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ICAC REVIEW COMMITTEE SET UP
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE POWERS AND SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC).

THE NINE-MEMBER COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY DR HELMUT SOHMEN, A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN, WITH PROFESSOR FELICE LIEH MAK, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

OTHER MEMBERS ARE: MR JIMMY MCGREGOR AND MISS CHRISTINE LOH KUNG-WAI, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS; MR TONY NEOH, QC, A LEADING BARRISTER; MR WILLIAM WAN HON-CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD; AND MR NORMAN YUEN KEE-TONG, A DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG TELECOM.

THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ARE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JEREMY MATHEWS AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR RICHARD HOARE.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ARE:

* TO REVIEW THE POWERS OF THE ICAC UNDER THE ICAC ORDINANCE, THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE AND THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES ORDINANCE, AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR WHETHER THESE POWERS REMAIN APPROPRIATE, NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT.

* TO REVIEW THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ICAC IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS, INCLUDING THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE EXISTING FIVE ICAC ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR WHETHER THE PRESENT SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY ARE ADEQUATE OR SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

* TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY DECEMBER 31, 1994.

ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, HAD INFORMED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL A MONTH AGO THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO SET UP A HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A FULL AND WIDE-RANGING REVIEW OF THE POWERS OF THE ICAC AND OF ITS PRESENT SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ICAC 20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION EARLIER TODAY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "I CANNOT OF COURSE PREJUDGE WHAT CONCLUSIONS THE COMMITTEE WILL REACH, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO ITS WORK.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE ICAC WILL BE STRENGTHENED, NOT WEAKENED, BY AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND BY AN INDEPENDENT ENDORSEMENT OF THE POWERS THAT IT NEEDS TO DEAL WITH THE SCOURGE OF CORRUPTION 20 YEARS AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT," SHE SAID.

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW WILL STRENGTHEN ICAC
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THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) WILL BE STRENGTHENED, NOT WEAKENED, BY AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND BY AN INDEPENDENT ENDORSEMENT OF THE POWERS THAT IT NEEDS TO DEAL WITH CORRUPTION.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, MADE THE REMARK ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TODAY (SATURDAY) AT ICAC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION.

THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO REVIEW THE POWERS AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ICAC, INCLUDING THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE FIVE EXISTING ICAC ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND TO TENDER THEIR ADVICE TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

"WE INTEND TO PUBLISH THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT," SHE SAID.

"I CANNOT OF COURSE PREJUDGE WHAT CONCLUSIONS THE COMMITTEE WILL REACH, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO ITS WORK," SHE ADDED.

REAFFIRMING THE GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CORRUPTION, MRS CHAN CALLED FOR THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THE ICAC WAS CREATED 20 YEARS AGO BY PUBLIC DEMAND, AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT HAS CONTINUED TO ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"BUT OUR EVER MORE SOPHISTICATED COMMUNITY NOW EXPECTS TO PLAY MORE OF A PART IN THE GOVERNANCE OF THE TERRITORY AND TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING.

"THE ICAC IS NOT IMMUNE FROM THIS CHANGE. IT NEEDS CONSTANTLY TO CONVINCE THE COMMUNITY THAT ITS EXTENSIVE POWERS ARE STILL JUSTIFIED, AND THAT THEY ARE NOT OPEN TO ABUSE," SHE SAID.

PRAISING THE ICAC FOR RELENTLESSLY FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN THE PAST TWO DECADES, MRS CHAN SAID: "AS IT ENTERS ITS THIRD DECADE OF OPERATIONS, THE ICAC IS FACING AN INCREASING WORKLOAD AND NEW CHALLENGES."

"MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED A VIGILANT ICAC," SHE POINTED OUT.

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CS CLARIFIES BASIS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS

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AT NO STAGE EITHER BEFORE THE TALKS OR DURING THE TALKS, HAD THE BRITISH SIDE ACCEPTED THE CHINESE POSITION THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT PUT DRAFT LEGISLATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE REACHING ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

COMMENTING ON YESTERDAY'S REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NCNA AFTER SHE OPENED THE ICAC 20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, MRS CHAN SAID: "FIRST OF ALL, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE BASIS FOR THE TALKS WERE THREE, I.E. THAT WE WOULD CONDUCT THESE TALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF CONVERGENCE WITH THE BASIC LAW AND ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"WE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT IF WE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, THEN WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THE AGREED PACKAGE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"AT NO STAGE EITHER BEFORE THE TALKS OR DURING THE TALKS, DID WE ACCEPT THE CHINESE POSITION THAT WE COULD NOT PUT DRAFT LEGISLATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE CHINESE."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT CO-OPERATION WITH CHINA, MRS CHAN SAID: "I WOULD STRESS THAT WE SEE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE DO HAVE CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AND WE WOULD WISH TO SEE THIS CO-OPERATION CONTINUE AND, INDEED, STRENGTHENED.

"THE CHINESE HAVE SAID THAT THEY REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY BOTH NOW AND AFTER 1997 AND THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF OUR FULL CO-OPERATION ON THIS FRONT."

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TRANSCRIPT OF CHIEF SECRETARY'S MEDIA SESSION
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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, AFTER OPENING THE ICAC 20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION ON FEBRUARY 26, 1994

CS: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. ONE OR TWO REMARKS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AND THEN I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER A FEW SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. THIS HAS BEEN QUITE AN EVENTUAL AND MOMENTOUS WEEK FOR US ALL. ON WEDNESDAY, WE SAW THE PASSAGE OF THE FIRST STAGE BILL ON ELECTORAL PROVISIONS AND WE'VE NOW GAZETTED THE SECOND STAGE BILL. I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD ALL WANT US TO LOOK FORWARD AND NOT BACKWARD AND TO CONCENTRATE NOT ON THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS BUT ON THE MORE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG. I THINK, AS YOU HAVE ALL SEEN FROM THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT ESTIMATES, WE'VE DONE EXTREMELY WELL ECONOMICALLY IN THE PAST YEAR AND I AM SURE NEXT WEEK THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL HAVE THE HEAVY TASK OF DELIVERING A VERY VERY GOOD BUDGET. BUT CLOSE TO OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES AND TO SPEND MORE IN A WHOLE SERIES OF SOCIAL PROGRAMMES THAT THE COMMUNITY IS QUITE RIGHTLY CONCERNED WITH. IN TERMS OF OUR CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE, WE ARE, OF COURSE, VERY GLAD TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE SOME VERY GOOD TALKS WITH THE CHINESE SIDE ON DEFENCE LAND AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY AGREEMENT. NEXT WEEK, WE ALSO HOPE TO BE ABLE TO AGREE A DATE WITH THE CHINESE FOR EXPERT TALKS ON THE AIRPORT FINANCING PROPOSALS. AS I HAVE STATED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE WOULD WISH AND WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE, PARTICULARLY IN MATTERS AFFECTING PEOPLE'S EVERYDAY LIFE AND IN OUR ECONOMY, THINGS LIKE INFRASTRUCTURAL BUILDING AND WHAT NOT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WAS VERY GLAD TO NOTE THE COMMENTS FROM MR CHAN WHO, I BELIEVE, IS THE HEAD OF THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN WHICH HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT OUR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CHINESE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS WILL NOT AFFECT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND CO-OPERATION THAT WE HAVE ACROSS THE BORDER ON MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER. WE VERY MUCH WELCOME THAT STATEMENT. I ALSO WANT TO COMMENT ON REMARKS THAT THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NCNA, MR ZHANG JUNSHENG MADE YESTERDAY CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS. I WANT TO MAKE THREE POINTS. FIRST OF ALL, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE BASIS FOR THE TALKS WERE THREE, I.E. THAT WE WOULD CONDUCT THESE TALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF CONVERGENCE WITH THE BASIC LAW AND ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THAT IE, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. SECONDLY, WE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT IF WE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, THEN WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THE AGREED PACKAGE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. AT NO STAGE EITHER BEFORE THE TALKS OR DURING THE TALKS, DID WE ACCEPT THE CHINESE POSITION THAT WE COULD NOT PUT DRAFT LEGISLATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE CHINESE.

QUESTION: ( LU PING SAID AS HONG KONG HAD INTRODUCED REFORMS THEY WILL HAVE TO GO IT ALONE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. AND CHINA WILL MAKE ITS OWN PREPARATIONS) ?

CS : I WOULD STRESS THAT WE SEE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE DO HAVE CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AND WE WOULD WISH TO SEE THIS CO-OPERATION CONTINUE AND INDEED STRENGTHENED. THE CHINESE HAVE SAID THAT THEY REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY BOTH NOW AND AFTER 1997 AND THEY CAN BE ASSURED OF OUR FULL CO-OPERATION ON THIS FRONT.

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NEW POSTINGS FOR OVERSEAS OFFICES ANNOUNCED

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN PERSONNEL IN HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS OFFICES WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE COURSE OF 1994:

* MR CLEMENT MAK CHING-HUNG WILL MOVE TO WASHINGTON IN AUGUST TO REPLACE MR PETER LO YAT-FAI IN CHARGE OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. MR MAK IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A TRAINING COURSE IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, MR LO IS BEING POSTED TO BRUSSELS IN MAY/JUNE AS HONG KONG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, TAKING OVER FROM MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON WHO IS RETIRING.

* MR THOMAS CHAN CHUN-YUEN WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR PETER JOHNSON AS DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE, ALSO IN THE SUMMER. MR CHAN IS AT PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES.

* MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN, CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR STEPHEN LAM SUI-LUNG AS DIRECTOR, TORONTO ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN THE SUMMER. MR LAM WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG FOR A NEW POSTING.

* MR STUART HARBINSON, CURRENTLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, WILL BE POSTED TO GENEVA IN AUGUST AS HONG KONG'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATT, REPLACING MR JOSEPH WONG WING-PING. MR WONG WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TO TAKE UP A FRESH ASSIGNMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD BE MADE AS AND WHEN APPROPRIATE ON ANY CONSEQUENTIAL STAFF MOVEMENTS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON VARIOUS OFFICERS:

MR STUART HARBINSON, JP (AGED 46)

MR HARBINSON JOINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1978 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A IN JANUARY 1994.

DURING HIS EARLY YEARS, HE SERVED IN THE SECURITY BRANCH, TUEN MUN AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICES, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

MR HARBINSON SERVED IN THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FROM 1987 TO 1988 AND AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM 1988 TO 1991.

HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY FROM 1991 TO 1992 WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

/MR PETER LO .....

MR PETER LO YAT-FAI, JP (AGED 48)

MR PETER LO FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1967 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1 IN 1991. IN HIS EARLY YEARS, HE SERVED MAINLY IN THE THEN TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT AND LATER THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

MR LO WAS IN THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH FROM 1982 TO 1984. HE WAS POSTED TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IN 1984 AS COUNSELLOR, AND TOOK UP HIS CURRENT APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER IN 1987.

MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN, JP (AGED 48)

MR LEUNG FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1966 AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1976. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JANUARY 1992.

DURING HIS EARLY YEARS, MR LEUNG SERVED IN THE SECURITY BRANCH, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE FINANCE BRANCH.

HE WAS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION BETWEEN 1988 AND 1991. MR LEUNG WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS IN MAY 1991.

MR THOMAS CHAN CHUN-YUEN, JP (AGED 43)

MR CHAN JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1973 AND ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JANUARY 1994.

HE SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE FINANCE BRANCH, THE THEN NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND LATER THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE THEN MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN APRIL 1990.

MR CLEMENT MAK CHING-HUNG (AGED 49)

MR MAK FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1965 AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1982. HE ROSE TO HIS PRESENT RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B IN JANUARY 1994.

HE SERVED IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE SECURITY BRANCH AND THE THEN GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE (NORTH AMERICA) FROM 1990 TO JULY 1993 BEFORE HE PROCEEDED ON A TRAINING COURSE AT MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

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GOVERNOR UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE OF HAPPY MARRIAGE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) COMMENDED THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY FOR ITS WORK IN HELPING FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY OVER THE PAST 45 YEARS.

AT A CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE SOCIETY'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY, MR PATTEN UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF A HAPPY MARRIAGE.

A HAPPY MARRIAGE PROVIDES THE SUPPORT AND STIMULUS THAT MEN AND WOMEN NEED TO ENJOY TO THE FULL THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS LIFE OFFERS AND TO HELP COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS THAT ARE PART OF LIFE, HE SAID.

TO CHILDREN, IT GIVES THEM NURTURE AND PROTECTION AS WELL AS AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN LEARN LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

MR PATTEN ADDED THAT A GOOD MARRIAGE ALSO GAVE DELIGHT, HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO FRIENDS.

IT IS SUPREMELY WORTH THE EFFORT, ALL THE TIME AND ALL THE THOUGHT NEEDED TO MAKE MARRIAGES WORK, HE SAID.

"I HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY FORTUNATE MYSELF TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A GOOD FAMILY AND I WANT EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE SAME BLESSING," HE SAID.

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PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES,
SAYS SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR

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PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES FROM BREAKING DOWN IN NEW TOWNS HAS BECOME A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF BRADBURY COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN TSEUNG KWAN O, MR STRACHAN SAID FAMILIES MOVING TO NEW TOWNS MIGHT HAVE TO FACE MORE STRESSES OWING TO THE FEELING OF STRANGENESS TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT, ISOLATION FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND RESTRUCTURING OF FAMILY LIFE STYLE.

"MANY OF THESE FAMILIES ARE IN NEED OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WITHOUT WHICH FAMILY PROBLEMS WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW IN THE WAKE," HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT A SERIES OF PREVENTIVE, SUPPORTIVE AND REMEDIAL SERVICES HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILY.

PREVENTIVE WELFARE SERVICES ARE DISCHARGED MAINLY BY FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, AND GROUP AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES.

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THE THEME OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CONSTANTLY CARRIES MESSAGES ON IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, STRENGTHENING PARENTING SKILLS, COPING WITH STRESSES, AND PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

"MY DEPARTMENT IS NOW DEVELOPING THE INNOVATIVE APPROACH OF SETTING UP FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCE CENTRES WITHIN THE 19 GROUP WORK UNITS IN COMMUNITY CENTRES.

"WITH THEIR ATTRACTIVE, OPEN DOOR AND USER-FRIENDLY SETTING, THEY WILL BE INVITING LOCAL PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO COME FORWARD FOR INFORMATION AND ENQUIRY ON MATTERS RELATED TO FAMILY."

THIS WOULD HELP AN EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR FAMILY PROBLEMS AND REFERRALS COULD BE MADE FOR THEM IN TIME TO PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWN, HE EXPLAINED.

MORE, A FAMILY CARE DEMONSTRATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL TRAINING TO PARENTS ON HOME MANAGEMENT.

MR STRACHAN ADDED THAT REMEDIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAD BEEN PROVIDED AT FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGH CASEWORK COUNSELLING TO FAMILY MEMBERS.

IN THE COURSE OF COUNSELLING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO FAMILIES WOULD BE MOBILISED.

THESE INCLUDE CHILD CARE SERVICES, PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, HOME HELP SERVICE, FAMILY AIDE SERVICE, CONDITIONAL TENANCY FOR DIVORCING PERSONS, TEMPORARY SHELTER, ELDERLY AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

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## SURVEY ON URBAN AND LANTAU TAXIS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON THE OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS AND FINANCE OF URBAN AND LANTAU TAXIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE SURVEY WAS AN ANNUAL EXERCISE AND COMPRISED A QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY AND A METER READING SURVEY.

QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS AND SKETCHES SHOWING THE LOCATIONS OF THE METER READING CENTRES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO TAXI OWNERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

FOR THE METER READING SURVEY, URBAN TAXI OWNERS SHOULD PRESENT THEIR VEHICLES TO THE METER READING CENTRES FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO MARCH 4 AND FROM MARCH 7 TO 11 BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM OR BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM FOR METER READING.

/LANTAU TAXI .....

LANTAU TAXI OWNERS SHOULD PRESENT THEIR VEHICLES TO THE METER READING CENTRE FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS FROM MARCH 1 TO 29 BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12.30 PM OR BETWEEN 1.30 PM AND 3.30 PM.

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY FORMS FOR URBAN TAXIS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 18. FORMS FOR LANTAU TAXIS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE MARCH 23.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT ASSESS THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF URBAN AND LANTAU TAXIS.

HE SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND USED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ONLY.

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## LADY YOUDE PRESENTS AWARDS TO 770 STUDENTS

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LADY YOUDE TODAY (SATURDAY) PRESENTED AWARDS TO 770 STUDENTS WHO WERE GRANTED AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND.

SIR QUO-WEI LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MR RONALD J ARCULLI, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE CEREMONY IN THE CITY HALL.

"THE OUTSTANDING GROUP OF HONG KONG STUDENTS ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL AWARDS AFTER GOING THROUGH THE MOST STRINGENT SELECTION PROCESS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR SUCCESS. IF THEY CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN THEIR STUDIES AND MAINTAIN A KEEN INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY WILL SURELY ACHIEVE GREATER SUCCESS AS HONG KONG'S FUTURE LEADERS," SAID LADY YOUDE.

IN PURSUING THE VERY OBJECTIVE OF THE FUND, WHICH IS TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE EDUCATION AND LEARNING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE FUND HAS DISBURSED A TOTAL OF $8.7 MILLION IN THE 1993/94 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THESE INCLUDE 12 AWARDS FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES; THREE MEDALS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS; NINE AWARDS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS; 71 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIPLOMA AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS; 48 FELLOWSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS AND 626 PRIZES FOR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF $550,000 TOWARDS THE YOUNG FRIENDS OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SCHEME HAS CONTINUED IN 1993/94, THE AIM BEING TO INCREASE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' EXPOSURE TO AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS.

COMPETITION FOR THE OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1994/95 IS EXTREMELY KEEN.

/TWELVE BRILLIANT .....

TWELVE BRILLIANT STUDENTS, FROM AMONG 226 APPLICANTS, HAVE WON THE AWARD.

THEY WILL RECEIVE $193,000 A YEAR FOR A FELLOWSHIP AWARD OR $176,000 FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. THESE STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR THE SIX OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIPS 1994/95 ARE:-

MISS CHENG WAN-YAN, 21, CURRENTLY A FINAL YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; PLANS TO PURSUE A MASTER DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, UK.

MISS HUI TIN-BOR, VICTORIA, 26, A FIRST CLASS HONOURS GRADUATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHO NOW WORKS AS A PRESS OFFICER/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; INTENDS TO PURSUE A MASTER DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE YALE UNIVERSITY, USA.

MR KU HOK-BUN, 24, A FIRST CLASS HONOURS GRADUATE IN SOCIOLOGY OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE AND CURRENTLY A M PHIL STUDENT IN SOCIOLOGY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; INTENDS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY AT THE YALE UNIVERSITY, USA.

MR LAM FUNG, CEDRIC, 23, A FIRST CLASS HONOURS GRADUATE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND CURRENTLY A M PHIL STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; PLANS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN MICRO-ELECTRONICS AND VLSI DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, USA.

MR LAU KIN-NANG, 23, A FIRST CLASS HONOURS GRADUATE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND CURRENTLY A TRAINEE ENGINEER; INTENDS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT), USA.

MR SO TING-CHEONG, LEWIS, 26, CURRENTLY AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT IN MUSIC AT THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, USA; PLANS TO READ A MASTER DEGREE IN MUSIC AT THE SAME SCHOOL.

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THE SIX OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS ARE :-

MR KEVIN CHOI, 18, OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, WHO OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) IN 1992. HE PLANS TO STUDY ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING AT MIT, USA.

MR HO LUNG-WEI, 17, OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, WHO SCORED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE IN 1993. HE PLANS TO STUDY CIVIL ENGINEERING AT MIT, USA.

MISS HO SHU-HENG, QUEENIE, 18, OF ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE, WHO OBTAINED EIGHT DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN HKCEE IN 1992. SHE PLANS TO STUDY ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK.

MISS SIU HOI-YIN, 18, OF LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE, WHO OBTAINED SEVEN DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN HKCEE IN 1992. SHE INTENDS TO STUDY POLITICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK.

MISS TSANG WING-HANG, JANICE, 18, OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL, WHO OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE IN 1992. SHE PLANS TO READ MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK.

MR YAU KA-FAI, 17, OF TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHO OBTAINED NINE DISTINCTIONS IN HKCEE IN 1993. HE PLANS TO READ COMPUTER SCIENCE AT MIT, USA.

AN OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP EXCLUSIVELY FOR DISABLED STUDENTS HAS BEEN INTRODUCED THIS YEAR. THE AWARD RECIPIENT IS MISS LAM SO-YIN, 18, A DEAF STUDENT WHO PLANS TO STUDY SPECIAL EDUCATION AT GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY, USA.

THREE STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN THE 1993 PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL MEDALS. THEY ARE:

MR FUNG CHI-HO OF WAH YAN COLLEGE (HK) WHO SCORED 10 DISTINCTIONS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

MR NG YING-KIT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE WHO SCORED FIVE DISTINCTIONS IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (SCIENCE STREAM).

MISS YAN KIT-MING OF HEEP YUNN SCHOOL WHO SCORED FOUR DISTINCTIONS IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (ARTS STREAM).

A TOTAL OF $283,049 HAS BEEN EXPENDED ON THE AWARD SCHEME FOR THE DISABLED STUDENTS, UNDER WHICH NINE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF STUDY AIDS.

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THIS YEAR ALSO SEES 30 POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS BEING AWARDED THE LOCAL SEYM FELLOWSHIPS, AT $30,000 EACH AND 71 UNDERGRADUATE AND DIPLOMA STUDENTS AWARDED THE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT $17,000 EACH.

IN ADDITION, 18 POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE THEIR LOCAL SEYM FELLOWSHIPS RENEWED, AT $30,000 EACH.

THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND HAS SINCE ITS INCEPTION SUPPORTED MORE THAN 4,700 HONG KONG STUDENTS UNDER ITS MAJOR AWARDS SCHEMES.

MORE THAN 370 SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES AND ARE NOW WORKING IN HONG KONG IN DIFFERENT FIELDS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL IN YAU TSIM
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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT KOWLOON PARK TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE LION DANCE, SINGING PERFORMANCES, GAME STALLS, LANTERN RIDDLES AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE HANDICRAFTS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PIAZZA OF KOWLOON PARK BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM.

THE FUNCTION IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM AT THE PIAZZA OF THE KOWLOON PARK.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BART IRELAND; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH; AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR TSUI YIU-KWONG, ARE THE OFFICIATING GUESTS.

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## TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF WAN CHAI ENQUIRY CENTRE

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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE ENVIRONMENT TO THE PUBLIC, IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO MID-MAY.

DURING THE PERIOD, THE CENTRE AND THE HOUSING INFORMATION CENTRE WILL BE MOVED TEMPORARILY TO THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, 21ST FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

BOTH CENTRES WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 575 2477.

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## FIRING PRACTICE IN MARCH

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 19 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE ARE:

| DATE | TIME |
|---|---|
| MARCH 7 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 8 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 9 (WEDNESDAY) | 0.01 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 10 (THURSDAY) | 5 AM - NOON |
| MARCH 11 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 14 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 15 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 16 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 17 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 18 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 21 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 22 (TUESDAY) | 0.01 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 23 (WEDNESDAY) | 0.01 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 24 (THURSDAY) | 0.01 AM - 11.59 PM |
| MARCH 25 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 28 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 29 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 30 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| MARCH 31 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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| OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 2,970 |
| REVERSAL OF LAF | NIL |
| BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF | 2,970 |
| NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY | NIL |
| EFFECT OF LAF TODAY | -1,120 |
| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 1,850 |

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 125.7 *-0.1* 26.2.94

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