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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING SAID NEITHER THE GOVERNOR NOR HERSELF COULD SEEK TO REVERSE THE URBAN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE DOUBLE TENTH CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN THE CULTURAL CENTRE.

RESPONDING TO MEDIA QUESTIONS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE MATILDA HOSPITAL'S ANNUAL SEDAN CHAIR RACE PRIZE PRESENTATION, MRS CHAN SAID: "THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY WHICH MAKES IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH EITHER THE GOVERNOR OR MYSELF CAN SEEK TO REVERSE THE DECISION MADE BY THE URBAN COUNCIL TO ALLOW THE ACTIVITY TO GO AHEAD.

"IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW, EVERY ACT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND QUASI-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS OR STATUTORY CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW."

ASKED TO COMMENT ON YESTERDAY'S REPORT ABOUT THE PROPOSAL TO APPOINT 60 LEGISLATORS BEFORE 1997, MRS CHAN SAID: "THE COMPOSITION OF THE FIRST LEGISLATURE IN THE SAR GOVERNMENT IS VERY CLEARLY LAID OUT IN THE BASIC LAW AND WE EXPECT THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE BASIC LAW TO BE MET AND FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT."

ASKED ABOUT THE LIST OF ASSETS TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE SAR GOVERNMENT, MRS CHAN SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD MADE IT QUITE CLEAR IN HIS RECENT ADDRESS THAT HONG KONG VERY MUCH WISHED TO INTENSIFY CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE.

"ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE CHINESE IS THE QUESTION OF WHAT ASSETS TO HAND OVER AND WHAT MATERIALS THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO HAVE, ON THIS AND ON OTHER MATTERS.

"WE HOPE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS TO BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAILS WITH THE CHINESE," SHE ADDED.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MRS ANSON CHAN, AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE MATILDA HOSPITAL ANNUAL SEDAN RACE PRIZE PRESENTATION ON TODAY (SATURDAY):

CS: MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I THOUGHT I'LL SAY A FEW WORDS. TOMORROW, I AM LEAVING ON A TWO-WEEK TRIP. I AM, FIRST OF ALL, CALLING IN TO TORONTO AND OTTAWA AND DURING THAT ONE WEEK, I SHALL BE MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS, ESSENTIALLY TO BRING THE HONG KONG MESSAGE TO THE CANADIANS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE EXTREMELY CLOSE TIES WITH CANADA. ON THIS OCCASION, I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT I SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MY MEETING WITH HIM. FOLLOWING THAT, I SHALL BE VISITING THREE CITIES IN THE STATES, THAT IS, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA. THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF BUSINESS CONFERENCES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A FILM EXHIBITION OF HONG KONG FILMS AND I AM TAKING WITH ME ON THIS TRIP TWO OF OUR MORE FAMOUS ACTORS AND ACTRESSES. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION OF SOME OF OUR MORE NOTABLE HONG KONG BUILDINGS AND I SHALL, OF COURSE, BE ALSO SEEING A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE EDITORIAL BOARDS OF VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS WHILE I AM IN THE STATES.

/QUESTION

QUESTION: MRS CHAN, CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT YESTERDAY ON THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'RE GOING TO SET UP 60 LEGISLATORS, APPOINT 60 LEGISLATORS BEFORE 1997?

CS: AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE FIRST LEGISLATURE IN THE SAR GOVERNMENT, THE COMPOSITION OF THAT LEGISLATURE IS VERY CLEARLY LAID OUT IN THE BASIC LAW AND WE EXPECT THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE BASIC LAW TO BE MET AND FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT. THAT'S ALL I WISH TO SAY.

QUESTION: WILL THEY ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL?

CS: I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS CLEARLY LAID OUT IN THE BASIC LAW WILL NOT BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED.

QUESTION: CAN YOU REPEAT THAT IN ENGLISH, PLEASE?

CS: I WAS ASKED ABOUT THE LIST OF ASSETS TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE SAR GOVERNMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR IN HIS RECENT ADDRESS THAT WE VERY MUCH WISH TO INTENSIFY OUR CO-OPERATION WITH THE CHINESE AND ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE CHINESE IS THE QUESTION OF WHAT ASSETS TO HAND OVER AND WHAT MATERIALS THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO HAVE. ON THIS AND ON OTHER MATTERS, WE HOPE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS TO BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAILS WITH THE CHINESE.

QUESTION: MRS CHAN, CAN I JUST ASK THAT IN ENGLISH? I MEAN, THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALLOWING THE TAIWANESE.....?

CS: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY WHICH MAKES IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH EITHER THE GOVERNOR OR MYSELF CAN SEEK TO REVERSE THE DECISION MADE BY THE URBAN COUNCIL TO ALLOW THE ACTIVITY TO GO AHEAD. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW, EVERY ACT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND QUASI-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS OR STATUTORY CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

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BEAT THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY FUNDS

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS UNDER THE 1994/95 COMMUNITY AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME (CADS).

PARTICIPANTS OF SELECTED PROJECTS WILL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM SPONSORSHIP OF \$6,000 TO ORGANISE AND PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THE END OF THIS MONTH.

DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR, MORE THAN \$68,000 WAS ALLOCATED TO SPONSOR A TOTAL OF 13 CADS PROJECTS ORGANISED BY YOUTH CLUBS, COMMUNITY CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKER TEAMS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT NARCOTICS DIVISION, 23RD FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG. FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 867 2767.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,018,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT THEREOF.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK *120 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$520,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK *GB8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$310,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR GC349, GC5613, GB8567, GC1129, GB6270, GC927, BB3517, GC4271, GC729, GC3112, EL3365, GD1004, GD1319.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
GC720	3,000	GB8567	1,000	GC281	10,000	GC6669	6,000
GC349	1,000	AA3108	20,000	GC328	100,000	GC122	17,000
*DG767	WITHDRAWN	*CF6699	39,000	*GC7	130,000	*EJ63	30,000
GB8283	9,000	GC708	6,000	GC1965	9,000	GB6270	1,000
GA2333	14,000	GC230	15,000	GC568	3,000	GC1112	16,000
GC9893	7,000	GC163	63,000	HK112	130,000	AA1838	40,000
GC5613	1,000	AL8660	11,000	GC3323	9,000	GC3339	11,000
*GD1001	10,000	*997	150,000	*AL1881	38,000	*AA2020	61,000
GC2618	3,000	XX521	27,000	GB8328	4,000	GC903	3,000
GC103	19,000	GC1398	11,000	GC1129	1,000	GC435	2,000
GC3382	11,000	GC927	1,000	*CJ1010	7,000	BB3517	1,000
FK654	4,000	GD1002	2,000	GC841	3,000	*CG1616	16,000
GC4271	1,000	AD1933	18,000				

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

\$		\$		\$		\$	
GC729	1,000	GC980	9,000	GC3288	30,000	AK1885	4,000
GD9388	2,000	GC918	10,000	GC8933	6,000	GC127	5,000
*AV700	8,000	*GC9	145,000	*FG18	135,000	*8698	160,000
GC1207	WITHDRAWN	GC355	4,000	GC631	7,000	GC133	29,000
GC3008	5,000	AK993	27,000	GC8633	4,000	GD1489	5,000
GD510	3,000	GD560	3,000	GD822	16,000	GD8889	21,000
GC3112	1,000	GA2888	30,000	GD663	35,000	CH105	34,000
*GD12	35,000	*120	520,000	*GB8	310,000	*EV2222	WITHDRAWN
GC115	3,000	GC8666	9,000	BM675	5,000	EL3365	1,000
GC379	3,000	GD127	9,000	EX2329	2,000	GD1023	3,000
GD1004	1,000	GD1319	1,000	*GB7	144,000	GD632	9,000
AA841	22,000	GD220	16,000	GD270	6,000	*DD456	14,000
HK105	69,000	GC3991	WITHDRAWN				

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

THERE WERE NO BIDDERS FOR * DG767, GC1207, *EV2222, GC3991 AND GC1207, GC3991 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS.

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 242ND AND 243RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$349,700,905.

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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	2,286	0930	+40
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,396	1000	+40
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+40
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+40	1130	+40
LAF TODAY	-930	1500	
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 121.9	++0.1*	8.10.94

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