAS PART OF A TREND IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES TOWARDS COMPETITION BASED ON THE USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY, HIGH VALUE-ADDED GOODS.

FIRMS WHICH HAD ADOPTED THIS APPROACH WERE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER USE OF SCARCE MANPOWER AND TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED DEMANDS OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

"ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL COSTS MAY BE HIGH, SO TOO ARE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS," MR CHAN SAID.

HE SAID CHINA PAINT HAD PROVED ITSELF WILLING TO MAKE THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT IN A HIGH TECHNOLOGY FUTURE.

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TRIPARTISM HELPS ENHANCE LABOUR RELATIONS

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TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LABOUR STANDARDS AND MAINTENANCE OF HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS TO MATCH HONG KONG'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR YIU YAN-NANG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING, MR YIU SAID THERE WAS ALREADY A HIGH DEGREE OF CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT AMONG THE THREE PARTIES IN DEALING WITH A GREAT VARIETY OF LABOUR MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN SUCH AREAS AS LABOUR LEGISLATION AND PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD AND ITS FIVE SPECIALIST COMMITTEES WERE THE MAIN MACHINERY FOR TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION IN LABOUR AFFAIRS WHERE THE INTERESTS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WERE REPRESENTED WHILE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOOK CARE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

"BEFORE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES A NEW ITEM OF LABOUR LEGISLATION, IT PUTS ITS IDEAS FIRST TO THE RELEVANT SPECIALIST TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE UNDER THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION," HE SAID.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED, THE DEPARTMENT THEN FORMULATES ITS PROPOSALS TO THE BOARD WHICH EVENTUALLY ARRIVES AT A PROPOSAL LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

"THE DEPARTMENT, HAVING CONSIDERED ALL RELEVANT FACTORS INVOLVED, WILL THEN FINALISE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT," HE EXPLAINED.

MR YIU NOTED THAT THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES HAD BEEN WORKING TOGETHER IN A HIGHLY CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH ENABLED PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LABOUR LEGISLATION TO PROGRESS SMOOTHLY AND SPEEDILY.

HE ALSO ATTRIBUTED THE TERRITORY'S EXCELLENT STRIKE RECORDS TO TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION IN LABOUR RELATIONS, WHERE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE DISPUTING PARTIES TO COMPROMISE FORMED AN IMPORTANT BASIS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCILIATION BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

HE ADDED THAT TRIPARTITE EFFORTS HAD ALSO SUCCEEDED IN SOLVING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND PROMOTING BETTER LABOUR RELATIONS IN A PARTICULAR TRADE.

"FOR INSTANCE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICER, REPRESENTATIVES OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR IN THE CATERING TRADE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PRODUCED A CODE OF LABOUR RELATIONS PRACTICE FOR THE TRADE AND HAVE ORGANISED VARIOUS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE AND LABOUR RELATIONS," MR YIU NOTED.

"TRIPARTITE CO-OPERATION IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AS IN THE CASE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR," HE ADDED.

"MOREOVER, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ENLISTS THE CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR IN MANY ONGOING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, PROVIDE BETTER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND TO SERVE ON ADVISORY AND ORGANISING COMMITTEES," MR YIU SAID.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW LAW OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL LAW)
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR DAVID EDWARDS TO SUCCEED DR FRED BURROWS AS LAW OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL LAW) IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS.

MR EDWARDS HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN H.M. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FROM 1967 TO THE EARLY PART OF 1990, WHERE HE HELD THE RANKS OF ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER, LEGAL COUNSELLOR AND DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER.

DURING HIS SERVICE MR EDWARDS SPENT TWO YEARS AS LEGAL ADVISER TO THE BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN BERLIN, TWO YEARS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN VIENNA AS GENERAL COUNSEL, TWO YEARS AS LEGAL COUNSELLOR TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BONN, AND THREE YEARS AS LEGAL ADVISER TO THE UK MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

AFTER LEAVING H.M. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, MR EDWARDS WORKED AS SENIOR COUNSEL FOR A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION IN LONDON.

MR EDWARDS, WHO IS 50, QUALIFIED AS A SOLICITOR IN ENGLAND IN 1964. FROM 1964 TO 1967 HE WAS AN ASSISTANT SOLICITOR WITH A SOLICITORS' FIRM IN LONDON WHERE HE PRACTISED COMMERCIAL LITIGATION, COMPANY LAW AND INTERNATIONAL TAX. HE IS MARRIED WITH A DAUGHTER AND A SON.

AS LAW OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL LAW) HE WILL HEAD THE INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LEGAL WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP (JLG).

MR EDWARDS REPLACES DR FRED BURROWS WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS. DR BURROWS, WHO IS 65, JOINED AGC IN 1985 TO HEAD THE NEWLY FORMED INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION (THEN CALLED THE SPECIAL DUTIES UNIT) AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS IN H.M. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

DR BURROWS WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BUILDING UP THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION AND PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

HE HEADED THE BRITISH SIDE IN THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS SUB-GROUP OF THE JLG AND WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERY SUCCESSFUL WORK OF THAT GROUP, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AFTER JUNE 30, 1997 IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, AND THE CONTINUED APPLICATION AFTER THAT DATE OF ALL TREATIES AFFECTING HONG KONG.

DR BURROWS WILL ATTEND THE NEXT JLG MEETING IN LONDON LATER THIS MONTH, HAVING ATTENDED ALL ITS PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

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PROVISIONAL DATES OF 1990-91 FC MEETINGS

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING FOR THE 1990-91 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 19 (FRIDAY).

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

SPECIAL MEETINGS TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1991-92 FINANCIAL YEAR ARE SCHEDULED ON MARCH 21 AND 22 NEXT YEAR.

THE PROVISIONAL DATES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 19, 1990 (FRIDAY)
NOVEMBER 2, 1990 (FRIDAY)
NOVEMBER 16, 1990 (FRIDAY)
NOVEMBER 30, 1990 (FRIDAY)
DECEMBER 14, 1990 (FRIDAY)
JANUARY 11, 1991 (FRIDAY)
JANUARY 25, 1991 (FRIDAY)
FEBRUARY 8, 1991 (FRIDAY)
MARCH 8, 1991 (FRIDAY)
MARCH 21, 1991 (THURSDAY)) SPECIAL MEETINGS TO EXAMINE THE DRAFT
MARCH 22, 1991 (FRIDAY)) ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1991-92
APRIL 26, 1991 (FRIDAY)
MAY 10, 1991 (FRIDAY)
MAY 24, 1991 (FRIDAY)
JUNE 7,1991 (FRIDAY)
JUNE 28,1991 (FRIDAY)
JULY 12, 1991 (FRIDAY)

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SCOUT MOVEMENT HELPS FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED THE SCOUT MOVEMENT FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

PRESIDING AT THE 14TH INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE KOWLOON REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL, HE SAID THAT SCOUTS OFTEN PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RENDERED ASSISTANCE TO BODIES OR ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE IN NEED.

"THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL NOT ONLY HELP FOSTER A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE BUT ALSO WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTACT PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE AND HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIETY AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION," HE SAID.

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"AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE EMPHASIS OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IS ON THE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

"IT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP INDEPENDENT THINKING AS WELL AS CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY.

"IT ALSO COMPLEMENTED THE FUNCTIONS OF CIVIC EDUCATION," HE ADDED.

THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG WILL BE 80-YEAR-OLD NEXT YEAR AND CURRENTLY, IT HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 57,000.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD IN TAI PO

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PEOPLE WHO STUDY, WORK OR LIVE IN TAI PO ARE INVITED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME, WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AIMS AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENHANCING CIVIC AWARENESS.

IT IS MADE UP OF PRIMARY SCHOOL, SECONDARY SCHOOL AND OPEN SECTIONS.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE STUDENT SECTIONS SHOULD BE NOMINATED BY THEIR HEADMASTERS OR TEACHERS WHILE THOSE OF THE OPEN SECTION SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED BY AN ORGANISATION OR AN INDIVIDUAL.

ASSESSMENT WILL BE BASED ON THE PARTICIPANTS' CONTRIBUTION AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AFTER PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT.

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTERS BEFORE DECEMBER 1. THEY WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 12.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 657 7111 EXT 255.

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AGRICULTURAL LAND CONTROL ON DB AGENDA

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO STUDY AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE WHICH AIM AT PROVIDING ADEQUATE CONTROL AND GUIDANCE OVER DEVELOPMENT AND THE USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AT THE MEETING, A POLICE REPRESENTATIVE WILL UPDATE MEMBERS ON RECENT CHANGE FOLLOWING THE REVISION OF POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES IN SAI KUNG.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE PROGRESS REPORTS OF SIX DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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WATER CUT IN TSING YI ISLAND

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TO FACILITATE ANNUAL CLEANING OF TSING YI EAST SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 7).

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