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HK'S INDUSTRIES IMPORTANT TO SOUTH CHINA'S ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES ARE PLAYING A MAJOR PART IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH CHINA AS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, AT THE DINNER RECEPTION OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (CMA) THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID HONG KONG HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAT PROCESS - BY PROVIDING INVESTMENT, TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS.

"WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR OWN INDUSTRY AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN CHINA," HE ADDED.

LORD WILSON SAID THE DYNAMIC ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD BEEN FORGED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG WOULD CONTINUE TO THRIVE - TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH SIDES.

HE SAID HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GUANGDONG OVER THE YEARS AND HE WAS SURE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WOULD CONTINUE.

TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD, LORD WILSON SAID: "WE NEED TO BRING IN NEW IDEAS AND GET THE BEST OUT OF OUR WORKFORCE THROUGH MORE AUTOMATION."

THIS WOULD MEAN USING NEW ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO THE GREATEST SUCCESS POSSIBLE.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WHAT IT CAN TO HELP," HE STRESSED.

LOOKING AHEAD, LORD WILSON SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS BUILDING AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE TO PROVIDE A LAUNCHING PAD FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY-BASED FIRMS.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A SCIENCE PARK.

THIS SUMMER, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LAUNCHING A $200 MILLION SCHEME TO SUPPORT APPLIED INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

TO UNDERLINE THE VITAL LINK BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY SET UP A NEW INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

HE ALSO SAID INDUSTRY ITSELF WAS MAKING THE CHANGES WHICH HONG KONG NEEDED TO STAY COMPETITIVE.

THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON DESIGN, QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY HAD NEVER BEEN STRONGER.

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"SO IT SHOULD BE," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE CMA WAS MAKING AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE CMA FOR PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS AND ITS RECENT EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE CLOSER TIES WITH ITS ASIA PACIFIC COUNTERPARTS TO PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE REGION.

"SO TOO IS THE CONTRIBUTION YOU MAKE TO GOVERNMENT THINKING ON INDUSTRIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES.

"NOT ONLY HONG KONG, BUT THE REGION AS A WHOLE WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR CO-OPERATION WITH MALAYSIA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE IN ATTRACTING INVESTORS."

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FIVE GOVT LAND LOTS SOLD FOR $1.72 BILLION

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FIVE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WERE SOLD FOR A TOTAL OF $1,720 MILLION IN A PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

TOPPING THE LIST IS THE LOT AT AREA 15, SHUI WAI, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS BOUGHT BY PROMAX LTD. AT $900 MILLION WITH BIDDING OPENED AT $580 MILLION.

THE SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 19,830 SQUARE METRES IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 25,000 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1996.

THE SECOND SITE IS LOCATED AT MA TIN ROAD, YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LAND WAS SOLD TO CUSHION CO. LTD. AT $415 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT $230 MILLION.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,320 SQUARE METRES AND IS EARMARKED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL EXCLUDING GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 17,000 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1996.

THE THIRD SITE IS LOCATED AT AREA 14B, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS BOUGHT BY HORWAY LTD. AT $266 MILLION WITH BIDDING OPENED AT $130 MILLION.

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THE LAND WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,500 SQUARE METRES AND IS DESIGNATED FOR GODOWN AND PUBLIC LORRY PARK PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 28,500 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1996.

THE FOURTH SITE IS LOCATED AT 30 SEVERN ROAD, THE PEAK, HONG KONG.

IT WAS SOLD TO GOLDEN SCHEME INVESTMENT LTD. AT $33 MILLION. BIDDING OPENED AT $22 MILLION.

THE SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,239 SQUARE METRES IS EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

UPON REDEVELOPMENT, THE DEVELOPER SHOULD COMPLETE A MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 921 SQUARE METRES WITHIN THREE YEARS OF DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURES.

THE REMAINING SITE IS LOCATED AT MA LING PATH, KAU TO, AREA 46, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WAS BOUGHT BY TURAYS DEVELOPMENT LTD. AT $106 MILLION WITH BIDDING OPENED AT $50 MILLION.

THE LAND WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,700 SQUARE METRES IS ALSO INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1,848 SQUARE METRES ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1995.

THE AUCTION WAS HELD IN THE CITY HALL THETRE AND CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR ROGER HARDING.

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POSSIBLE IMPACT ON HK IF CHINA LOST MFN STATUS

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THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES THAT, IF CHINA'S MOST FAVOURED NATION (MFN) TRADING STATUS WERE WITHDRAWN, HONG KONG MIGHT LOSE HK$91 BILLION TO $123 BILLION IN OVERALL TRADE; HK$12 BILLION TO $16 BILLION IN INCOME AND AROUND 44,000 TO 60,000 IN JOBS.

THE TRADE DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST ASSESSMENT ON THE IMPACT ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY IF CHINA WERE TO LOSE ITS MFN TRADING STATUS IN THE U.S.

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AT A BRIEFING SESSION GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS WERE TOLD THAT REMOVAL OF CHINA'S MFN TRADING STATUS BY U.S. WOULD HAVE A DIRECT ADVERSE IMPACT ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S.

"A REDUCTION BY 35 PER CENT TO 47 PER CENT, OR OF HK$36 BILLION TO $49 BILLION WORTH OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT FROM CHINA TO THE U.S. IS EXPECTED.

"IN 1991, RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S. AMOUNTED TO HK$104 BILLION, REPRESENTING 19 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL RE-EXPORTS," HE SAID.

ON THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS, MR TSANG EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY AND COULD NOT, IN ANY CASE, BE ASSESSED ON A ONE-OFF BASIS.

HOWEVER, REMOVAL OF CHINA'S MFN TRADING STATUS WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT VENTURES IN CHINA. HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA WOULD ALSO BE UNDERMINED.

"MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON HOW SUCCESSFULLY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ADJUSTED TO THE SITUATION," HE SAID.

THE U.S. SENATE PASSED THE MFN CONDITIONAL BILL ON FEBRUARY 25; PRESIDENT BUSH VETOED IT ON MARCH 2; THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVERRODE THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO TWO DAYS AGO AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT SUPPORTERS OF CONDITIONAL MFN RENEWAL WILL SEEK TO OVERRIDE THE VETO IN THE SENATE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

MR TSANG SAID IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO WOULD BE SUSTAINED IN THE SENATE.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO CAN ONLY BE OVERRIDDEN BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE.

"WE WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN SUPPORTING THE UNCONDITIONAL RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MFN TRADING STATUS," MR TSANG SAID.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE MR DONALD TSANG AND AN ECONOMIST FROM THE ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THE ABOVE ISSUE AT 5 PM THIS AFTERNOON AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT OFFICE, 18TH FLOOR, TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, 700 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 92-93

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL PUBLICLY EXAMINE THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1992-93 AT THREE SPECIAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD FROM WEDNESDAY (MARCH 18) TO FRIDAY (MARCH 20).

THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS WILL TAKE THE SAME FORMAT AS LAST YEAR WITH THE SESSIONS EXTENDED TO TWO-AND-A-HALF DAYS TO PROVIDE MORE TIME FOR QUESTIONS.

EACH BRANCH SECRETARY WILL ATTEND WITH HIS KEY CONTROLLING OFFICERS AND MAKE A PRESENTATION FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES ON POLICIES IN THEIR PROGRAMME AREAS, THEIR PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO THEM.

MEMBERS WILL THEN RAISE QUESTIONS ON POINTS MADE DURING THE PRESENTATION AND THE DRAFT EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES GENERALLY.

EACH MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAMME FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS:

SESSION NO.	DATE/TIME	POLICY SECRETARY INVOLVED
	MARCH 18 (WEDNESDAY)	
1.	9 AM - 10 AM	SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE
2.	10 AM - 11.15 AM	SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER
	(11.15 AM - 11.30 AM	TEA BREAK)
3.	11.30 AM - 12.45 PM	SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE
	(12.45 PM - 2 PM	LUNCH BREAK)
4.	2 PM - 3.15 PM	SECRETARY FOR SECURITY
5.	3.15 PM - 4.15 PM	SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE
6.	4.15 PM - 5.15 PM	SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS
	MARCH 19 (THURSDAY)	
7.	9 AM - 10.15 AM	SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS
8.	10.15 AM - 11.15 AM	SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT
	(11.15 AM - 11.30 AM	TEA BREAK)

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9.	11.30 AM	-	12.45 PM	SECRETARY FOR WORKS
	(12.45 PM	-	2 PM	LUNCH BREAK)
10.	2 PM	-	3 PM	SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY
11.	3 PM	-	4.15 PM	SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES
12.	4.15 PM	-	5.30 PM	SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
	MARCH 20 (FRIDAY) (MORNING ONLY)			
13.	9 AM	-	9.45 AM	SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS
14.	9.45 AM	-	10.30 AM	SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
	(10.30 AM	-	10.45 AM	TEA BREAK)
15.	10.45 AM	-	12.15 PM	DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS MANAGER OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION DIRECTOR OF HOUSING DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONING 869 9492.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE FIRST BATCH OF THE REPLIES TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS ON THE DRAFT ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE 1992-93 CAN BE COLLECTED FROM 9 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT GIS GENERAL OFFICE, ROOM 615, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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ROADS TO FUTURE CONTAINER TERMINAL 9 PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT ACCESS ROADS IN THE SOUTHEAST TSING YI RECLAMATION AREA TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO FUTURE CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 9 AND ASSOCIATED BACK-UP AREAS.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT THREE KILOMETRES OF ROAD, FOOTPATHS, ROUNDABOUT, AND LAY-BYS.

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THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN 1994 AND BE COMPLETED IN 1997.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;

* KWAI TSING PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICES CENTRE, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG;

* KWAI TSING DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN MAY 12, THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL.

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 3 GETS GO-AHEAD

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF ROUTE 3 AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ROAD ACCESS TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

THIS SECTION OF ROUTE 3 IS AN EXPRESSWAY OF ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETRES LONG, TO BE BUILT BETWEEN NORTHWEST TSING YI AND MEI FOO, LINKING THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WITH THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY.

A NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE AUTHORISATION OF THE WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SAID THIS SECTION OF ROUTE 3 WOULD HAVE INTERCHANGES WITH THE OTHER STRATEGIC ROADS IN TSING YI AND KWAI CHUNG AREA INCLUDING TSING YI ROAD WEST, TSUEN WAN ROAD, KWAI CHUNG ROAD, CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

"CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER THREE MAJOR CIVIL CONTRACTS.

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"THESE INCLUDE A TWIN THREE-LANE BORED TUNNEL THROUGH THE CENTRAL PART OF TSING YI ISLAND; A TWIN THREE-LANE BOX GIRDER BRIDGE SPANNING ACROSS THE CHANNEL TO THE NORTH OF EXISTING TSING YI BRIDGE; AND A DUAL-FOUR LANE HIGH LEVEL VIADUCT THROUGH THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD CORRIDOR FROM LAI KING TO MEI FOO," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO START IN EARLY 1993 AND BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1996.

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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

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MISS CHENG HOW-YEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 28 THIS YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1994.

A NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MISS CHENG WAS APPOINTED TO FILL THE SEAT LEFT VACANT BY APPOINTED MEMBER MISS MARGARET HONG FUNG-KIT WHO RESIGNED ON FEBRUARY 15 THIS YEAR.

MISS CHENG, AGED 38, IS A SOCIAL WORKER. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF WONG TAI SIN AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT ELDERLY SERVICE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF LOWER WONG TAI SIN AREA COMMITTEE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSUEN WAN ROAD WORKS

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE COMPLETION OF PHASE TWO OF TEXACO ROAD/TSUEN WAN BYPASS INTERCHANGE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TEXACO ROAD.

NOTICE OF THE TENDER WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, COMPRISES:

* THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-WAY VIADUCT OVER TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE CONNECTING TEXACO ROAD AND TSING TSUEN ROAD;

* THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED SINGLE-LANE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING TSUEN WAN ROAD AND THE PROPOSED VIADUCT;

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* THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF THE FUTURE PHASE THREE VIADUCT SPANNING OVER TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE; AND

* CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SLIP ROADS AT TSUEN TSING INTERCHANGE, AND

* WIDENING OF THE TEXACO ROAD AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAYS WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THE WORKS AREA.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MAY AND WILL TAKE 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON, APRIL 10.

FORMS OF TENDER AND PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ACER CONSULTANTS (FAR EAST) LIMITED, 16TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME 1992 TO BE LAUNCHED

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO HELP MAKE THE COUNTRY PARKS GREEN WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 1992 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME AT HOI HA AU IN SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK THIS SUNDAY (MARCH 15).

THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO PLANT TREES IN COUNTRY PARKS.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEME IS SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3450 AND WILL LAST THROUGHOUT MARCH AND APRIL.

DURING THE PERIOD, A SERIES OF TREE PLANTING DAYS FOR THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM MARCH 22 UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

ON EACH PLANTING DAY, TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE FOR PLANTING BY INTERESTED PARTIES IN SEVEN DESIGNATED SITES IN COUNTRY PARKS AT TAI MO SHAN, TAI MEI TUK, PAK TAM AU, QUARRY BAY, NGONG PING, CLEAR WATER BAY AND TAI TONG.

THE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY TO PROVIDE TREE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT THE SITES.

MEANWHILE, TREE PLANTING BY SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS CAN BE ARRANGED ON WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS DURING THE PERIOD.

THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG. OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE; THE GOVERNOR OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3450, MR ANDRES GUILLEN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, MR CARLOS CHEUNG.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR WONG WILL LEAD ABOUT 700 GUESTS ATTENDING THE FUNCTION TO PLANT THE FIRST BATCH OF TREES AT HOI HA AU.

ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TREE PLANTING SCHEME ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON TEL. 733 2121 FOR REGISTRATION.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1992 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 9.30 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 15).

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TENDERS CALLED FOR SCHOOL IN FANLING

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE OF ABOUT 5,860 SQUARE METRES IN LUEN WO HUI, FANLING.

IT WILL HAVE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND STAFF QUARTERS.

THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO HAVE A BASKETBALL COURT, CARPARK AND PLANTING AREAS.

THE MAIN TEACHING BLOCK WILL COMPRISE 26 CLASSROOMS WITH A LIBRARY, A COMPUTER ROOM AND STAFF ROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS. IT WILL HAVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THE BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. IT WILL HAVE A COVERED PLAY AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

NOTICE OF THE TENDER WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON, APRIL 3.

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THREE INSHORE WORK PROJECTS GAZETTED

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THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED SEPARATE NOTICES REGARDING THREE INSHORE PROJECTS WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.

TWO OF THE PROJECTS INVOLVE THE DREDGING OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT KELLETT BANK AND THE WESTERN WATERS OFF TSING YI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS ARE RESPECTIVELY REQUIRED FOR PROVIDING A FAIRWAY APPROACH TO KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINALS AND OBTAINING MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE REMAINING PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN AN AREA OF ABOUT 23 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND NORTH OF THE FORMER LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS IN SHAU KEI WAN, HONG KONG ISLAND.

MORE THAN 19 HECTARES OF THE AREA INVOLVED WILL BE RECLAIMED TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENTS WITH ABOUT 4.31 HECTARES OF THE AREA WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL FOUNDATION.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER SUCH FORESHORE AND SEA-BED THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORK PROJECTS MAY DELIVER A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION OR A WRITTEN OBJECTION (APPLIED TO THE KELLETT BANK PROJECT) TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS WITHIN THE PERIODS SPECIFIED IN THE GAZETTE NOTICES.

THE NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) AND AT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE COMBINED CIVIL, BUILDING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATION WORKS OF THE STAGE II EXTENSION OF AU TAU WATER TREATMENT WORKS IN YUEN LONG.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX CLARIFIERS, 14 RAPID GRAVITY FILTERS AND A SLUDGE THICKENING TANK.

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EXTENSION WORKS ARE ALSO REQUIRED FOR THE CONTACT TANK, TREATED WATER AND PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIRS, PIPELINES, SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITIES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL TREATMENT PLANT.

UPON COMPLETION, THE EXTENSION WORKS WILL HAVE A DAILY CAPACITY OF 220,000 CUBIC METRES WHILE THE TOTAL ULTIMATE DAILY CAPACITY OF THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE 330,000 CUBIC METRES.

THE EXTENSION WILL HELP MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER IN YUEN LONG, TIN SHUI WAI AND TUEN MUN AREAS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START IN JULY THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 15.

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FULL-TIME ONE-YEAR TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE FULL-TIME ONE-YEAR TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE WHICH WILL START THIS SEPTEMBER AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION AND WHO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRICAL-ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS A HIGHER DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL-ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AWARDED BY THE POLYTECHNICS OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR AN EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS, FROM $6,707 TO $10,480 PER MONTH, WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS DURING THEIR COURSE OF STUDY, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE COLLEGE ON APRIL 6 EITHER DELIVERED IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST.

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WINNERS OF MONUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION NAMED

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A CAMERA-SHOT OF HONG KONG'S OLDEST GAS LAMP AT DUDDELL STREET, CENTRAL HAS EARNED ITS PHOTOGRAPHER THE HONOUR TO BE THE CHAMPION OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ON THE THEME OF MONUMENTS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENT OFFICE (AMO), THE CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG CAMERA CLUB AND THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, THE "MONUMENTS ON CAMERA" PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RECEIVED ABOUT 2,000 ENTRIES SHOWING SOME 50 GAZETTED MONUMENTS AND DEEMED MONUMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS, COMPRISING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, DR JANET LEE SCOTT, THREE LOCAL RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AMO, AND THE TWO SPONSORS- THE KODAK (FAR EAST) LTD. AND THE SHRIRO (HK) LTD., HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED THE SELECTION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES.

THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION, MR CHEN SUI-CHEONG, WILL RECEIVE A CAMERA, A ZOOM LENS AND A $3,000 CASH PRIZE.

THE SECOND PRIZE GOES TO MR LAI MAU-KAM AND THE THIRD PRIZE IS WON BY MR TSE SHUN-TAT.

THE TWO RUNNERS-UP WILL EACH RECEIVE A CAMERA AND CASH PRIZE OF $2,000 AND $1,000 RESPECTIVELY.

ONE HUNDRED ENTRIES HAVE ALSO BEEN SELECTED FOR THE MERIT PRIZES, WINNERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESULT INDIVIDUALLY IN WRITING.

ALL WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE WHEN IT MOVES TO ITS NEW OFFICE AT 136 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON IN MAY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	12.3.92	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	13.3.92	+10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-10
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.7 *+0.0* 13.3.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.37 PCT
1 MONTH	4.15 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.16 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.36 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.76 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
20 MONTHS	2311	6.25	100.34	6.12
23 MONTHS	2402	5.50	98.73	6.30

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 7,110 MN

CLOSED 13 MARCH 1992

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