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12TH BATCH OF NON-REFUGEES RETURNED TO VIETNAM

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THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR BRIAN BRESNIHAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) WELCOMED THE SMOOTH REPATRIATION OF 50 VIETNAMESE NON-REFUGEES UNDER THE ORDERLY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME (ORP).

"THIS IS THE 12TH FLIGHT SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE ORP AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 29, 1991 AND IT HAS AGAIN BEEN UNEVENTFUL. WE HAVE REPATRIATED A TOTAL OF 622 NON-REFUGEES TO VIETNAM ON THESE FLIGHTS," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

TODAY'S GROUP OF 50 SCREENED-OUT NON-REFUGEES WERE PREDOMINANTLY NORTH VIETNAMESE COMPRISED 23 MEN, 12 WOMEN, 10 BOYS AND FIVE GIRLS FROM THE NEI KWU CHAU AND CHI MA WAN DETENTION CENTRES.

THEY ALL ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN 1988 AND 1989.

"WE SCHEDULE THESE ORP FLIGHTS AT SEVERAL WEEKS' INTERVAL AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THESE FLIGHTS AS A MEANS TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FIGURES, MR BRESNIHAN SAID ALMOST 4,000 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS HAD GONE HOME THIS YEAR.

"WHILE IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT THE RECORD FIGURES ACHIEVED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1992 HAVE NOT BEEN SUSTAINED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER VOLUNTEERING IS INCREASING."

"I HOPE THAT THE HIGH RATE OF DEPARTURES ESTABLISHED IN 1992 IS NOW BEGINNING TO RE-EMERGE," MR BRESNIHAN SAID.

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CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUPS FOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TO SET UP CUSTOMER LIAISON GROUPS (CLG) AS THE SECOND PHASE OF ITS PERFORMANCE PLEDGE SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"SUCH GROUPS WILL ENABLE OUR CUSTOMERS TO MONITOR OUR SERVICE, AND ADVISE ON THE WAYS TO MAKE OUR LICENSING SERVICES MORE USER-FRIENDLY," HE SAID.

TWO CLGS WILL BE FORMED, ONE IS TO MONITOR THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AND THE OTHER THE REMAINING THREE LICENSING OFFICES.

THE CLGS WILL BE CHAIRED BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT/MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING, MR ERNEST LEE.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED CUSTOMERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD TO SERVE AS CLG MEMBERS.

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"VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE CLG MEETINGS WILL SURELY HELP US BETTER SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IF THEY ARE INTERESTED TO SERVE ON THE CLGS, ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IS FOR THEM TO FILL IN A SIMPLE FORM. COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE PLACED IN DROP-IN BOXES AT THE OFFICES.

"WE SHALL THEN GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM," HE ADDED.

EACH CLG WILL COMPRISE A CHAIRMAN AND ABOUT 20 MEMBERS. THE FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WILL BE CONVENED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

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BARONESS DUNN TO SPEAK ON BRITISH CITIZENSHIP  
FOR NON-CHINESE ETHNIC MINORITIES

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BARONESS DUNN HAS LEFT FOR LONDON TONIGHT (TUESDAY) TO TAKE PART IN A DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THURSDAY (JULY 15 LONDON TIME) ON BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOR NON-CHINESE ETHNIC MINORITIES.

BEFORE HER DEPARTURE, BARONESS DUNN SAID THE NON-CHINESE ETHNIC MINORITIES WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RENDERED STATELESS IN 1997 WHEN SOVEREIGNTY CHANGES. BRITAIN HAS A MORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THEM.

"I WILL DO MY BEST TO PUT FORWARD THEIR CASE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS."

THE DEBATE IS ON A MOTION TO BE MOVED BY LORD BONHAM-CARTER "THAT THIS HOUSE CALLS UPON HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO GIVE FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO MEMBERS OF THE NON-CHINESE ETHNIC MINORITIES IN HONG KONG WHO WILL BE WITHOUT A RIGHT OF ABODE ELSEWHERE AFTER 1997."

IT IS EXPECTED THAT A VOTE MAY BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE DEBATE. BARONESS DUNN HAS CONTACTED FRIENDS OF HONG KONG IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO SUPPORT THE MOTION.

A DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE WAS HELD IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST WEEK AFTER A GROUP OF HONG KONG LEGISLATORS LOBBIED THE PARLIAMENT.

THE ISSUE IS A LONG-STANDING ONE. BARONESS DUNN LED A CAMPAIGN TO SEEK FULL BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOR THESE MEMBERS IN 1986.

"THE ISSUE NEVER WENT AWAY, WE ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING A JUST SOLUTION FOR THESE PEOPLE," SAID BARONESS DUNN.

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RATES FOR THIRD QUARTER DUE ON JULY 31

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RATEPAYERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE RATES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR ARE DUE ON JULY 31.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY POST TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, PO BOX 8000, GPO, HONG KONG OR IN PERSON AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE, IMMIGRATION TOWER; FIRST FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- \* THE CENTRAL SUB-TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG;
- \* THE NORTH POINT SUB-TREASURY, MAX SHARE CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, 373 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG;
- \* THE SAI WAN HO SUB-TREASURY, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO, HONG KONG;
- \* THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON;
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON;
- \* THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN OR KWAI TSING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID DEMAND NOTES HAD BEEN ISSUED.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM SHOULD BRING ALONG RATES DEMAND NOTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER TO ANY OF THE TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, HE SAID.

DUPLICATE DEMAND NOTES WILL BE ISSUED TO THEM, HE ADDED.

IF THE RATEPAYERS CANNOT PRODUCE DEMAND NOTES FOR ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER, THEY SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 30TH FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY NOON ON JULY 31. OTHERWISE, RATEPAYERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF 5 PER CENT UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE RATING ORDINANCE.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE LEVIED ON THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT (INCLUDING THE 5 PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A VALID DIRECT DEBIT AUTHORISATION SHOULD NOTE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD STILL BE MADE BY POST OR IN PERSON AS STIPULATED IN THE DEMAND NOTE UNLESS THE WORDING "PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY AUTOPAY" IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

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IF SO, THEIR PAYMENT OF RATES WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT TO THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ON JULY 31. RATEPAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS CONTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDS ON THAT DATE.

RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PROPERTIES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

TO SAVE TIME OF QUEUEING, THE SPOKESMAN URGED RATEPAYERS TO PAY BY POST USING CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS, OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES.

HOWEVER, THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY IS TO PAY BY AUTOPAY UNDER WHICH RATEPAYERS' BANK ACCOUNTS WILL ONLY BE DEBITED ON DUE DATES.

APPLICATIONS FOR AUTOPAY ARE OBTAINABLE FROM TREASURY COLLECTION OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL MAJOR BANKS IN HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONING 829 5019.

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REMINDER ON DEADLINE FOR RETURNING SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING SURVEYS IN RESPECT OF 1992 TO RETURN SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES:

- \* ANNUAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION;
- \* ANNUAL SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADERS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS;
- \* ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS;
- \* ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES; AND
- \* ANNUAL SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES.

THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

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THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FORMULATING POLICIES AND MAKING DECISIONS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY THIS YEAR TO ABOUT 26,000 ESTABLISHMENTS SAMPLED FOR THE 1992 SURVEYS.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FREDERICK HO, APPEALS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION BY RETURNING PROMPTLY THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND CO-OPERATING WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE SURVEYS.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO MAY BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE.

EACH QUESTIONNAIRE OF THESE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS HAS BEEN SO DESIGNED THAT RESPONDENTS CAN COMPLETE IT BY THEMSELVES.

IF NECESSARY, OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE RESPECTIVE SURVEYS, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO HELP THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT AUDITED ACCOUNTS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR SUPPLYING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED BY THE SURVEYS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS FIGURES BASED ON PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS OR ESTIMATES WHICH ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE RESPONDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, IF AUDITED ACCOUNTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

HE ALSO STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE.

ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS  
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TENDER DATE	13 JUL 93	13 JUL 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q328	Y391
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$4,160 MN	HK\$990 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN	HK\$300 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.27 PCT	3.85 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.27 PCT	3.89 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 88 PCT	ABOUT 33 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.30 PCT	3.90 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 19 JULY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	20 JUL 93	20 JUL 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q329	H369
ISSUE DATE	21 JUL 93	21 JUL 93
MATURITY DATE	20 OCT 93	19 JAN 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,000 + 200 MN	HK\$400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,895
REVERSAL OF LAF	-95
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-820
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,980
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.0 *-0.1* 13.7.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.76 PCT	13 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.52	3.92
1 MONTH	2.91 PCT	16 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.76	4.08
3 MONTHS	3.21 PCT	19 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.86	4.23
6 MONTHS	3.42 PCT	22 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.91	4.42
12 MONTHS	3.80 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,350 MN

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