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KEMPSTER APPOINTED TO CONDUCT DISTURBANCE ENQUIRY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED JUSTICE OF APPEAL MICHAEL KEMPSTER TO CONDUCT THE ENQUIRY INTO THE DISTURBANCE AT THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF 23 PEOPLE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 3-4.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

- (A) IN THE LIGHT OF THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN SECTION C OF THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 3-4 THIS YEAR, TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND WHETHER ANY IMPROVEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE TO ANY ASPECT OF THE RUNNING OF VIETNAMESE DETENTION CENTRES OR EMERGENCY RESPONSES TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF SUCH AN INCIDENT IN FUTURE, AND TO REPORT IN PARTICULAR ON:
- (I) THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE INCIDENT;
 - (II) THE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CENTRE AT THE TIME;
 - (III) THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CENTRE AND THE LEVEL OF POLICE MANPOWER DEPLOYED; AND
 - (IV) THE POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS AND THEIR RESPONSES TO THE INCIDENT.
- (B) TO SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR A REPORT WITHIN EIGHT WEEKS ON THE ENQUIRY'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO START HIS ENQUIRY BY FEBRUARY 17.

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MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER TO SUBMIT REPORT WITHIN 8 WEEKS

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MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER CONFIRMED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT HE WOULD COMMENCE HIS ENQUIRY INTO THE SHEK KONG TRAGEDY ON FEBRUARY 17 AND THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR WITHIN EIGHT WEEKS.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN JUNE 1923 AND EDUCATED AT MILL HILL SCHOOL AND BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

HE WAS A SCHOLAR OF BRASENOSE COLLEGE AND HELD THE DEGREES OF MA AND BCL. HE SERVED IN THE ROYAL SIGNALS FROM 1943-46.

/MR JUSTICE

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MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER WAS CALLED TO THE BAR BY THE INNER TEMPLE IN 1949 AND BECAME A QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1969 AND A BENCHER IN 1977.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER WAS APPOINTED AS A RECORDER (PART-TIME JUDGE) OF THE CROWN COURT IN 1972, AND BETWEEN 1978 AND 1982, HE WAS FROM TIME TO TIME APPOINTED AS A DEPUTY JUDGE OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT.

HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON PRIVACY IN 1971.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A HIGH COURT JUDGE IN JANUARY 1982 AND WAS APPOINTED A JUSTICE OF APPEAL IN OCTOBER 1984.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN.

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ITDC MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE NEW COUNCIL WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY IN HONG KONG. IT REPLACES THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO FORMERLY CHAIRED THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN ITS EARLY STAGES.

FIVE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

THEY ARE THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES; THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER; THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS; THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY; AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INDUSTRY.

NON-GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, FINANCE, AND HIGHER EDUCATION.

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THEY ARE MR PAUL CHENG, CHAIRMAN, INCHCAPE PACIFIC LTD; MR VINCENT CHENG, SENIOR MANAGER, GROUP RESEARCH, HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK; MR STEPHEN CHEONG, REPRESENTING THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN; DR RAYMOND CH' IEN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, LAM SOON HONG KONG GROUP; MR EDWARD HO, REPRESENTING THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN; DR RAYMOND HO, DIRECTOR, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD; PROF CHARLES KAO, VICE CHANCELLOR, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR JAMES KUNG, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF MANAGER, CHEKIANG FIRST BANK LTD; MR JEFFREY LAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FORWARD WINSOME INDUSTRIES LTD; MR HERBERT LIANG, REPRESENTING THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT; DR JOHN LO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO LTD, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHEN HSONG HOLDINGS; MR T.L. NG, MANAGING DIRECTOR, SONCA PRODUCTS LTD; PROF C. K. POON, DIRECTOR, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC; MR C.D.TAM, CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER (ASIA PACIFIC), MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD; MR JAMES TIEN, REPRESENTING THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN; MR DENNIS TING, REPRESENTING THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, OF WHICH HE IS HONORARY PRESIDENT; MR ALLAN WONG, CHAIRMAN, VIDEO TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD AND PROF C. W. WOO, VICE CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

ALL APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL ARE UNTIL DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE INTENTION IS THAT THE NEW COUNCIL SHOULD MAP OUT ITS FUTURE DIRECTION DURING ITS FIRST YEAR; AND THAT A NON-OFFICIAL SHOULD BE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN IN 1993."

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE SECRETARIAT SUPPORT TO THE NEW COUNCIL.

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INTERIM REPORT ON WPCM THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CHINESE MEDICINE (WPCM) HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THE CONCLUSIONS AND CONSENSUS MADE IN THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY IN A MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY).

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE INTERIM REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED A GRADUAL APPROACH IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTICES AND EMPHASISED THE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

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IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY COMMENDED THE WPCM'S THEME OF BUILDING ON THE STRENGTH OF TRADITIONAL HERITAGE AND INVOLVEMENT OF PRACTITIONERS IN THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES.

IN PARTICULAR, THEY SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF SOME FORM OF REGISTRATION FOR TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS.

THEY BELIEVED REGISTRATION WOULD ENHANCE THE PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF PRACTITIONERS AND SAFEGUARD PUBLIC INTERESTS.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER STRESSED THAT THIS SHOULD BE PURSUED AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY TO FORM A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE REFORMS.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF COMPILING A POTENT AND TOXIC HERBS LIST TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS AND SAFE USE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WPCM WAS FORMED IN MAY 1990 WITH MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE PRACTICE, TRAINING AND TRADING OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ARE TO REFLECT TO THE WORKING PARTY ON CHINESE MEDICINE CONCERNS OF MEMBERS OF THE TRADE; AND TO ADVISE THE WORKING PARTY ON WAYS AND MEANS IN PREVENTING ABUSE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE AND PROMOTING THE GOOD PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE.

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FEW IN HONG KONG FAVOUR NEW FORMS OF GAMBLING: SHA

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VERY FEW PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW FORMS OF GAMBLING BECAUSE "GAMBLING IS AN EMOTIVE SUBJECT", THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

YET MR SUEN OBSERVED THAT A VAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE GAMBLED IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS.

"INDEED, THE AVERAGE TURNOVER FROM A MARK SIX LOTTERY DRAW, AT \$22 MILLION, CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THERE IS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THIS IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB, MR SUEN SAID "GOVERNMENT CAN NEVER WIN" IN THE GAMBLING DECISION CONTEXT.

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"IF ON THE ONE HAND NEW FORMS OF GAMBLING ARE PERMITTED, WE ARE CRITICISED, VILIFIED AND ABUSED FOR ALLOWING THIS INDECENT AND IMMORAL ACTIVITY TO PROLIFERATE.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE DO NOTHING AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING FLOURISHES, THE GOVERNMENT IS DENOUNCED FOR NOT BEING EFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING THIS ACTIVITY," MR SUEN SAID.

THE SOLUTION? HE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS CAUSE FOR MODERATION IN THIS AS IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IS PRAGMATIC: BY ALLOWING PROPERLY OPERATED AND HONEST GAMES TO EXIST IN THE TERRITORY, THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET IS PROTECTED FROM THE WORST PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL GAMBLING SUCH AS LOAN SHARKING AND DEBT.

"THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN DEAL SEVERELY WITH ANY ILLEGAL GAMBLING, SECURE IN A KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS NO COGENT NEED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES," HE EXPLAINED.

COMMENTING ON THE CURRENT DEBATE ON THE PROLIFERATION OF GAMBLING IN HONG KONG, MR SUEN SAID IT WAS SPARKED BY PROPOSALS TO MODIFY THE OPERATION OF THE MARK SIX LOTTERY.

DESCRIBING THE MARK SIX LOTTERY AS A "SOPHISTICATED AND EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL ANTI-GAMBLING DEVICE", MR SUEN SAID IT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1975 SPECIFICALLY TO COMBAT "TSE FA".

AT THAT TIME, MR SUEN ESTIMATED THAT "TSE FA" SYNDICATES EARNED OVER \$30,000 A DRAW, WITH UP TO THREE DRAWS BEING HELD EVERYDAY OF THE WEEK.

MARK SIX'S EFFECT, HE SAID, WAS DRAMATIC WITH "TSE FA" ESSENTIALLY ERADICATED WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE PUBLIC TOOK TO THE MARK SIX LOTTERY VERY QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THE MUCH LARGER PAYOUTS, ITS CONVENIENCE AND BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAD CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE THEIR WINNINGS.

TO MAINTAIN ITS EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING, HE SAID THE MARK SIX LOTTERY MUST KEEP PACE WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE LOTTERY HAS BEEN MODIFIED OVER THE YEARS TO MAINTAIN ITS POPULARITY.

TURNING TO THE CURRENT POSITION OF THE LOTTERY, MR SUEN SAID THE JOCKEY CLUB, AS THE LOTTERIES BOARD'S AGENT, RECENTLY SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF SALES OUTLETS FOR THE TICKETS BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES INTO CONVENIENCE STORES, SUPERMARKETS AND OTHER SUCH LOCATIONS.

"THESE PROPOSALS RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY BUT DREW A NEGATIVE REACTION FROM CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY SAID THIS REACTION HAD LED THE JOCKEY CLUB TO REVISE THE PROPOSALS. THEY ASKED TO BE PERMITTED TO CONDUCT A PILOT SCHEME FOR THE SALE OF MARK SIX TICKETS THROUGH CSL SHOPS.

THE PILOT SCHEME COMMENCED ON OCTOBER 7 LAST YEAR IN NINE CSL SHOPS. ONLY INSTANT PICK TICKETS WERE SOLD AT A MINIMUM PRICE OF \$20. A FURTHER THREE SHOPS WERE ADDED TO THE LIST AS THE TRIAL PROCEEDED.

"IN ORDER TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF SALES OUTLETS ON A PERMANENT BASIS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MONITORING THE TRIAL VERY CAREFULLY," MR SUEN EMPHASISED.

SO FAR, HE SAID, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS CONCERNING EXPATRIATE TEENAGERS BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS, THERE HAD BEEN FEW PROBLEMS AND THE REACTION FROM THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN RELATIVELY MILD.

MR SUEN ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA), TOGETHER WITH THE JOCKEY CLUB AND HONG KONG TELECOM CSL, HAD COMMISSIONED A PRIVATE COMPANY TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE TRIAL.

"WE WILL ALSO SHORTLY BEGIN A ROUND OF CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT BOARDS TO SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS," MR SUEN SAID.

HE SAID ALL THESE VIEWS, TOGETHER WITH ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE PRESS, THE DISTRICT OFFICES AND ANY OTHER SOURCE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE SCHEME.

EVEN TODAY, MR SUEN CAUTIONED, HONG KONG WAS FACING WITH ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN MANY FORMS.

FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE LEGAL FORMS OF GAMBLING DID KEEP PACE WITH THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF ILLEGAL OPERATORS TO ENSURE THEIR VIABILITY AS ANTI-GAMBLING DEVICES.

"THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS NEUTRAL IN ANY ASSESSMENT OF A NEW GAMBLING PROPOSAL, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A DECISION WHICH WILL BE UNPOPULAR WITH ONE SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY OR ANOTHER," HE ADDED.

MR SUEN REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAD ALWAYS BEEN TO RESTRICT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAMBLING.

"IN PRACTICE, THIS MEANS STRICT LAWS AND FIRM ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, SUPPORTED BY THE PROVISION OF CONTROLLED ALTERNATIVES WHERE A COGENT NEED HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED," HE SAID.

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FESTIVAL HK 92 LAUNCHED IN CANADA

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AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY (TUESDAY) IN TORONTO, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED "FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92" - ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND DYNAMIC MULTI-FACETED CULTURAL AND TRADE FESTIVALS TO BE STAGED IN CANADA.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FROM THE FIVE TARGET CITIES, MR SO SAID THE MONTH-LONG EXTRAVAGANZA PROMISED TO BE A SPECTACULAR EVENT FOR CANADIANS AS THEY WOULD EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE AND BEAUTY OF HONG KONG THROUGH A VARIETY OF WORLD-CLASS EVENTS.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CANADIAN SPONSORED FESTIVAL CANADA 91 WHICH WAS HELD IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR, FESTIVAL HONG KONG 92 IS THE RECIPROCAL EVENT TO CANADA'S FESTIVAL. BOTH FESTIVALS WERE DEVELOPED TO REINFORCE THE GROWING PARTNERSHIP AND PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS.

THIS YEAR'S THEME - "HONG KONG AND CANADA - BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC" WILL KICK OFF IN TORONTO ON SEPTEMBER 30 FOLLOWED BY OTTAWA, MONTREAL AND CALGARY BEFORE CLOSING IN VANCOUVER ON OCTOBER 21.

AN ASSORTMENT OF CULTURAL, BUSINESS, TRADE, SPORTING AND SOCIAL EVENTS ARE PLANNED TO BRING THE MODERN CITY OF HONG KONG TO LIFE FOR CANADIANS IN FIVE KEY CENTRES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

EVERYTHING FROM PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG BALLET AND CHUNG YING THEATRE COMPANY TO SPORT DEMONSTRATIONS AND A HONG KONG FILM FESTIVAL ARE SCHEDULED TO PROMOTE THE RICH HISTORY AND TRADITION OF HONG KONG CULTURE.

"WITH THE RAPID GROWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S CULTURES AND WAYS OF LIFE," MR SO SAID.

"THROUGH A STRONG AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT, WE CAN FURTHER BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A PROSPEROUS AND BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE TWO REGIONS," HE SAID.

TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NATIONAL FESTIVAL, A STEERING GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR JAMES SO. ITS MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEES WHICH COMPRISE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS, ARTS AND CULTURAL AND FINANCIAL SECTORS IN EACH OF THE FIVE KEY CENTRES.

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THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE: PROF MAURICE COPITHORNE, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN HONG KONG AND PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER; MR S. ROBERT BLAIR, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS AND HONORARY DIRECTOR OF THE NOVA CORPORATION OF ALBERTA, CALGARY; DR ROBERT BANDEEN, TRUSTEE OF THE LESTER B. PEARSON COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC AND GOVERNOR OF OLYMPIC TRUST OF CANADA, TORONTO; MR FRANK LING, AN ARCHITECT AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG-CANADA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, OTTAWA; AND MR BOB ISSENMAN, PARTNER OF MARTINEAU WALKER AND GUEST LECTURER ON ASIAN AFFAIRS, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

A MAJOR HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A SERIES OF SPECIALLY-ORGANISED BUSINESS AND EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS CONDUCTED BY SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST HIGH-PROFILE BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LEADERS. THESE LEADERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR BUSINESS EXPERTISE AND INSIGHT WITH CANADIAN BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO WILL BE INVITED TO DISCUSS INVESTMENT AND TRADING OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS.

WHILE MANY OF THE CORE EVENTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE INITIATED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, ALL OF THE EVENTS WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED AND SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS AND THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEES.

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"HONG KONG SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS 1980-1990" NOW ON SALE

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS JUST PUBLISHED THE HONG KONG SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS 1980-1990, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THE MAIN STATISTICAL SERIES DESCRIBING HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE LAST DECADE.

BEING THE EIGHTH IN THE SERIES, THE PRESENT EDITION HAS UNDERGONE SOME MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS. WHILST CONTINUING TO PRESENT KEY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1980, 1985 TO 1990, DESCRIPTIONS NOW APPEAR ALONGSIDE THE TABLES AND CHARTS.

THIS NEWLY INCORPORATED TEXT IS DESIGNED TO HELP READERS UNDERSTAND THE TECHNICAL CONCEPTS AS WELL AS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPREHEND MORE EASILY THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST DECADE.

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THE PUBLICATION COVERS STATISTICS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, LABOUR, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, TRANSPORT AND SERVICES, EXTERNAL TRADE, TOURISM, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT, CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, MONEY, BANKING AND FINANCE, PUBLIC FINANCE, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE AND REPORTED CRIMES. ALTOGETHER, THERE ARE 72 TABLES AND 37 CHARTS IN 16 SECTIONS.

COPIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$40 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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THREE FIREMEN COMMENDED FOR SAVING LIFE

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THREE OFFICERS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCES IN RESCUING A MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO JUMP FROM A BUILDING IN SHEUNG WAN LAST YEAR.

THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR CHAN HOI, PRESENTED HIS COMMENDATIONS TO SENIOR STATION OFFICER LIU TZE-LEUNG, PRINCIPAL FIREMAN NG SEK-JONG AND SENIOR FIREMAN YIP SIU-KEUNG AT THE SHEUNG WAN FIRE STATION.

LIU WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE AND JUDGEMENT WHICH LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OF THE MAN.

NG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, PROMPT ACTION AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WHILE YIP WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS RESOURCEFULNESS, BRAVERY, PROMPT ACTION AND PROFESSIONAL SKILL IN THE RESCUE OPERATION.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 9.30 PM ON DECEMBER 26 LAST YEAR AT A BUILDING AT PO HING FONG, SHEUNG WAN.

ON ARRIVAL, THE OFFICERS FOUND THAT A MAN WAS STANDING ON A CANOPY ON THE 10TH FLOOR AND WAS THREATENING TO JUMP. THERE WAS ANOTHER MAN TRYING TO STOP HIM BY GRASPING HIS COLLAR.

THE SITUATION WAS DIFFICULT AS THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE GROUND LEVEL TO INFLATE THE "ESSER" RESCUE CUSHION OR TO OPEN A JUMPING SHEET.

ON APPROACHING THE MAN, LIU TOLD NG TO GET HOLD OF THE MAN'S ARM WHILE YIP CLIMBED OUT THE WINDOW TO TIE A RESCUE LINE ROUND THE MAN'S WAIST PREVENTING HIM FROM FALLING.

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THE OFFICERS THEN STARTED PERSUADING THE MAN TO RETURN TO THE UNIT. HOWEVER, THE MAN IGNORED THEIR PERSUASION AND STRUGGLED VIGOROUSLY. AS A RESULT, AN ALUMINIUM CLOTHES DRYING RACK DISJOINTED FROM THE WALL.

HAVING CONSIDERED THAT YIP AND THE MAN WERE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF FALLING, LIU IMMEDIATELY CLIMBED OUT THE WINDOW AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NG AND YIP, BROUGHT THE MAN BACK TO SAFETY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION, MR CHAN SAID THE WHOLE OPERATION WAS WELL ORGANISED AND COMPLETED IN A VERY CRITICAL MOMENT.

HE ADDED THAT WITHOUT THE OFFICERS' ACCURATE JUDGEMENT, RIGHT DECISION AND PROMPT ACTION, THE MAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN FALLEN ONTO THE STREET.

MR CHAN SAID HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE HIGH PROFESSIONALISM OF THE OFFICERS AND THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

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RECEPTION FOR FILM ADVISERS
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THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY (TELA) TODAY (TUESDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTARY AND INVALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE PANEL OF FILM ADVISERS AT THE AUTHORITY'S SPRING RECEPTION.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW (FILM CENSORSHIP) AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG THEATRES ASSOCIATION WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE RECEPTION.

THE PANEL OF FILM ADVISERS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976 TO ADVISE TELA ON THE EXAMINATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF FILMS FOR EXHIBITION.

LAST YEAR, OVER 1,300 FILMS WERE EXAMINED AND APPROVED FOR EXHIBITION.

THERE ARE NOW 184 ADVISERS ON THE PANEL AND THEY COME FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS RANGING FROM MANAGERS, EXECUTIVES, BUSINESSMEN TO SOCIAL WORKERS, TEACHERS AND HOUSEWIVES, REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

EACH ADVISER IS REQUESTED TO ATTEND A FILM VIEWING SESSION ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS AND FOUR TO FIVE ADVISERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND EACH SESSION.

AT THE END OF EACH SESSION, PANEL ADVISERS ARE INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FILM BY COMPLETING A QUESTIONNAIRE AND DISCUSSING WITH THE OFFICER OF TELA RESPONSIBLE FOR EXAMINING THE FILM.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

TENDER DATE	11 FEB 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q207
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,411MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.71 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.74 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 21 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.79 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS COMING UP -

TENDER DATE	17 FEB 92	18 FEB 92	18 FEB 92
PAPER ON OFFER	GOVT BONDS	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	2402	Q208	H258
ISSUE DATE	18 FEB 92	19 FEB 92	19 FEB 92
MATURITY DATE	18 FEB 92	20 MAY 92	19 AUG 92
TENOR	2 YEARS	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD500 + 100MN	HKD500 + 100MN	HKD200 + 60MN
COUPON	5.50 PCT	N.A.	N.A.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	10.2.92	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	11.2.92	-89
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+89
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+400*

* LATE O/N ASSISTANCE,
TO BE REVERSED ON 12.2.92

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 110.4 **0.3* 11.2.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.53 PCT	21 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.69	5.30
1 MONTH	3.58 PCT					
3 MONTHS	3.68 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.87 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.38 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 8,205 MN

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