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ARRIVAL OF NEW COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

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MAJOR GENERAL BRYAN DUTTON, THE 61ST AND LAST COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES HONG KONG, WILL TAKE UP HIS DUTIES AT HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES, PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS, NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 15).

HE WILL BE MET BY A CEREMONIAL GUARD OF HONOUR MOUNTED BY DETACHMENTS FROM THE ROYAL NAVY, THE ARMY AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

BIOGRAPHY OF MAJOR GENERAL BRYAN DUTTON

MAJOR GENERAL BRYAN DUTTON WAS BORN IN MARCH 1943 AND COMMISSIONED INTO THE DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET REGIMENT FROM THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, SANDHURST, IN 1963. ON HIS INITIAL TOUR WITH THE 1ST BATTALION HE SERVED IN NORTHERN IRELAND, BRITISH GUYANA, GERMANY AND LIBYA.

HE WAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS (ARMY) FROM APRIL 1990 TO MARCH 1992, A PARTICULARLY STRENUOUS PERIOD WHICH COVERED THE GULF WAR AND THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "OPTIONS FOR CHANGE" REVIEW OF THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES.

HE ASSUMED THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF INFANTRY ON PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL IN APRIL 1992.

HE WAS MADE A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) IN 1978, WAS MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES IN 1979, MADE OFFICER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (OBE) IN 1984 AND COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) IN 1990.

HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMY MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION AND COMMODORE OF THE BRITISH ARMY INFANTRY SAILING CLUB.

MAJOR GENERAL DUTTON MARRIED ANGELA IN 1972. THEY HAVE A SON, CHARLES, AND A DAUGHTER SOPHIE.

HE IS A KEEN OFFSHORE SAILOR, FISHERMAN AND RUGBY SUPPORTER AND HIS OTHER INTERESTS INCLUDE CLASSICAL MUSIC, WILDLIFE AND HISTORY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONIAL GUARD OF HONOUR. THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE, PRINCE OF WALES BARRACKS, EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL, NOT LATER THAN 8 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 15) MORNING.

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HK TO HOST COMMONWEALTH POSTAL CONFERENCE

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THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE WILL HOST THE 1994 CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS (CCPA) FROM AUGUST 16 TO 20 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 65 COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, INCLUDING THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WILL BE ATTENDING CCPA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

MR PAGLIARI SAID THE IDEA OF HOLDING REGULAR CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS WAS FIRST CONCEIVED HERE IN HONG KONG 25 YEARS AGO WHEN DELEGATES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS BROKE THEIR JOURNEY IN HONG KONG FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE 1969 CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU) IN TOKYO.

HE SAID THIS IDEA WAS FOLLOWED THROUGH AND THE FIRST CCPA WAS HELD IN LONDON IN 1971.

THEREAFTER, CCPA HAS BEEN A REGULAR EVENT ORGANISED EVERY TWO YEARS IN VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, A CCPA HAS ALSO BEEN HELD EVERY FIVE YEARS BEFORE EACH CONGRESS OF THE UPU.

THE 21ST CONGRESS OF THE UPU WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, FROM AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 1994 AND THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE, BEING ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS, WILL HOST A CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS BEFORE THE 21ST CONGRESS OF THE UPU.

FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WILL NOT RECUR.

SO FAR, ABOUT 60 DELEGATES FROM SOME 30 OVERSEAS POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE SIGNIFIED THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE CCPA IN HONG KONG.

"THESE DELEGATES COMPRISE THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS," MR PAGLIARI SAID.

"AT THE CONFERENCE, THEY WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROPOSALS GOVERNING THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICES WHICH WILL BE DELIBERATED IN THE UPU CONGRESS IN SEOUL.

"THIS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH QUALITY INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE VITAL ISSUES WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE SEOUL CONGRESS," HE ADDED.

MR PAGLIARI ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT A \$10 DEFINITIVE STAMP SHEETLET WILL BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 16 TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CCPA.

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A SPECIAL POSTMARK WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED. A SOUVENIR COVER FOR THE OCCASION IS NOW ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES EXCEPT THE AIRPORT POST OFFICE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, MRS ANSON CHAN. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 10 AM NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 16). YOUR REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN ROOM 401, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, FOURTH FLOOR, BY 9.30 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP.

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#### 45 MORE NOTIFIED OF VALIDITY OF NOMINATIONS

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FORTY-FIVE MORE CANDIDATES WERE NOTIFIED BY THE RELEVANT RETURNING OFFICERS TODAY (FRIDAY) OF THE DECISIONS AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THEIR NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

OF THE CASES NOTIFIED TODAY, THE NOMINATIONS OF THREE HAVE BEEN RULED BY THE RETURNING OFFICERS AS INVALID.

THEY ARE MR YEUNG MAN-WAI OF WANG TAU HOM CONSTITUENCY IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, MR YEN HO-YIN OF PO LAI CONSTITUENCY IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT, AND MR CHAN PO-MING ERIC OF ALLWAY CONSTITUENCY IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE SAID ALL OF THEM FAILED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG DURING THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF NOMINATION, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE (CAP 367).

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## 695 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE HAS SO FAR (FRIDAY) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 695 NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE BREAKDOWN OF NOMINATIONS BY DISTRICT IS AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICT	NOMINATIONS RECEIVED	WITHDRAWAL	NOMINATIONS INVALIDATED	TOTAL
CENTRAL AND WESTERN	29	0	0	29
WAN CHAI	25	0	0	25
EASTERN	64	0	0	64
SOUTHERN	32	0	0	32
YAU TSIM MONG	46	0	0	46
SHAM SHUI PO	38	0	1	37
KOWLOON CITY	45	1	0	44
WONG TAI SIN	37	0	1	36
KWUN TONG	66	0	1	65
TSUEN WAN	23	0	1	22
TUEN MUN	43	0	0	43
YUEN LONG	38	0	0	38
NORTH	23	0	0	23
TAI PO	35	0	0	35
SAI KUNG	25	0	0	25
SHA TIN	66	0	0	66
KWAI TSING	54	0	1	53
ISLANDS	12	0	0	12
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TOTAL	701	1	5	695
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## REO RECEIVES 227 COMPLAINTS

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AS AT TODAY (FRIDAY), THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE (REO) HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 227 COMPLAINTS ON ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS, 181 WERE RELATED TO ELECTION ADVERTISEMENTS, 19 ON ELECTIONEERING IN PRIVATE PREMISES AND 27 ON OTHER MATTERS.

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## BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1994

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MANUFACTURERS GENERALLY EXPECT A MODERATE INCREASE IN VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1994 OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A RECENT HALF-YEARLY BUSINESS PROSPECTS SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

FOR INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, INCREASES IN ORDERS ARE EXPECTED IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY; THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY; THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC WATCHES AND CLOCKS) AND THE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES INDUSTRY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MANUFACTURERS IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY ANTICIPATE STABLE VOLUME OF ORDERS WHILE THOSE IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY FORESEE A MILD DECREASE.

MANUFACTURERS GENERALLY EXPECT THAT CAPACITY UTILISATION WILL INCREASE IN THE SECOND HALF COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1994. PROFIT MARGINS, HOWEVER, ARE FORESEEN TO SHRINK IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1994 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO.

BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE EXPECTATIONS OF MANUFACTURERS, EXPORTERS ALSO EXPECT A MODERATE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND A MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS. SIMILAR VIEWS ARE HELD BY BANKERS, WHO EXPECT THAT THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WILL INCREASE MODERATELY IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1994.

LOOKING AHEAD, CONSTRUCTION FIRMS GENERALLY EXPECT A MODERATE INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1994.

BEGINNING FROM JANUARY 1994, THE HALF-YEARLY BUSINESS PROSPECTS SURVEY HAS REPLACED THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY.

THE NEW SURVEY BEING HELD ON A HALF-YEARLY BASIS COVERS ABOUT 330 FIRMS FROM MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, THE BANKING INDUSTRY AND THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR.

IT CONTINUES TO COLLECT VIEWS OF FIRMS ON THE SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS OF THE VARIOUS MAJOR BUSINESS SECTORS COVERED AND AIMS AT PROVIDING A QUICK REFERENCE, WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, FOR ASSESSING THE SHORT-TERM FUTURE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, THE RESULTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH CAUTION AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED IN DETAIL IN THE "REPORT ON HALF-YEARLY BUSINESS PROSPECTS SURVEY, JULY 1994".

THE REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$7 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SECTION, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 839 3223.

## HK'S CONTAINER THROUGHPUT INCREASES SUSTAINED

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HONG KONG HANDLED MORE THAN 3.1 MILLION TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS (TEUS) OF CONTAINERS DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING A 20.1 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR IAN DALE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THE LATEST CONTAINER THROUGHPUT STATISTICS, MR DALE SAID THE TERRITORY'S MONTHLY CONTAINER THROUGHPUT INCREASES SHOWED SUSTAINED DEMAND, AND HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO MEET WITH IT.

"THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS HANDLED 2,085,769 TEUS AND RECORDED A STEADY 28 PER CENT GROWTH WHEN COMPARED WITH CONTAINERS HANDLED IN THE CORRESPONDING TIME IN 1993," MR DALE NOTED.

THE STREAM SECTOR SHOWED A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 1.8 PER CENT AND HANDLED 833,487 TEUS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS.

MR DALE SAID: "RIVER TRADE ACHIEVED A HUGE 54 PER CENT SURGE, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS FROM A SMALL BASE LINE OF 171,530 TEUS FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR."

MR DALE SAID THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE STEADY GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S CONTAINER THROUGHPUT WOULD CONTINUE.

"BUT WITHOUT NEW HANDLING FACILITIES COMING ON LINE ON SCHEDULE THE SITUATION COULD WELL CHANGE BY LATE 1995. THE EFFECT OF THIS ON THE PORT MUST NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED," HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TABLE FOR THE COMPARATIVE CONTAINER STATISTICS IN TEUS:

	FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1993 ----	FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1994 ----	INCREASE PERCENTAGE -----
KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS	1,630,115	2,085,769	28.0 PER CENT
STREAM AND ELSEWHERE	848,438	833,487	-1.8 PER CENT
RIVER TRADE	171,530	264,097	54.0 PER CENT
TOTAL	2,649,527	3,183,148	20.1 PER CENT

NOTE: TO AVOID DOUBLE COUNTING, FIGURES ARE ADJUSTED DOWNWARDS BY 556 TEUS IN 1993 AND 205 TEUS IN 1994 RESPECTIVELY HANDLED BY TERMINAL VESSELS CONTRACTED TO WORK IN THE STREAM.

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON TEL 852 4425 AND 852 4423 DURING OFFICE HOURS OR 9493 8262 OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS.

Comparative Container Statistics for January - April 1994

	First 4-month <u>1993</u>	First 4-month <u>1994</u>	Change <u>Percent</u>
<u>KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS</u>			
Loaded Full (T.E.U.)	808 661	1 007 783	24.6%
Discharged Full (T.E.U.)	585 052	799 130	36.6%
Loaded Empty (T.E.U.)	57 080	84 877	48.7%
Discharged Empty (T.E.U.)	179 322	193 979	8.2%
Throughput			
a) T.E.U.	1 630 115	2 085 759	28.0%
b) Actual	1 038 829	1 344 621	29.4%
c) Ratio	1.57	1.55	
% of T.E.U. throughput being empty	14.50%	13.37%	
% of T.E.U. throughput being transshipment	16.63%	20.94%	
Container Tonnage (Tonnes)			
a) Loaded	5 133 178	6 765 314	31.8%
b) Discharged	5 427 827	7 638 107	40.7%
c) Total	10 561 005	14 403 421	36.4%
Average Weight per full T.E.U. (Tonnes)			
a) T.E.U. Loaded	6.35	6.71	
b) T.E.U. Discharged	9.28	9.56	
c) T.E.U. Total	7.58	7.97	
<u>* STREAM AND ELSEWHERE</u>			
Loaded Full (T.E.U.)	337 645	325 595	-3.6%
Discharged Full (T.E.U.)	414 727	410 648	-0.9%
Loaded Empty (T.E.U.)	55 205	54 353	-1.5%
Discharged Empty (T.E.U.)	40 861	42 691	4.5%
Throughput (T.E.U.)	848 438	833 487	-1.8%
<u>RIVER TRADE (Other than those handled at Kwai Chung Terminals )</u>			
Loaded Full (T.E.U.)	61 734	96 213	55.9%
Discharged Full (T.E.U.)	50 784	83 062	63.6%
Loaded Empty (T.E.U.)	25 728	37 233	44.7%
Discharged Empty (T.E.U.)	33 284	47 589	43.0%
Throughput (T.E.U.)	171 530	264 097	54.0%
<u># THROUGHPUT (Kwai Chung Terminals + Stream &amp; Elsewhere + River Trade)</u>			
Loaded Full (T.E.U.)	1 207 973	1 429 516	18.3%
Discharged Full (T.E.U.)	1 050 264	1 292 510	23.1%
Loaded Empty (T.E.U.)	138 013	176 463	27.9%
Discharged Empty (T.E.U.)	253 277	284 259	12.2%
Throughput (T.E.U.)	2 649 527	3 183 148	20.1%

\* Figures include a total of 556 T.E.U. in 1993 and 205 T.E.U. in 1994 respectively handled by terminal vessels contracted to work in the stream.

# To avoid double counting figures are adjusted downwards by 556 T.E.U. in 1993 and 205 T.E.U. in 1994 respectively handled by terminal vessels contracted to work in the stream

Statistics Section, Planning Branch [ File Ref.: HQ/PS 135/3/1 (1994) ] c:\man\mon\apr94\teu04

RECLAMATION AUTHORISED FOR EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX

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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS AUTHORISED RECLAMATION OF FIVE HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AND THE DREDGING OF A NAVIGATION CHANNEL WITHIN AN ENVELOPE OF 27.5 HECTARES AT KAU SHAT WAN, LANTAU ISLAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX.

THE COMPLEX WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING EXPLOSIVES STORAGE FACILITIES ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND HAZARD ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND CONFIRMED THAT KAU SHAT WAN IS A SUITABLE SITE FOR AN EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HAZARD IMPACT. DETAILED DESIGN WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSESSMENTS.

THE WATER AREA IN FRONT OF THE EXPLOSIVES COMPLEX WILL BE DECLARED AN EXCLUSION ZONE TO PUT FISHING ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE EARLY DETECTION AND CONTAINMENT WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS OF ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON FISHING ACTIVITIES.

THERE ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED CHANNELS FOR CLAIMING EX-GRATIA PAYMENT SHOULD FISHING ACTIVITIES BE AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION.

ANY PERSON WHO FEELS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION WORKS MAY WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 12, 1995 TO CLAIM COMPENSATION.

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

THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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RECLAMATION SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL FORM 68 HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN ABOUT 89 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED IN THE TOLO HABROUR NEAR PAK SHEK KOK, NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE A SITE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS INERT CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL THAT IS SUITABLE FOR RECLAMATION.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, WITH SUITABLE MITIGATION MEASURES, IS ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE.

THE SHA TIN AND TAI PO DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE BOTH BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROJECT.

THE WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY). THE NOTICE AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG; TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES; AND SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON-CANTOON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 12. HE MUST DESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE OF FLOOD PREVENTION FACILITIES PROPOSED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED CONSTRUCTING A ROAD IN SAN TIN, NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE FLOOD PROTECTION FACILITIES THERE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE ROAD WAS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED VILLAGE FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS FOR VILLAGES IN SAN TIN AREA.

"ON COMPLETION, THE NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO A PUMPING STATION, A FLOOD STORAGE POND AND TWO DRAINAGE CHANNELS FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES," HE EXPLAINED.

SOME EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AND TRACKS WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE WORKS. HOWEVER, PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS WOULD BE MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- \* THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NINTH TO 11TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND

- \* THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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#### ROAD NETWORK FOR YAU TSIM PLANNED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD NETWORK LINKING THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT WITH THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, AIRPORT RAILWAY KOWLOON STATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

MORE THAN 10 ROADS WILL BE BUILT UNDER THE SCHEME WHICH IS PART OF THE NEW RECLAMATION AREA.

WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROADWORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS, PLANTING AREAS, FOOTBRIDGES, AND DRAINAGE WORKS AS WELL AS JUNCTION MODIFICATIONS ALONG JORDAN ROAD, FERRY STREET, AND CANTON ROAD.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES WILL BE MAINTAINED TO MINIMISE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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- \* PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- \* KOWLOON WEST DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON, AND
- \* YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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AMENDMENTS TO FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI  
OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN.

THE MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN (NO. S/FSS/3) IS THE SUB-DIVISION OF A "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" (CDA) ZONE IN THE WESTERN PERIPHERY OF THE FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN INTO TWO CDA ZONES.

DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN BOTH CDA ZONES ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.8, SITE COVERAGE OF 27 PER CENT AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF THREE STOREYS OVER ONE-STOREY CARPORT.

"THE ORIGINAL CDA ZONE COMPRISES TWO LOTS. BECAUSE OF THEIR DIFFERENCES IN TOPOGRAPHICAL SETTING AND OWNERSHIP, IT IS CONSIDERED MORE APPROPRIATE TO SUB-DIVIDE THIS ZONE INTO TWO SO THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE TWO CDAS CAN BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BY THE BOARD THROUGH SUBMISSION OF MASTER LAYOUT PLAN," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

"A MINOR RELAXATION CLAUSE IS ALSO ADDED TO THE NOTES OF THE TWO CDA ZONES TO THE EFFECT THAT MINOR RELAXATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTION STIPULATED MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS," HE ADDED.

OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTES INCLUDE THE STIPULATION OF THE EXEMPTION OF ANCILLARY CARPORT, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PLANT ROOM AND CARETAKER'S OFFICE AND QUARTERS FROM PLOT RATIO CALCULATION IN RESPECT OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE 'CDA' ZONES; AND THE EXEMPTION OF THE ABOVE ANCILLARY USES FROM SITE COVERAGE AND PLOT RATIO CALCULATIONS IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" ZONE.

THE AMENDMENT PLAN (NO. S/FSS/4) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2 AT:-

- \* PLANNING DEPARTMENT,  
16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING,  
GARDEN ROAD,  
HONG KONG;
- \* SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD,  
SHA TIN; AND
- \* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE,  
THIRD FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
3 PIK FUNG ROAD,  
FANLING,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT  
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 19 PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LOTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 6,266.8 SQUARE METRES IN TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND EXPANDING SHUI WAI VILLAGE.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE PROJECT IS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

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APPOINTMENTS OF LECTURERS TO HKIED ENCOURAGING  
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED AS ENCOURAGING THE APPOINTMENT OF LECTURING STAFF ANNOUNCED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (HKIED).

"I AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT OVER 95 PER CENT OF THE SERVING LECTURERS OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION WHO HAVE APPLIED AND BEEN INTERVIEWED FOR HKIED JOBS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL," MR LEUNG SAID.

"THE INSTITUTE WILL CERTAINLY BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF THE SERVING STAFF WHO CHOOSE TO TRANSFER TO THE HKIED," HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG ALSO CALLED ON THE REMAINING SERVING LECTURING STAFF TO APPLY IN THE HKIED'S FUTURE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE.

"THERE ARE AMPLE STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE INSTITUTE," HE POINTED OUT.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE TEACHING ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITIES WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED WHEN ITS NEW CAMPUS IN TAI PO IS OPENED IN 1997.

"I AM CERTAIN SERVING LECTURERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN TEACHER EDUCATION WILL FIND WORKING FOR THE NEW INSTITUTE A CHALLENGING AND WORTHWHILE CAREER," HE SAID.

"THEY WILL ALSO HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS THE NEW INSTITUTE IS DEDICATED TO BECOMING A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR TEACHER EDUCATION," MR LEUNG SAID.

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## 3,748 S6 PLACES AVAILABLE AFTER STAGE III

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STAGE III OF THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE ENDED AT 3.30 PM TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH 3,748 PLACES LEFT OVER FOR STUDENTS MEETING THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 15), THE FIRST DAY OF STAGE IV.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID AT THE END OF STAGE III A TOTAL OF 19,732 S6 PLACES HAVE BEEN FILLED, INCLUDING 2,347 PLACES FILLED TODAY BY STUDENTS SATISFYING THE MINIMUM A-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS IN THEIR OWN OR LINKED SCHOOL WITH VACANCIES.

A TOTAL OF 23,480 S6 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 1994/95 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED STUDENTS WISHING TO SECURE AN S6 PLACE IN THE FORTHCOMING SCHOOL YEAR THAT A LIST OF SCHOOL WITH VACANCIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY WHEN STAGE IV BEGINS.

STUDENTS SATISFYING THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, EVENING SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES, MAY APPLY TO ONE OR MORE OF THESE SCHOOLS BEFORE 3.30 PM ON MONDAY.

APPLICATION RESULTS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT SCHOOLS NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 16) AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOLS THEY HAVE APPLIED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SO FAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TWO SUBSTANTIAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOLS NOT FOLLOWING THE S6 ADMISSION PROCEDURES.

HE SAID BOTH CASES HAVE BEEN SETTLED AFTER INVESTIGATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST CASE WAS ABOUT A SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG IN WHICH A STUDENT SCORING 11 POINTS CLAIMED HER ADMISSION SLIP WAS COLLECTED BY THE SCHOOL YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THE SCHOOL LATER RETURNED THE SLIP TO THE STUDENT AFTER INVESTIGATIONS BY OFFICERS FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE.

THE SECOND CASE WAS REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL HOTLINE YESTERDAY IN WHICH A SCHOOL IN TAI PO AGREED TO ACCEPT AND COLLECTED THE ADMISSION SLIP FROM ITS STUDENT SCORING 10 POINTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF STAGE II (WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10). THIS SHOULD ONLY BE CONDUCTED IN STAGE III.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS, THE SCHOOL ADMITTED IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE AND SAID IT WOULD CONSIDER THE STUDENT'S APPLICATION AT STAGE III.

MEANWHILE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HOTLINE (TELEPHONE NUMBERS 782 7624, 782 7625, 782 7627 AND 782 7621) AND THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES HANDLED 203 AND 554 ENQUIRIES RESPECTIVELY ON THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE UP TO 5 PM TODAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 315 VISITORS AND 253 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER STUDIES, LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS, AND CAREERS BY THE TIME IT CLOSED AT 5.30 PM TODAY.

THIS BRINGS TO 1,591 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITED AND 1,005 CALLERS TELEPHONED THE CENTER SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE HKCEE RESULTS ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 9).

THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTER AT ROOM 206 OF THE MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK, PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH REFERENCE MATERIAL ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES AND TRAINING, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS CAREERS.

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#### JULY AIR QUALITY REPORT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (FRIDAY) RELEASED AIR QUALITY INFORMATION FOR LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE AIR QUALITY LEVELS IN THE TERRITORY AND TO EXPLAIN THE MEASUREMENTS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINS MONITORING RESULTS FROM MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG. THESE LOCATIONS ARE TYPICAL OF THREE OF THE IMPORTANT LAND USE TYPES FOUND IN THE TERRITORY:

- \* LOCATIONS CLOSE TO ROAD TRAFFIC IN BUILT-UP URBAN AREAS;
- \* COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AND
- \* DISTRICTS CLOSE TO INDUSTRIAL AREAS.

THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY MONITORS AIR QUALITY CONTINUOUSLY AT EIGHT STATIONS, INCLUDING THE THREE MENTIONED. SHORT-TERM MEASUREMENT CAMPAIGNS ARE ALSO UNDERTAKEN AS AND WHERE THE NEED ARISES.

THE REPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS INCLUDE SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO<sub>2</sub>), NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO<sub>2</sub>), TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (TSP) WHICH COMPRISE ALL SIZES OF DUST PARTICLES, AND RESPIRABLE SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (RSP) WHICH ARE THE RESPIRABLE FRACTION OF THE DUST.

ALL THESE POLLUTANTS CAN AFFECT RESPIRATORY HEALTH IN SUFFICIENT CONCENTRATION.

AIR QUALITY IN JULY WAS DOMINATED BY THE HEAVY RAINFALL WHICH KEPT DUST LEVELS DOWN AND WASHED OUT SULPHUR DIOXIDE.

MEANWHILE, THE LACK OF SUNLIGHT MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR OZONE AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE TO FORM IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

LEVELS OF ALL POLLUTANTS WERE BELOW THE RELEVANT 24-HOUR STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

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THE EXCEPTION TO THIS WAS SOME HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS ON JULY 10 (AT MONG KOK, TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATE LEVELS WERE 95 PER CENT OF THE 24-HOUR STANDARD).

THESE HIGHER LEVELS AROSE BECAUSE ON JULY 9 AND 10 THERE WAS LITTLE RAINFALL AND WIND, AND SUNSHINE LEVELS WERE HIGH.

THESE ARE CONDITIONS THAT OFTEN LEAD TO POOR AIR QUALITY IN HONG KONG.

THE GASES AND PARTICLES DESCRIBED ORIGINATE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. SO<sub>2</sub> IS MOSTLY PRODUCED WHEN FUELS THAT CONTAIN SULPHUR ARE BURNED. NO<sub>2</sub> IS FORMED DURING COMBUSTION BY THE COMBINATION OF NITROGEN AND OXYGEN.

HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF IT IS FORMED IN THE ATMOSPHERE BY THE OXIDATION OF NITRIC OXIDE (NO), ALSO A PRODUCT OF COMBUSTION.

VEHICLE EXHAUSTS ARE IMPORTANT SOURCES OF NO AND NO<sub>2</sub> IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON LOCAL AIR QUALITY.

THESE EXHAUSTS ARE ALSO A MAJOR SOURCE OF AIRBORNE PARTICULATE MATTER, ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER RESPIRABLE PARTICLES.

OTHER SOURCES OF PARTICLES INCLUDE INDUSTRY, FURNACES AND BOILERS, CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, THE SEA AND THE SOIL.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT WHILE THE WEATHER AND CLIMATE ALWAYS AFFECT CONCENTRATIONS OF POLLUTANTS IN THE AIR, THE ONLY SURE WAY OF REDUCING THE LEVELS IS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM THE MAN-MADE SOURCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS AIR QUALITY REPORT AND OTHER AIR QUALITY ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER MR S W PANG ON TEL 594 6401.

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## ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A HALF-YEARLY DOG INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS SO THAT FISHERMEN CAN HAVE THEIR DOGS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

STARTING FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 15), THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS WILL GO TO THE TERRITORY'S SEVEN FISHING PORTS ONE AFTER THE OTHER AND MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM DAILY. THE WHOLE OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL AUGUST 26.

THEY WILL VISIT THE FISHING PORTS IN SHA TAU KOK ON AUGUST 15; IN SAM MUN CHAI ON AUGUST 16 AND 17; CASTLE PEAK BAY ON AUGUST 18 AND 19; ABERDEEN ON AUGUST 19 AND 22; SHAU KEI WAN ON AUGUST 23 AND 24; AS WELL AS CHEUNG CHAU AND SAI KUNG ON AUGUST 25 AND 26.

THE DRIVE, A REGULAR EXERCISE SINCE 1980, IS INTENDED TO HELP FISHERMEN WHO FIND LITTLE TIME TO TAKE THEIR DOGS TO AN INOCULATION CENTRE OR A GOVERNMENT KENNEL FOR INOCULATION.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, DR K K LIU, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE DRIVE WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF RABIES IN HONG KONG.

"THE TERRITORY REGAINED THE RABIES-FREE AREA STATUS ON JULY 10, 1989 BY HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED THE OUTBREAK OF ANY INDIGENOUS RABIES CASE SINCE JULY 10, 1987," HE SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT RABIES WAS A DEADLY DISEASE TRANSMISSIBLE FROM ANIMALS TO HUMAN. DOGS ON FISHING VESSELS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH OTHER ANIMALS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT THAT FISHERMEN'S DOGS ARE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AT LEAST EVERY THREE YEARS TO KEEP UP THEIR IMMUNITY," DR LIU ADDED.

HE CALLED ON FISHERMEN WHO OWN DOGS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL INOCULATION SERVICE.

UNDER THE RABIES ORDINANCE, ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,969	0930	+1,480
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,775	1000	+1,480
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+1,480
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+1,481	1200	+1,480
LAF TODAY	-675	1500	+1,481
		1600	+1,481

LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER      TWI 122.7 \*-0.4\* 12.8.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.08	16 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.14	5.75
1 MONTH	4.18	22 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.41	6.19
3 MONTHS	4.40	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.60	6.68
6 MONTHS	4.75	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.57	6.84
12 MONTHS	5.40	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.16	7.01

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 23,161 MN

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