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GOVERNOR HOPES FOR SINCERITY ON BOTH SIDES

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE WARS OF WORDS BUT A SINCERE EFFORT ON BOTH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE.

ASKED BY THE MEDIA AFTER THE OPENING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE YESTERDAY, MR PATTEN SAID: "I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS VERY HELPFUL IF WE GET INTO A WAR OF WORDS.

"I DON'T HONESTLY THINK THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANT. WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO IS TO DISCUSS MATTERS COOLLY AND CALMLY AND TRY WHERE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AND WHERE WE CAN'T REACH AGREEMENT, CARRY ON IN A CIVILISED WAY AS WE CAN MANAGE."

STRESSING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE SO FAR, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "HOWEVER, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF POINTS THAT I THINK I SHOULD MAKE ABOUT THE STATEMENT THAT THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE PUT OUT."

HE SAID THE FIRST WAS A VERY PARTIAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

"IT IS PERFECTLY TRUE THAT WE LOOKED AS THOUGH WE WERE MAKING PROGESS IN THE 15TH ROUND AND THAT IS WHAT I WAS ABLE TO REPORT TO THE CABINET COMMITTEE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"UNFORTUNATELY, THINGS WENT BACKWARD AFTER THAT AND THE CHINESE SIDE MOVED AWAY FROM THE POSITION THAT THEY'D TAKEN IN THE 15TH ROUND.

"IT'S SAD BUT OUR OPTIMISM DRAINED AWAY AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKED THEMSELVES THE QUESTION WHY THINGS WERE SAID IN THE 15TH ROUND WHICH WERE THEN TAKEN AWAY IN THE 16TH AND 17TH ROUNDS OR CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY."

ON THE SECOND POINT ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S ROLE, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE ALL KNOW THAT WITH BRITISH SOVEREIGN NOW, CHINA SOVEREIGN IN THE FUTURE, IT'S STILL THE CASE THAT WE HAVE UNDER OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS A LEGISLATURE TO WHICH THE EXECUTIVE IS RESPONSIBLE AND A LEGISLATURE WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENACTING BILLS, FOR ENACTING LEGISLATION NOT LEAST OUR ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS.

"SO, THE SIMPLE MESSAGE IS THIS THAT NEITHER BEFORE 1997 NOR AFTER 1997 CAN THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE EXPECT TO HAVE A RUBBER STAMP LEGISLATURE.

"I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WANT AND I DON'T THINK THAT IS WHAT ANYONE SHOULD WANT."

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GOVT COMMENTS ON STATEMENT BY HK & MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE YESTERDAY. THE SPOKESMAN SAID:

"OUR OBJECTIVE IN STARTING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS ON THE SIMPLE ISSUES RELATING TO THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS IS TO GIVE OURSELVES MORE TIME TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES CONCERNING THESE ELECTIONS. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET OF THE TALKS THAT SEPARATING THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS FROM THOSE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD NOT BUY US MORE TIME. THE GOVERNOR SET OUT CLEARLY THE REASONS FOR THIS IN HIS STATEMENT TO LEGCO ON THURSDAY.

WE HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT WE WISH THE TALKS TO CONTINUE ON THE REMAINING ISSUES. SO WE DO NOT WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE DETAIL OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD IMPERIL THAT PROSPECT.

HOWEVER - WHILE RESERVING OUR POSITION TO SAY MORE AT A FUTURE DATE IF NECESSARY - WE WANT TO MAKE TWO POINTS AT THIS STAGE.

FIRST, THE CHINESE ACCOUNT IN THE HKMAO STATEMENT OF THE LAST STAGE OF THE TALKS IS FAR FROM BEING A FULL AND FRANK ACCOUNT. IT IS TRUE THAT AFTER ROUND 15 THE BRITISH SIDE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN INTERIM AGREEMENT. TO GAIN ANY TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUES SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE HAD TO INCLUDE THE VOTING AGE AND VOTING METHOD FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS. BUT IN ANY CASE THAT OPTIMISM WAS DESTROYED IN THE 16TH AND 17TH ROUNDS WHEN THE CHINESE SIDE MADE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THEIR POSITION. THOSE CHANGES WOULD HAVE HAD THE EFFECT - HAD WE AGREED TO THEM - OF ERODING THE AUTONOMY OF THE SAR, AS SET OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW. WE COULD NOT HAVE AGREED TO THIS.

SECOND, MUCH OF THE CHINESE STATEMENT DERIDES THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN HONG KONG. THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ON THIS SCORE. BRITAIN IS THE SOVEREIGN POWER BEFORE JULY 1, 1997; CHINA IS THE SOVEREIGN THEREAFTER. BUT BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 1997 THE EXECUTIVE IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENACTING ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. IT IS FAR FROM HELPFUL - AND IT IS INACCURATE - TO PORTRAY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS A MERE RUBBER STAMP."

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL
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GOVERNOR: IT IS AN IMPORTANT FESTIVAL AND AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE AND I HOPE THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IN HONG KONG WILL LISTEN TO WHAT'S BEING SAID AND SUNG THIS MORNING AND REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL OF US MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

QUESTION : HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE THE HONG KONG AND MACAU OFFICE'S THREATS WILL AFFECT HONG KONG?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS VERY HELPFUL IF WE GET INTO A WAR OF WORDS. I DON'T HONESTLY THINK THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WANT. WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO IS TO DISCUSS MATTERS COOLLY AND CALMLY AND TRY WHERE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AND WHERE WE CAN'T REACH AGREEMENT, CARRY ON IN A CIVILISED WAY AS WE CAN MANAGE. OBVIOUSLY, SINCE OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO CONTINUE THE TALKS AND TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE TALKS, I DON'T WANT TO GET DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SO FAR. THERE MAY COME A TIME FOR THAT BUT IT IS NOT NOW. HOWEVER, THERE ARE JUST A COUPLE OF POINTS THAT I THINK I SHOULD MAKE ABOUT THE STATEMENT THAT THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE PUT OUT. THE FIRST IS THIS. THAT IT IS, TO PUT IN MILDLY, A VERY PARTIAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED. IT IS PERFECTLY TRUE THAT WE LOOKED AS THOUGH WE WERE MAKING PROGRESS IN THE 15TH ROUND AND THAT IS WHAT I WAS ABLE TO REPORT TO THE CABINET COMMITTEE. UNFORTUNATELY, THINGS WENT BACKWARD AFTER THAT AND THE CHINESE SIDE MOVED AWAY FROM THE POSITION THAT THEY'D TAKEN IN THE 15TH ROUND. IT'S SAD BUT OUR OPTIMISM DRAINED AWAY AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKED THEMSELVES THE QUESTION WHY THINGS WERE SAID IN THE 15TH ROUND WHICH WERE THEN TAKEN AWAY IN THE 16TH AND 17TH ROUNDS OR CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY. THE SECOND THING WHICH I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT I DO FIND IT VERY SURPRISING TO SEE WHAT'S SAID ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ROLE IN THAT STATEMENT BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT WITH BRITISH SOVEREIGN NOW, CHINA SOVEREIGN IN THE FUTURE, IT'S STILL THE CASE THAT WE HAVE UNDER OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS A LEGISLATURE TO WHICH THE EXECUTIVE IS RESPONSIBLE AND A LEGISLATURE WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENACTING BILLS, FOR ENACTING LEGISLATION NOT LEAST OUR ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS. SO, THE SIMPLE MESSAGE IS THIS THAT NEITHER BEFORE 1997 NOR AFTER 1997 CAN THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE EXPECT TO HAVE A RUBBER STAMP LEGISLATURE, I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WANT AND I DON'T THINK THAT IS WHAT ANYONE SHOULD WANT. BUT I REPEAT, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE WON'T HAVE WARS OF WORDS THAT WE WON'T HAVE ABUSE THAT WE'LL HAVE SIMPLE EFFORT AND A SINCERE EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT IF THAT IS POSSIBLE.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT ESSENTIAL TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL 1993, MR PATTEN SAID DEMANDS THAT EVERY HONG KONG PEOPLE MADE EACH DAY ALL CAUSED POLLUTION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

THESE DEMANDS INCLUDE LIGHT AND POWER, PACKAGING AND PLASTIC BAGS, TRANSPORT AND TAP WATER.

MR PATTEN WAS GLAD TO SEE MANY NEW INITIATIVES TO TURN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS INTO ACTION.

EVENTS LIKE THIS YEAR'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL HELP TO FOCUS THE MINDS OF THE COMMUNITY ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF MISUSING THE ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID.

MR PATTEN APPEALED TO THE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE THE CONCEPTS OF "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND RESPOND".

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PRIVATELY-FUNDED CONTINUING EDUCATION DEVELOPING IN HK

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A PRIVATELY-FUNDED FURTHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IS DEVELOPING IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR W K LAM, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 19TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF SHUE YAN COLLEGE, MR LAM SAID RECENTLY THERE HAD BEEN A GROWTH IN SELF-FINANCED HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO WERE PREPARED TO PAY FOR THEIR CONTINUING EDUCATION AT SUB-DEGREE AND DEGREE LEVELS.

EXPLAINING THE SYSTEM, MR LAM SAID HUNDREDS OF ADULTS EACH YEAR PURSUED COURSES IN HONG KONG LEADING TO THE AWARD OF OVERSEAS DEGREES.

"MANY OF THESE COURSES UPGRADE QUALIFICATIONS AT THE POSTGRADUATE LEVEL," HE SAID.

"SUCH COURSES ARE MAINLY OFFERED IN COLLABORATION WITH EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND THE SHUE YAN COLLEGE."

SINCE 1979, SHUE YAN'S COLLABORATION WITH OVERSEAS TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS HAS DEVELOPED RAPIDLY AND PROVIDED GREATER DIVERSITY AND CHOICE IN HONG KONG'S HIGHER EDUCATION.

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THESE OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS COME FROM WIDELY DIFFERENT EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES, RANGING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA. IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS SOCIAL WORK, HISTORY, ECONOMICS, COMMERCE AND LAW.

MR LAM ALSO NOTED THAT PRIVATE TERTIARY EDUCATION WAS BEING DEVELOPED THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF A CREDIT UNIT SYSTEM IN HONG KONG'S HIGHER EDUCATION.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE ENABLES PEOPLE AT LOWER LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT TO JOIN LINKED PROGRAMMES OF COURSES LEADING FROM SUB-DEGREE TO POSTGRADUATE LEVELS.

"THIS HAS BEEN APPLIED TO 20 DIFFERENT DEGREE COURSES IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS," HE SAID.

"CURRENTLY, THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE ALSO HAS CREDIT TRANSFER AGREEMENTS WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE AGENCY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

"I HOPE THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY FLEDGED SYSTEM OF CREDIT ACCUMULATION AND TRANSFER BETWEEN HONG KONG'S INSTITUTIONS AND ELSEWHERE, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR STUDENTS TO MOVE FROM ONE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER."

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CONTRACT AWARD OF TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT WORTH $305.9 MILLION FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM ON THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING AND PART OF ROUTE 3 TO GEC (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

THE CONTRACT, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP), COMPRISES A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A HIGHWAY, BRIDGES AND A TUNNEL, TOTALLING 16.7 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH, ON THE ROUTE TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

IT ALSO INCLUDES ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE TING KAU BRIDGE, AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE COUNTRY PARK SECTION OF ROUTE 3 SPANNING THE RAMBLER CHANNEL BETWEEN NORTHWEST TSING YI ISLAND AND TING KAU OF TSUEN WAN.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE FOR TRAFFIC MONITORING AND INCIDENT DETECTION, RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, TRAFFIC SIGNS AND LANE SIGNALS COVERING THE FULL EXTENT OF THE CONTROL AREA INCLUDING THE LOWER DECK OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, COMPUTERISED CONTROL AND MONITORING OF SIGNS AND SIGNALS, AN AUTOMATIC INCIDENT DETECTION SYSTEM, EMERGENCY TELEPHONES, PUBLIC ADDRESS FACILITIES, AND ALL EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND DISPLAYS AT THE CONTROL CENTRE AND LOCAL CONTROL ROOMS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE FACILITIES.

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TENDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM FIVE PREQUALIFIED TENDERERS AND GEC (HONG KONG) LIMITED SUBMITTED THE LOWEST TENDER OF $305.9 MILLION.

WORK WILL START THIS MONTH FOR COMPLETION IN MID 1997.

THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, COMPRISING THE TSING MA BRIDGE, THE KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGE AND MA WAN VIADUCT, WILL FORM PART OF AN EXTENSIVE TRANSPORT NETWORK LINKING TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN AND THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK TO THE URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG.

ROUTE 3 IS PLANNED AS A MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY LINKING THE BORDER AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES WITH WEST KOWLOON VIA TSING YI. THE FIRST PART OF ROUTE 3 TO BE CONSTRUCTED FALLS WITHIN THE ACP AND CONNECTS THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WITH THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY.

THE AWARD OF THIS TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM CONTRACT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACP CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO 33, WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF NEARLY $31 BILLION.

TOGETHER WITH THE FOUR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS VALUED AT $9.7 BILLION AWARDED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE $5.7 BILLION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED, THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE ACP, ALL WITHIN BUDGET, IS OVER $46 BILLION.

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SIX MORE TREE WALKS OPEN

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SIX MORE TREE WALKS IN COUNTRY PARKS HAVE BEEN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BRINGING TO 14 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH WALKS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE SIX TREE WALKS ARE SITUATED RESPECTIVELY IN POK FU LAM, CLEAR WATER BAY, NAI CHUNG, KAM SHAN, WONG SHEK AND MA ON SHAN.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S (AFD) ACTING SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, DR YEUNG KA-MING SAID THESE WALKS WOULD PROVIDE MORE AVENUES FOR VISITORS TO STUDY AND UNDERSTAND TREES WHILE APPRECIATING THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

DR YEUNG SAID: "THESE TREE WALKS ARE OF VARYING LENGTH, COUNTRY PARK VISITORS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN PREFERENCE ACCORDING TO THEIR INTEREST, ACCESSIBILITY AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH."

HE ADDED THAT THESE WALKS EMBRACE AN INTERESTING MIXTURE OF EXOTIC AND INDIGENOUS TREE SPECIES, OFFERING TO VISITORS AN IDEAL AREA TO APPRECIATE THE GRACE OF THEIR DIVERSE FORMS AND SHAPES.

HE SAID VISITORS COULD OBTAIN USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT INTERESTING TREE SPECIES FROM ON-SITE INTERPRETATIVE STEEL PLATES PUT UP ALONG THE WALKS.

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TO MARK THE OPENING OF THESE TREE WALKS, DR YEUNG NOTED THAT AFD HAD COMPILED A HANDY TREE WALK HANDBOOK. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 3450, HONG KONG AND MACAU HAD SPONSORED IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK.

THE BI-LINGUAL HANDBOOK WILL GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS ON 100 TREE SPECIES, WITH HIGHLIGHTS ON FEATURES FOR IDENTIFICATION. IT IS ALSO THE FIRST ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK ON TREES IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE.

DR YEUNG EXPECTS THE HANDBOOK WILL BECOME A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR COUNTRYSIDE LOVERS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TAKING FIELD TRIPS IN COUNTRY PARKS.

IT IS ALSO ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY AS IT HAS BEEN PRINTED WITH RECYCLED PAPER, HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THIS HANDBOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FREE COPIES WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO LEADERS OF ORGANISED GROUPS TAKING PART IN COUNTRY PARKS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB COUNTRY PARKS ADOPTION SCHEME, CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME, COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME, AND FORESTRY WORK CAMPS AND SO ON.

COUNTRY PARK VISITORS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN TREES MAY ALSO OBTAIN FREE COPIES BY POST FROM AFD BY WRITING TO ITS TRAINING AND EDUCATION SECTION, CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS BRANCH, 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE OTHER EIGHT COUNTRY PARK TREE WALKS, WHICH HAVE PROVED VERY POPULAR AMONG VISITORS SINCE THEIR OPENING LATE LAST YEAR, ARE SITUATED AT ABERDEEN, QUARRY BAY, TAI TAM, TAI TAN, KEI LING HA, TAI TONG, PAK TAM CHUNG AND NAM SHAN RESPECTIVELY.

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PEOPLE ASKED TO VOTE AT BY-ELECTION

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DAVID BROWNING, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN TOMORROW'S DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION FOR THE WONG UK CONSTITUENCY.

MR BROWNING STRESSED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS AN IMPORTANT CONSULTATIVE BODY ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND HAD MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SHA TIN OVER THE YEARS.

"THE DISTRICT BOARD IS THE AVENUE THROUGH WHICH YOUR VALUABLE VIEWS ON LOCAL MATTERS ARE COLLECTED AND DISCUSSED," HE SAID.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE DISTRICT BOARD ADVISES ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND NEW FACILITIES, HOUSING, HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT, CULTURE AND SPORTS AND RECREATION.

/THE BY-ELECTION .....

THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

A POLLING STATION WILL BE SET UP AT THE CHI HONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1 YUEN CHEONG LANE.

THREE CANDIDATES ARE VYING FOR THE VACATED SEAT. THEY ARE MR LEUNG CHI-WAI, MR VINCENT WONG KENG-CHUEN AND MR WONG YIU-SANG.

THE 6,015-VOTER CONSTITUENCY COVERS SHA TIN WAI, BELAIR GARDENS, SHA TIN PARK, RIVERA GARDEN, SPRINGFAIR GARDEN, CHUEN FAI CENTRE, GREEN LEAVES GARDEN, GREENFIELD COURT, LAI SHING GARDEN, GREENWOOD GARDEN, PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, FUI YIU HA, WONG UK AND TSE UK.

VOTERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND THEIR POLL CARDS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL 827 1122.

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LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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FIFTY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF $2,149,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 1988 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $320,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK 3933 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $260,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $1,000 EACH FOR FL7380, FM1203, FN7351, FL3566, FL4510 & FM5154.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION:

	$		$		$		$
FM6628	14,000	FM 822	36,000	FM1203	1,000	FM 803	10,000
FL 118	60,000	FL 380	48,000	AB 332	60,000	AL1289	22,000
*AE 92	50,000	*FS 2	200,000	*FK 19	80,000	*1988	320,000
FM 348	24,000	HK2808	38,000	FM 449	5,000	FM 370	6,000
AA 311	120,000	FM1668	52,000	FL 988	35,000	FN7351	1,000
FM 932	6,000	FL7380	1,000	CC 216	24,000	BB3353	10,000
FL4888	8,000	FM 296	6,000	FM 388	80,000	FM1357	5,000
*3933	260,000	*DK 11	100,000	*FL3333	120,000	*AB 16	120,000
FL 806	15,000	FM1662	5,000	CD 105	6,000	FM9332	4,000
FM2229	6,000	FK9288	11,000	FM 216	11,000	EV6983	5,000
AC 127	42,000	FL3566	1,000	*FT 111	55,000	CE2922	15,000
FL4510	1,000	AY6146	5,000	FM8184	3,000	*CW 400	40,000
FM5096	WITHDRAW	FM5154	1,000				

*SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE CAR REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO CARS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 207TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO $225,643,905.

THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR FM5096. THIS REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

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CIVIC EDUCATION DAY IN NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO

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RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A SERIES OF CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THERE WILL BE GAME STALLS, QUIZ AND SINGING PERFORMANCE.

THE PROGRAMME IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM AT THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE ON LUNG SUM AVENUE, FANLING. THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL, NEXT TO THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TIMOTHY TONG, AND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

IN TAI PO, THE ACTIVITIES WILL START AT 2 PM IN TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE, TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MR YAU CHUNG-WAN; THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PO PUI-LEONG.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESPECTIVELY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WILL OPEN AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE NORTH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT LUNG SUM AVENUE, FANLING.

THE TAI PO PROGRAMME WILL OPEN AT 2 PM IN TAI PO CENTRAL TOWN SQUARE, TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO.

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TAI PO TO LAUNCH KEEP HK CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED AT YUEN SHIN PARK TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE 1993/94 TAI PO DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

IT WILL SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT HONG KONG IS A CLEAN PLACE TO LIVE IN.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PO PUI-LEONG; TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG; TAI PO DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR K C KWOK; CHAIRMAN OF TPDB'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HOK-MING AND WORKING GROUP'S CONVENOR, MR HO TAI-WAI, WILL KICK OFF THE CAMPAIGN.

TO MARK THE CAMPAIGN, A TOTAL OF 40 SAMPANS AND 10 BICYCLES WILL PARADE ALONG LAM TSUEN RIVER.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED ON TWO SUNDAYS - ON DECEMBER 12 AND 19. THESE INCLUDE A BUS PARADE IN KWONG FUK ESTATE, FU SHIN ESTATE AND FU HANG ESTATE ON DECEMBER 12; AND IN TAI WO ESTATE, WAN TAU TONG ESTATE AND TAI YUEN ESTATE ON DECEMBER 19.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE TAI PO DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED AT 11 AM AT YUEN SHIN PARK, AT THE JUNCTION OF YUEN SHIN ROAD AND TAI WO ROAD IN TAI PO.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TSEUNG KWAN O

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSEUNG KWAN O WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 6) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATERMAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES LOCATED BETWEEN WAN PO ROAD AND THE JUNCTION OF PO LAM ROAD NORTH AND YAU YUE WAN VILLAGE ROAD, INCLUDING KING LAM ESTATE, ON NING GARDEN, FU NING GARDEN, HANG HAU VILLAGE AND BOON KIN VILLAGE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT			3,965
REVERSAL OF LAF			-1,045
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF			2,920
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY			NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY			270
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT			3,190
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.8	*-0.1*	4.12.93

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