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FS to continue visit in Europe

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The Financial Secretary, Mr Donald Tsang, will fly to Europe later today (Saturday) to embark on the second leg of his whirling overseas tour after concluding his visit in the United States over the past week.

Mr Tsang will sign two Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements and one Air Services Agreement with four countries before returning to Hong Kong. During his stay, he will also take this opportunity to call on senior government officials and meet bankers to strengthen partnership.

In Brussels, he will sign an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement with Belgium and Luxembourg at Palais d'Egmont on Monday (October 7). A separate ceremony will also take place in the evening in Luxembourg to mark the event.

Before the signing, Mr Tsang will address a luncheon meeting hosted by the Belgium Hong Kong Society and will call on the Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Belgium, Mr Philippe Maystadt, and incoming Secretary of the National Bank of Belgium, Dr Marcia de Wachter. He will attend a dinner hosted by Minister of Budget of Luxembourg, Mr Marc Fischbach in the evening.

Mr Tsang will call on the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Mr Jean-Claude Juncker and have lunch with Board of Luxembourg Bankers' Association before his departure for Rome on October 8.

In Rome Mr Tsang will call on Foreign Minister of Italy, Mr Lamberto Dini and host a lunch for Italian Bankers.

Later on that day, he will sign the Hong Kong/Italy Air Services Agreement at a ceremony to be held at the Italian Ministry of Transport.

During his stay, he will also call on the Minister of Treasury, Mr Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and the Deputy Director General of Bank of Italy, Dr Pierluigi Ciocca.

Then he will travel to Vienna where he will sign an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement with the State Secretary of Austria, Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner. He will also meet with the President of Austrian National Bank, Dr Klaus Liebscher, and attend a dinner hosted by Austrian Hong Kong Association and Bank of Austria.

Mr Tsang will also make courtesy calls to the President of the National Assembly, Dr Heinz Fischer, and Minister of Finance, Mr Viktor Klima.

Mr Tsang will return to Hong Kong on October 15.

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Support services for employing disabled

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Employers wishing to hire disabled workers can now obtain comprehensive information from the Labour Department on the support services available to them employment of people with a disability.

The department's Selective Placement Division (SPD), which is tasked to help the disabled to find jobs, has recently produced a booklet entitled "Handbook on Employment of People with a Disability - Support Services" and a video on the same topic to introduce such services.

"These services include the Rehabus, Employaid Fund, sign language interpretation service and the services offered by the SPD," Labour Officer (Selective Placement), Miss Wednes Li, said today (Saturday).

"Tips on how to cultivate peer acceptance of disabled employees as well as training courses available to people with a disability are also included in the handbook and video," she said.

The 20-page full colour handbook which is published in both Chinese and English, also contains a job vacancy registration form to facilitate employers to give their vacancies' information to SPD for recruitment.

The 23-minute video has been produced in Cantonese, English and Putonghua.

Interested parties can obtain the handbook at the SPD offices in Harbour Building in Central, Ngau Tau Kok Government Offices and Tsuen Wan Government Offices.

The video can be available for loan from SPD's Publicity and Promotion Unit on the ground floor, West Wing, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central.

Enquiries can be made to the Unit on 2852 4876.

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Exhibition on TDS Review in Wong Tai Sin

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A five-day exhibition on the Territorial Development Strategy (TDS) Review will be launched at the Lok Fu Shopping Centre II in Wong Tai Sin from tomorrow (Sunday).

It is part of a series of 10 exhibitions to be held this month throughout the territory to introduce to members of the public the proposed development strategies for Hong Kong up to 2011.

It will be open daily from 10 am and 8 pm until October 10 (Thursday). Admission is free.

By browsing among the 32 panels displayed with photographs, maps and charts, visitors will have a better understanding of the various development options recommended by the TDS Review.

They can also see impressive models featuring major future developments in Hong Kong as well as a bilingual documentary video. Copies of a leaflet on the review will be distributed free of charge.

Members of the public can also visit another TDS Review exhibition which is being held at Wo Che Commercial Centre in Sha Tin until October 8 (Tuesday).

From October 9 (Wednesday) to 15 (Tuesday), the exhibition will be moved to Butterfly Estate Commercial Centre in Tuen Mun.

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Family services centre to move house

The Social Welfare Department's Tai Po (North) Family Services Centre, now housed at Ting Kok Road Tai Po Government Offices Building, will move to a new office next Monday (October 7).

The new office is located at Shop B, ground floor, Mei Sun Building, 4-20 Kau Hui Chik Street, Tai Po.

Local residents in need of various kinds of family services can call on the new office or telephone 2665 0205 for assistance.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

	<u>\$ Million</u>	<u>Time (Hours)</u>	<u>Cumulative Change (\$ Million)</u>
Opening Balance in the account	2,199	09:30	-80
Closing Balance in the account	1,949	10:00	-80
Change Attributable to:		11:00	-80
Money Market Activity	-80	11:30	-80
Laf Today	-170		

Laf Rate 4% Bid/6% Offer TWI 124.7 *-0.1* 5.10.96

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Education campaign on good personal habits

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The Department of Health is launching a territory-wide education campaign to remind the public of the importance of good personal hygiene so as to enhance public health.

The campaign, bearing the theme "Practise good personal habits for better public health", was organised with the sponsorship of the Urban Council and the Regional Council.

"For the sake of public health, observation of good personal hygiene is very important," a spokesman for the department said today (Sunday).

He urged members of the public to observe the following practices:

- * Do not litter - Put rubbish into a properly covered dustbin and dispose of it at least once a day. Refuse attracts rodents and harmful pests, which are main carriers of gastro-intestinal diseases such as cholera.
- * Do not spit - Spit into a handkerchief or a piece of tissue paper. Spitting is unsightly and spreads diseases such as tuberculosis.
- * Always keep toilet clean - Flush toilet after each use and keep toilet dry and clean. Do not allow children to urinate in street or gully. Stop dogs from fouling public areas. Make use of dog latrines. Infectious diseases such as typhoid as well as food poisoning are related to food contaminated by insect vectors carrying germs from dirty toilets or excretal matter.
- * Always keep hands clean - Wash hands with soap before handling food, after handling refuse and visiting toilet. Dirty hands can carry germs to the mouth.

The spokesman said the maximum penalty for breaching the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances (Urban Council) By-laws or the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances (Regional Council) By-laws is a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

During the campaign period, publicity materials such as posters, leaflets and stickers are widely distributed to owners incorporations, mutual aid committees, management offices of large housing estates, Housing Department and schools for display.

They are also available for collection at district environmental health offices of the two municipal services departments, district offices of Home Affairs Department and the Health Education Resource Centre of Department of Health.

Members of the public can also make use of the new 24-hour telephone hotline 2380 2580 to listen to pre-recorded message about this campaign in Cantonese. They can also choose to listen to other health educational topics such as environmental hygiene, food hygiene and food safety.

Meanwhile, exhibition boards on personal hygiene are on display at the Health Education Resource Centre of Department of Health on the eighth floor, UC Fa Yuen Street Complex, 123A Fa Yuen Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon.

The Centre also provides preview and loan services of educational video tapes and audio tapes to the public. A variety of printed materials such as posters, leaflets and stickers are also available free of charge.

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