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## GOVERNOR RETURNS FROM LONDON

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN AT THE KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LONDON THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON:-

GOVERNOR: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE BACK IN HONG KONG. I HAD AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BRITAIN. GOOD MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN SECRETARY, A NUMBER OF OTHER MINISTERS. GOOD MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND BUSINESS INTERESTS AND A NUMBER OF SPEECHES. I PARTICULARLY ENJOYED GOING TO MANCHESTER WHICH HAS THE LARGEST HONG KONG COMMUNITY OUTSIDE LONDON AND MEETING SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, SEEING WHAT A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION THEY ARE MAKING TO CIVIC AND COMMERCIAL LIFE IN MANCHESTER, AND MAKING THE ANNUAL MANCHESTER LECTURE ON HONG KONG WHICH ATTRACTED A VERY LARGE AUDIENCE. SO, IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL REGULAR VISIT TO LONDON. ONCE AGAIN, EVIDENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT RIGHT ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM FOR ALL THAT WE ARE DOING HERE IN HONG KONG. AND I SHALL CONTINUE TO GO REGULARLY TO LONDON FOUR OR FIVE TIMES A YEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE. IF THEREN'T ANY QUESTIONS..

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, YOU KNOW THAT TWO MAINLAND DISSIDENT WRITERS WERE REJECTED VISAS TO COME TO HONG KONG TO ATTEND SEMINARS. WHY IS IT ALRIGHT FOR HAN DONGFANG AND IT IS NOT ALRIGHT FOR THEM?

GOVERNOR: SENSIBLY, WE DON'T COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL CASES. BUT, PERHAPS, I CAN DEAL WITH ONE PARTICULAR POINT AND ONE GENERAL POINT. THE PARTICULAR POINT IS ABOUT MR HAN. MR HAN IS HERE BECAUSE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WON'T LET HIM GO BACK INTO CHINA WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. SO, I THINK WHEN NAMELESS OFFICIALS WHO DON'T ALLOW THEIR NAMES TO BE PUBLISHED, CRITICISED US IN THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY AND EXTRAVAGANT TERMS FOR MR HAN'S POSITION HERE IN OUR MIDST, THEY SHOULD BEAR THAT IN MIND. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT THEY'VE CREATED, NOT US. THEY'VE TIED THE KNOT. THEY HAVE TO UNTIE IT. SECONDLY, WE HAVE HERE IN HONG KONG FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY WHICH PEOPLE EXERCISE ON A WHOLE WITH RESTRAINT, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THINGS HAPPENING OUTSIDE HONG KONG. AND, I THINK THAT PEOPLE RECOGNISE THAT PART OF THE "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS" CONCEPT IS THAT WE DO NEED TO BE RESTRAINED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE WAY WE SAY THINGS OR THE WAY WE PUT OUR ARGUMENTS. I THINK THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FREEDOMS THAT WE ALL EXERCISE HERE AND AT SENSITIVE MOMENTS, ALLOWING OTHERS, HOWEVER DISTINGUISHED OR ELOQUENT, TO COME IN AND USE THOSE FREEDOMS THEMSELVES TO, PERHAPS, CRITICISE WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE. I DON'T THINK ON A WHOLE THAT THE COMMUNITY FINDS THAT SURPRISING OR DOESN'T SUPPORT THE GENERAL APPROACH THAT WE TAKE ON THESE MATTERS, BUT THERE ARE JUST SOME MOMENTS, YOU KNOW JUST AS WELL AS I DO, WHICH ARE MORE SENSITIVE THAN OTHERS AND NONE OF US WANT TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES MORE COMPLEX.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, THE ALL HONG KONG PEOPLE ALLIANCE IN SUPPORT OF PATRIOTIC AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN CHINA, THEY ARE LABELLED BY NCNA VICE DIRECTOR AS SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG AND YESTERDAY THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CONTROLLED OR TIGHTENED UP THE CONTROL BY THE POLICE. WHAT IS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POLICY? SHOULD IT BE DISBANDED AFTER 1997?

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GOVERNOR: WE HAVE FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PEOPLE EXERCISE THAT FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY. I THINK THAT THE POLICE BEHAVED WITH A GOOD DEGREE OF TACT. THESE ARE NOT EASY MATTERS FOR THE POLICE BUT I THINK FROM ALL I'VE HEARD IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES, THEY BEHAVED VERY SENSIBLY AND SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY ARE GUARANTEED UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND WE'LL CERTAINLY DO EVERYTHING WE CAN BEFORE 1997 TO ENSURE THAT THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THOSE FREEDOMS ARE AS SECURED AS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT RESTRAINTS, DOESN'T IT GIVE YOU ALL THE REASONS TO APPROVE THE IDEA OF SETTING UP A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND NUMBER TWO, MOST OF THE EXCO MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH A BODY, YOU HAVE YOURSELF SO. WHAT IS THE POINT OF DRAGGING THE ISSUE FOR ANOTHER MONTH?

GOVERNOR: FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE DISCUSSING NOT JUST THE INSTITUTION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BUT THE FUNCTIONS WHICH A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SHOULD CARRY OUT IN EXCO AND I'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THOSE MATTERS IN LONDON. BUT, I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S PARTICULARLY SENSIBLE TO CREATE A TOTEM WITHOUT CONSIDERING WHAT THAT TOTEM IS SUPPOSED TO DO. I'LL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU WHAT YOU THINK A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SHOULD DO. I THINK THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS WHICH PEOPLE HAVE DISCUSSED. THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BETTER EDUCATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GREATER ACCESS TO THE COURTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT AFFORDABILITY. THOSE ARE ALL IMPORTANT AND SERIOUS ISSUES. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO THINK THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SECURE THOSE ISSUES IS TO ESTABLISH A NEW INSTITUTION. THERE ARE OTHERS WHO THINK THAT WE COULD BEST SECURE THOSE OBJECTIVES IN OTHER WAYS. THAT IS A SERIOUS AND LEGITIMATE ARGUMENT. BEFORE I KNOCK DOWN ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER, I HOPE THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEBATE IT IN AN INTELLIGENT WAY.

QUESTION: IN PRINCIPLE, DO YOU SUPPORT IT?

GOVERNOR: IN PRINCIPLE, I WILL TELL YOU WHAT OUR VIEW IS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WHICH WILL BE BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

QUESTION: IF THE COMMITTEE, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, CAN'T BE SET UP OR CAN'T BE FUNCTIONED AFTER '97, WHAT SORT OF REMEDY OR SUBSTITUTE WILL YOU HAVE TO DO, FOR EXAMPLE, BEFORE '97?

GOVERNOR: THAT'S A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH ASSUMES THAT WE'VE SET UP A COMMITTEE. WHEN WE MAKE A DECISION ON THAT WE CAN ANSWER REAL QUESTIONS RATHER THAN HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION ABOUT HAN DONGFANG. NOW THAT THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED BECAUSE HAN DONGFANG MADE IT CLEAR REPEATEDLY THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE INTENTION TO GO BACK TO CHINA ANY MORE?

GOVERNOR: SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, MR HAN IS HERE BECAUSE HE WASN'T BEEN ABLE TO COME BACK TO CHINA. NOBODY, I THINK, HAS HEARD FROM HIM. WHAT YOU'VE JUST TOLD ME, I THINK, IT'S FOR MR HAN TO SAY WHAT HE WANTS TO DO AND NOT INDIVIDUAL JOURNALIST HOWEVER DISTINGUISHED.

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QUESTION: MR PATTEN, REGARDING THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISAS TO SOME OF THE DISSIDENTS TO COME TO HONG KONG, AND REGARDING THE DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE NCNA HEADQUARTERS LAST NIGHT, DO YOU THINK THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS SOFTENED ITS STANCE IN ORDER TO PLEASE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT?

GOVERNOR: NO, I'VE ALREADY ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, ARE YOU GOING TO PICK UP WHISKY?

GOVERNOR: I'VE GOT EXCO TOMORROW MORNING BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECOND MOST FAMOUS DOG IN THE UNIVERSE IS GOING TO BE PICKED UP TOMORROW MORNING PROVIDED THE VET IS HAPPY WITH HIS CONDITION. I'D LIKE TO SAY ONCE AGAIN THAT I AM SORRY THAT ONE OF OUR WORKMEN WHO DO SUCH A SPLENDID JOB AROUND GOVERNMENT HOUSE WAS BITTEN. I THINK IT WAS ONLY A PRETTY SMALL BITE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, ANY BITE CAN BE A BIT OF A SHOCK. AND I HOPE THAT WHISKY HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON.

QUESTION: WILL YOU PUNISH WHISKY OR TIE HIM UP, TIE HIM UP AT HOME?

GOVERNOR: CERTAINLY NOT. HE HAS TO LIVE, BOTH OF THE DOGS DOING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT CONDITIONS FROM MOST OTHERS WITH PEOPLE COMING IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE QUITE PROPERLY AND OCCASIONALLY SURPRISING THEM. BUT THEY ARE BOTH CHEERFUL LITTLE TERRIERS, AND I THINK THEY ADD TO THE ENJOYMENT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY ARE VERY POPULAR AROUND THE HOUSE. AND I HOPE THAT AFTER A WEEK INSIDE AS IT WERE, HE'LL HAVE LEARNED HIS LESSON. AND I'LL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM HIM HIS VIEWS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S KENNELS AND THE QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE IN HONG KONG. I AM SURE HE'LL BE VERY ELOQUENT ON THE SUBJECT.

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SEVEN MORE HIV INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED  
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SIX MEN AND A WOMAN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH (APRIL), THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 442.

THREE NEW AIDS CASES WERE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IS 103 WITH 66 DEATHS REPORTED.

OF THE 442 HIV INFECTED, 166 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL OR BISEXUAL SEX AND 163 THROUGH HETEROSEXUAL SEX, 11 WERE INJECTING DRUG USERS, AND 65 ACQUIRED THE INFECTION THROUGH CONTAMINATED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND SAFE HEAT TREATED CLOTTING CONCENTRATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 37, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 321,841 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,406,129 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 30 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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#### SLIP ROAD WIDENED TO EASE TRAFFIC

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD KWU TUNG SECTION EASTBOUND TO PO SHEK WU ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI HAS BEEN WIDENED TO EASE TRAFFIC AT THE FAN KAM ROAD INTERCHANGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID BEFORE THE WIDENING WORK, THE SLIP ROAD WAS A SINGLE-LANE ROAD. LOCAL TRAFFIC WAS ALWAYS HELD UP BY CHINA-BOUND TRAFFIC.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, THE SLIP ROAD WAS WIDENED TO TWO LANES. WORK WAS COMPLETED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE ADDITIONAL LANE, CHINA-BOUND GOODS VEHICLES FOR MAN KAM TO ARE RESTRICTED TO USE THE INSIDE LANE, SO THAT TRAFFIC FOR SHEUNG SHUI AND OTHER AREAS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OBSERVATIONS SHOW THAT THE ADDITIONAL LANE EFFECTIVELY IMPROVED THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

THE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS.

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#### 3,676 VMS REFUSE FOOD

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A TOTAL OF 3,676 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS (VMS) IN WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE (WHDC) REFUSED TO TAKE THE FOOD ISSUED BY THE MANAGEMENT TODAY (MONDAY) AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE POLICY TO REPATRIATE ALL NON-REFUGEES TO VIETNAM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID SINCE THE LAST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN GENEVA IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, VMS OF WHDC HAD STAGED DEMONSTRATIONS AND REFUSED FOOD ISSUED BY THE MANAGEMENT.

A TECHNICAL MEETING ON RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IS DUE TO BEGIN IN BANGKOK ON WEDNESDAY.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION WORKING GROUPS

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THE EDUCATION COMMISSION TODAY (MONDAY) NOTED THE THREE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE WORKING GROUPS ON LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, AND SCHOOL FUNDING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG, CONGRATULATED THE WORKING GROUPS ON THEIR EIGHT MONTHS OF HARD WORK.

"I AM PERSONALLY VERY PLEASED THAT THE NEW APPROACH OF SETTING UP WORKING GROUPS TO LOOK INTO SPECIFIC COMPLEX ISSUES HAS PRODUCED SUCH GOOD RESULTS," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

"TO PURSUE THIS NEW STRATEGY FURTHER, WE HAVE ALSO DECIDED ON A NEW APPROACH TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

"WE HAVE DECIDED TO ASK THE WORKING GROUP ON LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TO MAKE A FEW EDITORIAL CHANGES, AND TO PUBLISH THE REPORT IN JULY, AS SOON AS TRANSLATION AND PRINTING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED.

"THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS, UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

"DURING SEPTEMBER, THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS WILL BE PUBLISHED, ALSO FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD OF CONSULTATION. WE SHALL DECIDE LATER THE TIMING FOR PUBLISHING THE REPORT ON SCHOOL FUNDING," PROFESSOR YOUNG SAID.

"THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USEFUL COMMENTS ON ONE MAJOR TOPIC OF INTEREST AT A TIME, AND WILL ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO BENEFIT FROM PUBLIC FEEDBACK BEFORE IT MAKES FINAL PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT," SHE ADDED.

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BRIDGING COURSE TO PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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A SIX-WEEK BRIDGING COURSE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER FROM A GRAMMER TO A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL START IN JULY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, PROVIDES THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING IN METALWORK, ELECTRICAL STUDIES AND TECHNICAL DRAWING.

"THE COURSE IS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY 1 IN A GRAMMER SCHOOL AND WHO WISH TO CONTINUE STUDIES IN SECONDARY 2 IN A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE COURSE WAS ARRANGED FOLLOWING A RECOMMENDATION BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 4 ON THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN GRAMMER SCHOOLS WHO, AFTER THE FIRST YEAR, FOUND THEMSELVES LOSING INTEREST IN THE MORE ACADEMIC APPROACH AND WISHED TO LEARN MORE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT A BRIDGING COURSE SHOULD INCLUDE WORKSHOP TRAINING TO HELP STUDENTS OF GRAMMER SCHOOLS ADJUST TO THE MORE PRACTICAL CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM AND GAIN A MINIMUM LEVEL OF PRACTICAL PROFICIENCY REQUIRED IN PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT TWO CENTRES WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 40 STUDENTS EACH:

- \* BISHOP HALL MEMORIAL PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
82 HIU KWONG STREET  
SAU MAU PING  
KOWLOON
  
- \* COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
350 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT  
KWAI CHUNG  
NEW TERRITORIES

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STUDENTS WERE REQUIRED TO PASS A TEST AT THE END OF THE SIX-WEEK BRIDGING COURSE FOR ADMISSION TO A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM INDIVIDUAL GRAMMER SCHOOLS. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE RELEVANT PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 16.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 892 6315.

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#### EXHIBITION OF PROJECT WORK ON CHINESE CULTURE

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A FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION OF THE PROJECT WORK ON CHINESE CULTURE WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO SATURDAY AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

ON DISPLAY ARE 19 WINNING ENTRIES AT THE "PROJECT WORK ON CHINESE CULTURE COMPETITION".

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE HOK HOI LIBRARY OF HONG KONG FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

IT IS AIMED AT ENRICHING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF CHINESE CULTURE, ENHANCING STUDENTS' CHINESE LANGUAGE SKILLS AND AROUSING THEIR INTEREST IN THE STUDY OF CHINESE.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION INCLUDED STUDENTS FROM HOLY FAMILY CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND HO DAO COLLEGE, BEING AWARDED THE FIRST PRIZES OF THE SENIOR GROUP AND JUNIOR GROUP RESPECTIVELY; STFA TAM PAK YU COLLEGE, THE SECOND PRIZE; AND MADAM LAU KAM LUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL OF MFBM, THE THIRD PRIZE.

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PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS WILL INCLUDE A TROPHY AND SCHOLARSHIP RANGING FROM \$1,000 TO \$2,500.

WINNERS OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WILL BE INVITED TO A FREE VISIT TO THE CHINA FOLK CULTURE VILLAGES IN SHENZHEN DURING SUMMER VACATION OR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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VENUE: HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE,  
4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

DATE: MAY 31 TO JUNE 4

TIME: MAY 31                    2 PM TO 4.30 PM  
      JUNE 1-3                 9 AM TO 4.30 PM  
      JUNE 4                   9 AM TO NOON

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR HO CHE-LEUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE EXHIBITION OF PROJECT WORK ON CHINESE CULTURE AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CENTRAL-JORDAN VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE TO STOP FROM JUNE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDS THE PUBLIC TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND JORDAN ROAD WILL CEASE OPERATION WITH EFFECT FROM WEDNESDAY (JUNE 1).

HOWEVER, THE PASSENGER SERVICE WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION.

USERS OF THE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN KOWLOON CITY AND NORTH POINT WHICH OPERATES FROM 7 AM TO 7.40 PM ON MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THIS SERVICE MAY BE STRENGTHENED, IF NECESSARY, TO MEET ADDITIONAL DEMAND.

NOTICES AND SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT UP AT THE AFFECTED PIERS TO ADVISE VEHICULAR FERRY USERS.

TO GUIDE MOTORISTS TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON CITY, THE VEHICULAR FERRY LOGO HAS BEEN ADDED ONTO THE EXISTING GANTRY SIGNS ALONG GLOUCESTER ROAD WITH DESTINATIONS SHOWING "NORTH POINT", AND ADDITIONAL SIGNS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ALONG THE MAIN APPROACHES FROM NORTH AND WEST KOWLOON TOWARDS THE KOWLOON CITY VEHICULAR FERRY PIER.

/STOPPING RESTRICTIONS .....

STOPPING RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED ALONG JAVA ROAD IN FRONT OF THE NORTH POINT URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ON THIS MAJOR ACCESS ROUTE TO THE NORTH POINT VEHICULAR FERRY CONCOURSE.

AT THE SAME TIME, SPECIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE EXISTING SIGNALISED JUNCTIONS IN WAN CHAI NORTH WILL BE LINKED AND PUT UNDER CLOSE MONITORING BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL FACILITATE USE OF CONVENTION AVENUE/HUNG HING ROAD BY EASTBOUND TRAFFIC AS A BYPASS ROUTE TO NORTH POINT HENCE AVOIDING THE BUSY GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST (EASTBOUND) OUTSIDE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC WILL BE WIDENED, SO THAT THE DELAY TO CAUSEWAY BAY-BOUND TRAFFIC CAUSED BY CONGESTION ON THE TUNNEL APPROACH WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

MORE TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE JUNCTION OF HARCOURT ROAD/COTTON TREE DRIVE. THIS WILL INCREASE JUNCTION CAPACITY AND RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE HARCOURT ROAD APPROACH TO THIS JUNCTION.

THE BUS LANE ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER APPROACH TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE ENLARGED TO GIVE SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR BUSES TO WAIT TO MERGE WITH THE GENERAL TRAFFIC WITHOUT CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS NORTH POINT.

THE SLIP ROAD FROM VICTORIA PARK ROAD (WESTBOUND) TO GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE RELOCATED EASTWARD TO REDUCE CONFLICT BETWEEN TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND TRAFFIC HEADING TOWARDS CAUSEWAY BAY.

ON KOWLOON SIDE, AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE PROVIDED AT HONG TAI PATH/HONG CHONG ROAD. THIS WILL INCREASE ROAD CAPACITY AND HENCE IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR TRAFFIC FROM TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND FROM THE TUNNEL.

TO AVOID CONGESTION AT CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, MOTORISTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN NORTH POINT AND KOWLOON CITY.

SURVEY STARTS ON BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION  
AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR 1993

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS FOR 1993 HAD STARTED.

THE ANNUAL SURVEY IS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME TO COMPILE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

IT IS AIMED TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE STATISTICAL DATA FOR EVALUATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND FOR ASCERTAINING THEIR COST STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTPUT LEVELS.

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

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR FREDERICK HO, APPEALED TO THE MANAGERMENTS OF ALL SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS TO FULFIL THEIR LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY RETURNING PROMPTLY THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND CO-OPERATING WITH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE SURVEY.

HE 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.

MR HO SAID AUDITED ACCOUNTS WERE NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUPPLY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DATA REQUIRED IN THE SURVEY.

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

ABOUT 5,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WILL BE ENUMERATED IN THE PRESENT ROUND OF THE SURVEY, INCLUDING A FULL COVERAGE OF PROMINENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND A RANDOM SAMPLE OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENTS:

- \* BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION;
- \* REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT;
- \* ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PROJECT ENGINEERING; AND
- \* REAL ESTATE LEASING, BROKERAGE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT.

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THE SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (ANNUAL SURVEY OF BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE SECTORS) ORDER 1984, WHICH WAS MADE UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

A DIFFERENT VERSION OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS USED FOR EACH OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

IN GENERAL, INFORMATION TO BE SOUGHT IN THE SURVEY INCLUDES: TYPE OF OWNERSHIP; NUMBER OF DIRECT EMPLOYEES; COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES; CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; PAYMENTS FOR SUB-CONTRACT WORK; OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES; VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED; VALUE OF PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED PROJECT OUTLAYS (INCLUDING LAND VALUES); OTHER FORMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS; CAPITAL EXPENDITURE; AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE SAMPLED ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT BY JULY 31.

IF REQUIRED, OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HELP THEM COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE OFFICERS WILL CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD AND A CERTIFICATE FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY WHILST ON DUTY, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL 839 3204.

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ARTICLE REVIEWS  
CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION 1983/93  
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THE MARCH 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE GENERAL SITUATION OF CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION FROM 1983 TO 1993.

DURING THE PERIOD, CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION AS MEASURED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) (CPI(A)) INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 7.6%.

THE RESPECTIVE RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE CPI(B), HANG SENG CPI AND COMPOSITE CPI WERE 7.6%, 8.5% AND 7.9%.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PRICE LEVEL OF GOODS AND SERVICES GENERALLY PURCHASED BY HOUSEHOLDS.

THE YEAR-ON-YEAR RATE OF CHANGE IN THE INDEX IS COMMONLY USED AS AN INDICATOR OF CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION.

/DETAILED ANALYSIS .....

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE INDICES AT COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTION LEVEL AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DIFFERENT COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS TO THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) ARE ALSO PRESENTED.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS AVAILABLE AT \$48 A COPY.

IT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 19TH FLOOR, WAHCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 375.094 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 309.108 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 52.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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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	1,683	0930	+68
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,051	1000	+68
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-12
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-12	1200	-12
LAF TODAY	+380	1500	-12
		1600	-12
LAF RATE: 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 124.8	*+0.0*	30.5.94

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1994

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.59	18 MONTHS	2511	4.15	97.84	5.77
1 MONTH	3.75	24 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.43	6.21
3 MONTHS	4.09	29 MONTHS	3610	4.20	95.09	6.53
6 MONTHS	4.58	32 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.24	6.68
12 MONTHS	5.22	35 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.62	6.79

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,496 MN

CLOSED 30 MAY 1994

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