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ACTING GOVERNOR EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO VICTIMS' FAMILIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (FRIDAY) EXTENDED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE BARGE WHICH SANK OFF THE HONG KONG COAST ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 15).

SIR DAVID ALSO EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OPERATION, INCLUDING THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WHICH CO-ORDINATED THE RESCUE EFFORTS.

"THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND BRAVERY ARE A CREDIT TO HONG KONG'S SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION. IN PUTTING THEIR LIVES AT RISK THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED A SELFLESS DEDICATION TO OTHERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH THOSE INJURED IN THE INCIDENT A SPEEDY RECOVERY," HE SAID.

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CONTRACT FOR THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AWARDED

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE WITH THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF LAND FORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS FOR THE TSEUNG KWAN O INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

BEING THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN HONG KONG AFTER TAI PO AND YUEN LONG, THE DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE CONTRACT IS MANAGED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION WHO HAVE EARMARKED OVER \$500 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS LOCATED AT A 93-HECTARE SITE WHICH WILL BE MAINLY RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA IN THE TAI CHIK SHA AREA ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF TSEUNG KWAN O BAY.

WORKS ON THE CONTRACT WOULD REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF SOME THREE MILLION CUBIC METRES OF EARTH FROM THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF FAT TONG CHAU TO FORM PART OF THE SITE FOR THE ESTATE.

MORE THAN THREE KILOMETRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS AND ALMOST TWO KILOMETRES OF ROADS AND SEWERS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH ALL WORKS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1995.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TO TIE IN WITH THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, TENDERS FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT HAD ALREADY BEEN INVITED FOR THE RECLAMATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A PART OF THE SIU CHIK SHA AREA IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

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OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IN THE AREA ARE ALSO IN THE PIPELINE.

UNDER THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, HE NOTED THAT SIU CHIK SHA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED AS A CONVENTIONAL INDUSTRIAL AREA OF TSEUNG KWAN O.

IT WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TO BUT SEPARATED FROM THE TSEUNG KWAN O RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREA BY A LARGE OPEN SPACE THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF VICTORIA PARK.

THE DEVELOPMENTS IN TSEUNG KWAN O ARE NOW PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY WITH MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN PO LAM AND TSUI LAM DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TOWN HAD ALREADY COMPLETED WHILE RECLAMATION AND THE ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN HANG HAU DISTRICT WERE NOW AT AN ADVANCE STAGE.

THE FIRST RECLAMATION CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN CENTRE WHICH STARTED LAST YEAR WAS ALSO PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, HE ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A CONTRACT WHICH COVERS A NUMBER OF PROJECTS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 20-METRE WIDE PAVED WATERFRONT ALONGSIDE A NEW SEAWALL FOR PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING TO CATER FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE LAYING OF A TRUNK SEWER BETWEEN SAM SHING ESTATE AND TUEN MUN NULLAH TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT IN SO KWUN WAT AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SO KWUN WAT TO SAM SHING.

IN ADDITION, THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE A FOOTBRIDGE EXTENSION TO LINK UP WITH THE PODIUM OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX OF SIU HONG COURT, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE LINK.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE 25 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

NOTICE OF THE TENDER WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MESSRS SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, 38TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA TOWER 1, 223 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI FONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 13.

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SUSPENSION OF THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL  
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THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION TRIBUNAL HAS BEEN SUSPENDED WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SOCIETIES (SUSPENSION OF SECTIONS 26A AND 26B) ORDER 1991, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, PROVIDED FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE TRIBUNAL, FOLLOWING THE DETERMINATION OF ALL APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME.

THE TRIBUNAL HAD CEASED TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED ON DECEMBER 8, 1988 AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO ALLOW PERSONS TO FORMALLY RENOUNCE THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF A TRIAD SOCIETY IN RETURN FOR A STAY OF PROSECUTIONS FOR OFFENCES RELATED TO TRIAD MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE.

PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME, ANYONE WHO HAD AT ANY TIME BECOME A TRIAD MEMBER WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN LIABLE TO PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE.

"THE SCHEME WAS AIMED PARTICULARLY AT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE BECOME TRIAD MEMBERS UNDER DURESS OR OUT OF IGNORANCE OF THE IMPLICATIONS, AND AS A RESULT, HAVE BLACK CLOUDS HANGING OVER THEIR CHANCES OF LEADING CRIME-FREE AND USEFUL LIVES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT BETWEEN DECEMBER 8, 1988 AND MARCH 31 THIS YEAR, WHEN APPLICATIONS CEASED TO BE ACCEPTED, 4,989 ENQUIRIES AND 1,197 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM PERSONS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO WANTED TO RENOUNCE THEIR TRIAD LINKS.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 779 GENUINE TRIAD MEMBERS HAD SUCCESSFULLY RENOUNCED THEIR TRIAD MEMBERSHIP; 10 WERE UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THEY DID NOT TAKE THE OATH OF RENUNCIATION OR FOR OTHER REASONS WHILE ANOHTER 408 ABANDONED THEIR APPLICATIONS.

"THE VAST MAJORITY (99.5%) OF THE APPLICANTS WERE MALES AND BETWEEN 11 AND 20 YEARS OF AGE (41.6%). MOST OF THE SUCCESSFUL RENOUNCERS (93.8%) WERE JUNIOR TRIAD MEMBERS WHO DID NOT HOLD ANY OFFICES OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY IN TRIAD SOCIETIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID A PERIOD OF TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS WAS LONG ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RELINQUISH THEIR TRIAD LINKS TO COME FORWARD.

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE SCHEME WOULD HAVE SENT A WRONG MESSAGE TO EXISTING AND POTENTIAL TRIAD MEMBERS BY IMPLYING THAT THEY COULD SAFELY COMMENCE OR MAINTAIN TRIAD MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY COULD RENOUNCE IT LATER.

"FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION OF THE TRIBUNAL, THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SECRETARIAT WILL TAKE OVER THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF RENUNCIATION RECORDS. SINCE THIS IS A BODY INDEPENDENT OF ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ITS RECORDS WILL BE MAINTAINED."

"SUCCESSFUL RENOUNCERS WHO WISH TO CONTACT THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SECRETARIAT TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES OF RENUNCIATION OR FOR OTHER REASONS MAY DO SO BY WRITING TO GENERAL POST OFFICE BOX NO. 3888 OR CALLING 523 2918.

PERSONS WHO CALLED THE PREVIOUS TRIBUNAL HOTLINE WILL HEAR A TAPE-RECORDED MESSAGE INFORMING THEM OF THIS NEW CONTACT NUMBER. THE TAPED MESSAGE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE MONTHS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE LIKED MORE TRIAD MEMBERS TO COME FORWARD, THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME HAD BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL.

"TO DATE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE 779 SUCCESSFUL RENOUNCERS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY REJOINED TRIAD SOCIETIES OR ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF THESE OFFENDERS THROUGH THE SCHEME HAS THUS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN OUR COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE STAGE I OF SHAM TSENG TREATMENT WORKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT IS ONE OF THE SEVERAL CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED UNDER A PROJECT WHICH IS AIMED AT PROVIDING TREATED WATER TO TSING LUNG TAU AND SHAM TSENG WHERE AT PRESENT ARE RECEIVING A CHLORINATED WATER SUPPLY.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SHAM TSENG TREATMENT WORKS WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 23,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

HOWEVER, THE TREATMENT WORKS IS DESIGNED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION TO AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 75,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF CLARIFIERS, RAPID GRAVITY FILTERS, CHEMICAL DOSING PLANT, WASHWATER RECOVERY PLANT AND ASSOCIATED SLUDGE THICKENING PLANT.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL LAST FOR 33 MONTHS.

FORM OF TENDERS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 44TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 1.

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CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT FOR SEWERAGE SCHEME SIGNED

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A \$10 MILLION CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WAS AWARDED BY THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE I, PHASE I OF THE TOLO HARBOUR CATCHMENT SEWERAGE SCHEME.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR TSE HOM-SUM, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY FIRM WHO WILL UNDERTAKE THE INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN OF THE SCHEME.

IN JUNE 1990, THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETED A STUDY OF THE UNSEWERED DEVELOPMENTS IN TOLO HARBOUR, WHICH RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY IN THE HARBOUR THROUGH A SEWAGE MASTER PLAN.

THE TOLO HARBOUR CATCHMENT SEWERAGE SCHEME IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AS PART OF THE MASTER PLAN AIMED AT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF SEWERS AND PUMPING STATIONS TO CARRY SEWAGE AND WASTE WATER FROM EXISTING UNSEWERED DEVELOPMENTS AROUND TOLO HARBOUR TO TREATMENT WORKS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE MOSTLY VILLAGES WHICH ARE SCATTERED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TAI PO AND SHA TIN NEW TOWNS, AND IN A REGION SOUTHWEST OF KEI LING HA HOI.

THE CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND TO BE COMPLETED IN 1996 AT A COST OF ABOUT \$102 MILLION.

WORKS ON THE SCHEME WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF GRAVITY SEWERS, PUMPING STATIONS, PUMPING MAINS TO CONNECT SOME 45 UNSEWERED DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO CATCHMENT AREAS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND CONVEY THE WASTE WATER TO THE NEAREST TREATMENT WORKS FOR TREATMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNAL SEPTIC TANKS FOR LOCAL TREATMENT OF WASTE WATER IN PLACES WHERE CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC SEWERAGE SYSTEM IS NOT FEASIBLE.

UNDER THE SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN THE SEWERAGE SCHEME WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE EXTENDED TO COVER MORE VILLAGES AND DEVELOPMENTS ONCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ABOVE CONSTRUCTION WORKS HAVE BEEN FULLY EVALUATED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SUCH WORKS WILL BRING ABOUT A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF RAW SEWAGE AND OTHER POLLUTANTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN GENERAL. CONSEQUENTLY, AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE WATER QUALITY IN TOLO HARBOUR CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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DREDGING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT OUTER DEEP BAY  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CARRY OUT DREDGING WORK AT OUTER DEEP BAY TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,955 SQUARE METRES OF SEABED. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT YEAR.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 NEXT YEAR.

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

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICES; YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES; TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE; AND NOTICE BOARDS AT LUNG KWU TAN AND LUNG KWU SHEUNG TAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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REGISTRATION OF A DEPOSIT-TAKING CO REVOKED  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE REGISTRATION OF NATCAN FINANCE (ASIA) LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON AUGUST 16 AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

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PESTICIDE CONTROL IN HONG KONG IS IMPORTANT  
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IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT IN TOXIC PESTICIDES CONTROL THAT HONG KONG RESIDENTS CAN ENJOY FRESH AND HIGH-QUALITY VEGETABLES PRODUCED LOCALLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT CAN BE PROTECTED.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE LIONS CLUB OF TUEN MUN LUNCHEON MEETING ON "PESTICIDE CONTROL IN HONG KONG".

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DR LEE SAID THE PROBLEM OF CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT TO HANDLE IF THE PRESENT EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CONTROL OF PESTICIDES WERE NOT IN EXISTENCE IN THE TERRITORY AND THAT THERE WERE NO CONSTANT EDUCATION OF LOCAL FARMERS ON THE SAFE AND PROPER USE OF PESTICIDES BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD).

HE SAID THE FIRST SUCH INCIDENT IN THE TERRITORY WAS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER 1987 WHEN MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALISED AFTER EATING CHINESE FLOWERING CABBAGES LATER FOUND TO HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED BY METHAMIDOPHOS, A HIGHLY TOXIC ORGANO-PHOSPHORUS PESTICIDE WHICH WAS NOT PERMITTED FOR IMPORTATION OR USE IN HONG KONG.

"SINCE THEN, SPORADIC CASES OCCURRED BUT ALL VEGETABLES CONTAMINATED WITH METHAMIDOPHOS WERE CONFIRMED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"TO FURTHER SAFEGUARD THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM CONSUMING CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, AFD HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A QUICK SCREENING METHOD TO CHECK WHETHER THERE IS EXCESSIVE LEVEL OF PESTICIDE RESIDUALS ON VEGETABLES.

"THIS METHOD IS CURRENTLY ADOPTED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION TO SCREEN VEGETABLES THAT ARE MARKETED THROUGH THE ORGANISATION TO SUPPLEMENT REGULAR CHECKS ON VEGETABLES CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," HE CONTINUED.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF PESTICIDE CONTROL IN HONG KONG, DR LEE SAID IN THE EARLY 50'S WHEN FARMING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN TODAY, THERE WAS NO CONTROL ON PESTICIDES WHICH WERE COMMONLY AND CASUALLY USED BY FARMERS TO PROTECT THEIR CROPS FROM INSECT DAMAGE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE EARLY 50'S, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE IMPROPER USE OF A HIGHLY TOXIC ORGANO-PHOSPHORUS COMPOUND - PARATHION IN THE FARMING COMMUNITY.

"AS A RESULT, CONTROL ON AGRICULTURAL POISONS WAS URGENTLY INTRODUCED IN 1955 UNDER THE EMERGENCY (AGRICULTURAL POISONS) REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ORDINANCE.

"THESE REGULATIONS PROHIBITED THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, PURCHASE, SALE OF POSSESSION OF SOME ORGANO-PHOSPHORUS INSECTICIDES WHICH WERE SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE," HE SAID.

IN 1970, THE CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL POISONS WAS PUT UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AGRICULTURAL POISONS) REGULATIONS.

"AS THIS LEGISLATIVE CHANGE WAS PURELY A TIDYING EXERCISE, ACCIDENTAL PESTICIDE POISONING CASES CONTINUED TO OCCUR IN THE EARLY 70'S. THE VICTIMS WERE MAINLY PESTICIDE OPERATORS AND USERS," DR LEE SAID.

HE SAID THE CAUSES OF THESE ACCIDENTS WERE VARIED BUT VERY OFTEN THEY WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE IMPROPER HANDLING, USAGE, DISPOSAL AND STORAGE OF THE TOXIC PESTICIDES; THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE CONTAINERS AND THE IMPROPER PACKAGING OF THESE CHEMICALS.

"IN A TRAGEDY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY 1973, FIVE MEMBERS OF A FARMER'S FAMILY IN MUI WO WERE KILLED WHEN A BOTTLE OF HERBICIDE (GRAMMOXONE) WAS MISTAKEN FOR SOYA SAUCE AND USED FOR FRYING RICE.

"IT WAS HIGH TIME FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL ON PESTICIDES AND LEGISLATION INDEPENDENT OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE WAS DEEMED NECESSARY," HE SAID.

THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE FORMULATED AND ADMINISTERED BY AFD CAME INTO BEING IN 1977.

"THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDES MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING THE IMPORTATION, SALE OR SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES BY MEANS OF A REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SYSTEM.

"THROUGH REGISTRATION ONLY THOSE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED SAFE AND SUITABLE FOR USE HERE ARE ALLOWED FOR IMPORT AND LOCAL DISTRIBUTION," HE EXPLAINED.

"THE LICENSING OF DEALERS AND TRADERS REQUIRES ALL PESTICIDES DISPLAYED FOR SALE TO BE PROPERLY STORED, BOTTLED, AND LABELLED WITH INFORMATION RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE AND COMPONENTS OF THE CHEMICAL.

"WITH THE HELP OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, IMPORT OF UNREGISTERED PESTICIDES IS STOPPED AT THE ENTRY POINT," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE, DR LEE SAID AFD REGULARLY CHECKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY UNREGISTERED PESTICIDES CIRCULATING IN THE MARKET, WHETHER PESTICIDES WERE PROPERLY LABELLED OR BOTTLED AND WHETHER THE INGREDIENTS ADVERTISED COMPLIED WITH THE LEGISLATION.

"THE REGISTERED PESTICIDES AND THOSE COMMONLY USED ARE ALSO CLOSELY MONITORED SO THAT PROMPT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IF ANY PESTICIDE IS FOUND TO POSE A HEALTH HAZARD OR TO HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT," HE CONTINUED.

HE NOTED THAT DURING THE 80'S, A TOTAL OF 11 PESTICIDES ORIGINALLY ALLOWED FOR USE IN THE TERRITORY WERE DEREGISTERED AND WERE NO LONGER PERMITTED FOR IMPORTATION AND USE LOCALLY.

"THE ABOVE SYSTEM OF CONTROL HAS PROVEN TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE," HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID AFD HAD BEEN ACTIVELY DEVELOPING NON-CHEMICAL METHODS OF PEST CONTROL FOR FARMERS TO REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON PESTICIDES.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE USE OF REFLECTIVE MATERIAL TO REPEL IMPORTANT PESTS SUCH AS APHIDS ON CABBAGE AND THRIPS ON GOURDS, AND THE APPLICATION OF A BACTERIAL-BASED INSECTICIDE WERE GOOD AND SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES IN THIS AREA OF WORK, DR LEE SAID.

"IF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES ARE UNAVOIDABLE, SCREENING AND SELECTION OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ONES FOR PROMOTION TO FARMERS IS THE TOP PRIORITY OF OUR PLANT PROTECTION STAFF.

"ALL THESE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE SAFE, PROPER AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PESTICIDES ARE DISSEMINATED TO FARMERS AND OTHER USERS SUCH AS PEST CONTROL OPERATORS THROUGH SEMINARS, TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANISED REGULARLY BY OUR EXTENSION OFFICERS," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO DOMESTIC PESTICIDES, DR LEE SAID THESE TOXIC CHEMICALS, IF NOT PROPERLY CONTROLLED AND USED, COULD ALSO HAVE A HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

"THE EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CONTROL PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE HAS MADE IT EASY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND IT TO CONTROL DOMESTIC PESTICIDES, AND AFD HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

"THE NEW PESTICIDES ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED ON FEBRUARY 25 THIS YEAR. IT PROVIDES ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CONTROL MECHANISM AS THAT OF THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES ORDINANCE," DR LEE SAID.

THIS MEANS THAT ONLY REGISTERED PESTICIDES ARE PERMITTED FOR IMPORT AND USE LOCALLY AND ALL DEALERS OF PESTICIDES ARE LICENSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH PROPER LABELLING AND REPACKAGING REQUIREMENTS.

TO BETTER PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE NEW ORDINANCE ALSO CONTROLS OTHER SUBSTANCES ADDED TO THE PESTICIDE FORMULATIONS. SUBSTANCES SUCH AS EMULSIFIABLE AGENTS, IF FOUND TOXIC, COULD BE BANNED.

HE ADDED THAT A SIX-MONTH TRANSITIONAL PERIOD HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR DEALERS TO ACQUIRE THE REQUIRED LICENCES AND TO CLEAR THEIR STOCKS IN HAND. PEOPLE OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENCE ON OR AFTER AUGUST 25 THIS YEAR WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF ONE YEAR.

MOREOVER, BY FEBRUARY 25 NEXT YEAR, ALL PESTICIDES DEALERS SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING LABELLING, PACKAGING AND USE.

"OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS," DR LEE WARNED.

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CLOSE CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL TO WELFARE SERVICES  
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THE MAINTENANCE OF A VIGOROUS AND PROGRESSIVE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, FUNCTIONING IN GENUINE PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES, IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN VISITING THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND HEADQUARTERS AND MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE BLIND IN NAM CHEONG STREET, SHEK KIP MEI.

"THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGO'S) WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAJOR PROVIDERS OF SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THEY ALREADY PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND IN SERVICE PLANNING.

"THE NGO'S WILL, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO BE ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED IN THE PIONEERING OF NEW INITIATIVES," HE ADDED.

EARLIER, MR CARTLAND, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, MRS GRACE CHAN, VISITED A HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND IN YUEN LONG AND THE SITE OF A MULTI-PURPOSE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND IN TUEN MUN.

HE ALSO TOURED A SMALL GROUP HOME FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND BLIND ADULTS. MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT THIS IS A NEW SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND HOPED IT COULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED IN FUTURE.

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#### EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT LAW

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN TAI PO FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MONDAY (AUGUST 19).

ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT INCREASING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATUTORY BENEFITS FOR WORKERS UNDER THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING PAID HOLIDAYS, MATERNITY LEAVE, LONG SERVICE AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS, AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

A QUIZ WILL ALSO BE HELD TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND LABOUR RELATIONS, WHILE LABOUR OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM AT THE TAI PO CENTRE, COMMERCIAL ARCADE, 3 ON PONG ROAD (OPPOSITE THE SILVER STAR CINEMA).

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UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON A BUILDING IN HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IS LOCATED ON THE ROOF OVER FLAT A, 22ND FLOOR, 29-33 SOARES AVENUE.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 30 HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (FRIDAY).

MEANWHILE, THE AUTHORITY ALSO SEEKS TO CLOSE THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS ON THE ROOF OVER THE THIRD FLOOR OF 29 YIN CHONG STREET IN MONG KOK.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 18 WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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WALLED CITY CLEARER EVICTED

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THE SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICE OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY CLEARANCE TODAY (FRIDAY) EVICTED A WOMAN FROM A FLAT IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, EXPLAINED THAT THE CLEARER HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ACCEPTING A COMPENSATION OFFER OF \$335,733 IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS SHE MIGHT HAVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND COLLECTED \$235,013 OF THIS SUM.

"SHE HAD ALSO TAKEN OVER A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLAT IN TAI PO IN MARCH THIS YEAR BUT HAD SINCE REFUSED TO HONOUR A WRITTEN UNDERTAKING TO DELIVER VACANT POSSESSION OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY FLAT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

"HER ACTION WAS UNREASONABLE AND IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EVICT HER," MR TSAO SAID.

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YAU TSIM FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN TO START ON SUNDAY

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THE 1991-92 YAU TSIM DISTRICT "JOINT FORCES AGAINST CRIME" CAMPAIGN WILL START ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 18) AFTERNOON WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AND A VARIETY SHOW AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ADMISSION TO THE VARIETY SHOW IS FREE. THERE WILL BE SINGING, A BAND PARADE, A MAGIC SHOW, A QUIZ COMPETITION AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG, AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR HARRY BLUD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM.

A POLICE RECRUITMENT BOOTH WILL ALSO BE SET UP AT THE VENUE.

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AMS RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) WILL HOLD ITS PASSING OUT PARADE AND RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 18), AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WAN CHAI.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, WILL INSPECT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE BEGINNING AT 4 PM.

THE RECRUITMENT DAY WILL LAST FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM. THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF FIRST AID EQUIPMENT AND PICTURES INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF AMS.

RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN FIRST AID SERVICE CAN APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AT THE VENUE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	15.8.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	16.8.91	-29
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+29
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.2 *+0.2* 16.8.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	16.8.91	15.8.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.66 PCT	4.62 PCT
1 MONTH	5.05 PCT	5.05 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.48 PCT	5.46 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.83 PCT	5.82 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.40 PCT	6.35 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	6,650 MN	7,470 MN

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