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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY PUBLISHED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR MAY 1991.

THE 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) FOR MAY 1991 WERE 114.0 AND 113.6 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1991, CPI(A) INCREASED BY 0.1% AND CPI(B) BY 0.5%, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS, HIGHER MTR, KCR AND LRT FARES AND HIGHER PRICES OF SUMMER OUTERCLOTHING.

THESE PRICE INCREASES WERE PARTLY OFFSET BY DECREASES IN THE PRICES OF CIGARETTES BROUGHT ABOUT BY A REDUCTION IN TOBACCO DUTY AND IN THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1991, THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) WERE 11.1% AND 10.9% RESPECTIVELY HIGHER THAN IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990.

FOR MAY 1991, THEY WERE CORRESPONDINGLY 13.0% AND 12.4% HIGHER THAN IN MAY 1990. THESE RATES OF INCREASE WERE SLOWER THAN THOSE RECORDED IN APRIL 1991 (13.9% AND 13.0% RESPECTIVELY), MAINLY DUE TO THE REDUCTION IN THE TOBACCO DUTY FROM 200% TO 100% WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 18, 1991.

ON A YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON, FASTER RATES OF INCREASE IN THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) IN MAY 1991 WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO FOR HOME CONSUMPTION (60.9%), TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES (14.6%), SERVICES (13.9%), AND HOUSING (13.8%).

THE CORRESPONDING RATES OF INCREASE FOR THE SAME COMPONENTS IN THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(B) WERE 56.9%, 14.3%, 12.7% AND 13.0% RESPECTIVELY.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST WEIGHTING IN THE INDEX, INCREASED BY 11.7% IN CPI(A) AND BY 12.1% IN CPI(B).

THESE FIVE COMPONENTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 89% OF THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE CPI(A) AND 88% OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI(B).

FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY TO MAY 1991, THE AVERAGE CPI(A) AND AVERAGE CPI(B) OF THE 1984/85-BASED SERIES INCREASED BY 12.6% AND 12.1% RESPECTIVELY OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1990.

THE 1989/90-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS DERIVED FROM THE 1989/90 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE CPI(A) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 50% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$2,500-\$9,999 A MONTH IN 1989/90.

/THE CPI(B)

THE CPI(B) IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE NEXT 30% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH HAD AN AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000-\$17,499 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

PRICE MOVEMENTS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE BASED ON THE 1989/90-BASED CPI SERIES.

CHANGES IN THE INDEXES FOR MAY 1991 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES, AS COMPARED WITH APRIL 1991 ARE GIVEN BELOW.

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 = 100) CPI(A)		CPI(B)	
	INDEX FOR MAY 91	% CHANGE OVER APR 91	INDEX FOR MAY 91	% CHANGE OVER APR 91
FOODSTUFFS	112.5	-0.0*	113.4	+0.2
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY	116.1	+0.7	116.1	+0.7
FROM HOME				
FOODSTUFFS, EXCLUDING	108.9	-0.7	109.7	-0.5
MEALS BOUGHT AWAY				
FROM HOME				
HOUSING	115.7	+0.7	115.0	+0.7
FUEL AND LIGHT	108.8	-0.2	108.7	-0.1
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS	162.5	-9.8	150.3	-7.5
AND TOBACCO (FOR				
HOME CONSUMPTION)				
CLOTHING AND	111.4	+2.0	112.5	+2.0
FOOTWEAR				
DURABLE GOODS	105.0	+0.5	104.6	+0.5
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	107.4	+0.3	106.8	+0.3
TRANSPORT AND	118.0	+2.5	117.5	+2.1
VEHICLES				
SERVICES	113.2	+0.5	112.3	+0.7
ALL ITEMS	114.0	+0.1	113.6	+0.5

* LESS THAN 0.05%

COMPARING MAY 1991 WITH APRIL 1991, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED MARGINALLY IN CPI(A) BUT INCREASED BY 0.2% IN CPI(B) AS THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN THE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES WAS MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE EFFECT OF DECREASES IN THE PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND PORK IN THE FORMER CASE.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 0.7% IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS FOR SOME PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS.

THE INDEX FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) DECREASED BY 9.8% IN CPI(A) AND BY 7.5% IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF CIGARETTES ARISING FROM REDUCED DUTIES.

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THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 2.0% IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF SUMMER OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 2.5% IN CPI(A) AND BY 2.1% IN CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER MTR, KCR AND LRT FARES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.5% IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.7% IN CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND HAIR-DRESSING.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO RELEASE THE 1984/85-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) IN PARALLEL WITH THE NEW SERIES OF 1989/90-BASED CPI(A) AND CPI(B) UNTIL MARCH 1992, AFTER WHICH THE FORMER SERIES WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR MAY 1991, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$7 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6403.

THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI WAS 113.4 IN MAY 1991, UP BY 1.3% OVER APRIL 1991.

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1991, THE 1984/85-BASED HANG SENG CPI WAS UP BY 11.7% COMPARED WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990. FOR MAY 1991, THE INDEX WAS UP BY 11.6% OVER MAY 1990.

THE 1989/90-BASED HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF ABOUT 10% OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG WHICH SPENT \$17,500-\$37,499 A MONTH DURING 1989/90.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY 1991

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IN MAY RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO RECORD A MARKED INCREASE, WHILE DOMESTIC EXPORTS SHOWED MODEST GROWTH WITH RETAINED IMPORTS ROSE APPRECIABLY.

THESE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AT \$19,431 MILLION IN MAY, WAS \$605 MILLION OR 3.2% HIGHER THAN A YEAR EARLIER.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS GREW MUCH FASTER, BY \$10,032 MILLION OR 28.8% TO \$44,924 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY \$10,637 MILLION OR 19.8% OVER A YEAR EARLIER TO \$64,355 MILLION IN MAY.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY \$10,646 MILLION OR 18.8% TO \$67,138 MILLION.

AS THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS SMALLER THAN THAT OF TOTAL IMPORTS, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$2,783 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.1% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED IN MAY 1991.

THIS COMPARES WITH A DEFICIT OF \$2,774 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 4.9% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, RECORDED A YEAR EARLIER.

PUTTING THESE FIGURES INTO PERSPECTIVE, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$4,420 MILLION OR 5.4% OVER A YEAR EARLIER, TO \$86,113 MILLION IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1991 COMBINED.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY \$41,897 MILLION OR 28.1% TO \$190,798 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS COMBINED, AT \$276,911 MILLION, WAS THUS \$46,317 MILLION OR 20.1% HIGHER THAN IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, IMPORTS GREW BY \$55,818 MILLION OR 23.3% TO \$295,630 MILLION.

IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1991 COMBINED, A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT OF \$18,719 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 6.3% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS, WAS RECORDED.

THE DEFICIT RECORDED IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR WAS \$9,218 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO 3.8% OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUING TO GROW STRONGLY. THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS, HOWEVER, MORE MODERATE IN MAY THAN IN APRIL.

/RETAINED IMPORTS

RETAINED IMPORTS ALSO RECORDED SLOWER GROWTH IN MAY, AT 7.4% IN VALUE TERMS OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PRESENTED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR MAY 1991.

MERCHANDISE:	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$19,431 MILLION	
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$44,924 MILLION	
	TOTAL EXPORTS :	\$64,355 MILLION	
	IMPORTS :	\$67,138 MILLION	
	TRADE BALANCE :	\$2,783 MILLION	[IN DEFICIT]

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

LATEST 3 MONTHS	MAR 91 TO	MAR 90 TO	INCREASE/DECREASE	
	MAY 91	MAY 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	52,591	51,744	847	1.6
RE-EXPORTS	120,316	96,495	23,821	24.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	172,907	148,239	24,668	16.6
IMPORTS	189,960	158,248	31,712	20.0
TRADE BALANCE	-17,053	-10,009	-7,044	

SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	MAY	MAY	INCREASE/DECREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,431	18,826	605	3.2
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(30.2%)	(35.0%)		
RE-EXPORTS	44,924	34,892	10,032	28.8
TOTAL EXPORTS	64,355	53,718	10,637	19.8
IMPORTS	67,138	56,492	10,646	18.8
TRADE BALANCE	-2,783	-2,774	-9	

LAST MONTH	MAY	APRIL	INCREASE/DECREASE	
	1991	1991	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	19,431	18,182	1,249	6.9
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(30.2%)	(30.5%)		
RE-EXPORTS	44,924	41,514	3,410	8.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	64,355	59,696	4,659	7.8
IMPORTS	67,138	65,817	1,321	2.0
TRADE BALANCE	-2,783	-6,121	3,338	

/CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE

CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE	JAN-MAY	JAN-MAY	INCREASE/DECREASE	
	1991	1990	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	86,113	81,693	4,420	5.4
(% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	(31.1%)	(35.4%)		
RE-EXPORTS	190,798	148,901	41,897	28.1
TOTAL EXPORTS	276,911	230,594	46,317	20.1
IMPORTS	295,630	239,812	55,818	23.3
TRADE BALANCE	-18,719	-9,218	-9,501	

LAST 12 MONTHS	JUN 90 TO	JUN 89 TO	INCREASE/DECREASE	
	MAY 91	MAY 90	HK\$ MN.	%
	HK\$ MN.	HK\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	230,296	222,694	7,602	3.4
RE-EXPORTS	455,895	364,097	91,798	25.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	686,191	586,791	99,400	16.9
IMPORTS	698,348	576,024	122,324	21.2
TRADE BALANCE	-12,157	10,767	-22,924	

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NO QUESTION OF ABANDONING NEW AIRPORT PROJECT: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ABANDONING THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM A DUTY VISIT TO LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF ABANDONING, BUT YOU CAN TAKE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT WORDS IF YOU LIKE, SLIPPAGE TO MY MIND IS THE RIGHT SORT OF WORD."

"IT'S WHEN YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO DO SOMETHING PRECISELY ON THE TIMING YOU HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT OF, BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOME SLIPPAGE; SLIPPAGE IS THE RIGHT WORD IN THAT CONTEXT," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OF AIRPORT TALKS WOULD BE WITH THE CHINESE SIDE, ADDING: "BECAUSE IT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON WHETHER IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PRODUCTIVE, FURTHER TALKS."

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE TENDER DATE FOR THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WOULD BE POSTPONED, SIR DAVID SAID: "I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE I WENT TO LONDON AND SOMETIME AGO, THAT IF WE DON'T GET AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE; THE SORT OF SENSIBLE, PRACTICAL AGREEMENT WE ARE LOOKING FOR TO ENABLE US TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT THERE MUST BE SOME SLIPPAGE."

"BUT THERE IS NO MAGIC ABOUT CERTAIN DATES. IT'S JUST THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE WILL INEVITABLY HAVE SOME SLIPPAGE IN IT," HE ADDED.

/WHEN ASKED

WHEN ASKED IF THERE WAS A NEED TO DEVELOP MORE CONTACTS WITH THE LABOUR PARTY, SIR DAVID SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON HAD CONTACTS WITH ALL PARTIES IN WESTMINSTER.

"SIMILARLY WHEN I GO TO LONDON, I MEET A GROUP OF ALL MP'S, IT'S NOT JUST ONE PARTY THAT I GO TO MEET. I GO TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND MEET ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO HEAR ME TALK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ON HIS VISIT TO LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT HAS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ALL THE SUBJECTS THAT ARE OF INTEREST AND OF CONCERN TO US IN HONG KONG AT THE MOMENT."

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ORGANISED CRIME BILL OUT IN AUGUST: CS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY TO THE DRAFTING OF THE ORGANISED CRIME BILL AND WILL PUBLISH IT IN AUGUST FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE DINNER HOSTED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (FCC) AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT THIS LEGISLATION, WHEN ENACTED, WOULD CURB THE PROBLEM OF ORGANISED CRIME.

HE SAID THE FCC HAD HELD A SPECIAL MEETING THIS MORNING TO EXAMINE THE BILL.

NOTING THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN WAITING EARNESTLY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE BILL, SIR DAVID URGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN EXPLAINING THE WHITE BILL TO THE COMMUNITY AND IN OBTAINING COMMENTS.

SIR DAVID, WHO WAS ALSO THE FCC CHAIRMAN, SAID THE COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY WOULD GIVE ALL THE SUPPORT NEEDED IN THIS CONSULTATION EXERCISE, INCLUDING ARRANGING FOR A BRIEFING SESSION FOR MEMBERS NEARER THE TIME OF PUBLICATION.

HE SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION AIMED AT ORGANISED CRIME ACTIVITIES WAS ONE OF THE INITIATIVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS URGENTLY PURSUING TO COMBAT CRIME, APART FROM STRONG ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY THE POLICE FORCE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

"SOME RECENT CRIMINAL CASES HAVE SHOCKED US ALL. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF FIREARMS TO COMMIT CRIME," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE ASSURED THAT THE POLICE WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT IN SEEKING TO CURB THE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND HENCE THEIR AVAILABILITY IN HONG KONG.

ANOTHER AREA WHICH HAD CAUSED A LOT OF CONCERN WAS SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, HE SAID.

"I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT, SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ANTI-SMUGGLING TASK FORCE, AND THE ENACTMENT OF ANTI-SMUGGLING LEGISLATION IN APRIL, 1991, USE OF SPEEDBOATS IN SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES HAS DECREASED BY AROUND 95 PER CENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

TO ENABLE DFCC'S TO ORGANISE MORE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, HE SAID CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO INCREASING THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DFCC'S.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE FCC AND DFCC'S IN THE SPECIAL PUBLICITY DRIVE LAUNCHED IN THE FACE OF AN INCREASE IN CRIME LAST YEAR HAD ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS.

"THE CRIME FIGURES HAVE SINCE SHOWN A DOWNWARD TREND," SIR DAVID SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO FCC AND DFCC MEMBERS, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

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CONTRIBUTORS TO COMMUNITY CHEST PRAISED
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LADY WILSON TODAY (FRIDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN THEIR WAY TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY CHEST AN ORGANISATION WELL SUPPORTED BY EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHEST, LADY WILSON, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE CHEST, NOTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, AND THAT THEY DID UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE GOOD CAUSES, WELFARE - WHICH SAVED LIVES AND RESTORED LIVES - MUST COME FIRST.

"THIS ENABLES THE CHEST TO CONTINUE ITS VITAL WORK IN SOCIAL WELFARE AND BE A DRIVING FORCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON THANKED THE INNUMERABLE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR MONEY AND TIME SO UNSPARINGLY.

"THEY HAVE ORGANISED A GREAT NUMBER OF SPONSORED EVENTS OR JOINT FUNCTIONS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE.

"VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY GROUPS, THE PRESS, THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES HAVE GIVEN THE CHEST MUCH NEEDED HELP IN ALL THESE FUND-RAISING EVENTS," SHE SAID.

MEMBER AGENCIES HAD ALSO GIVEN VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO HELP THE FUND-RAISING, SHE ADDED.

LADY WILSON SAID ALL THIS PROVED THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

"AS WE ARE PREPARING FOR A HIGHER TARGET THIS YEAR, WE COUNT ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS, AND HELPERS - HOWEVER LARGE OR SMALL," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR DONATION RECORDS HAD ONCE AGAIN BEEN BROKEN WITH \$113 MILLION RAISED - A MOST IMPRESSIVE INCREASE OF 28 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S RECORD.

SHE THANKED THE CHEST'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE EXTREMELY WELL-DONE JOB.

LADY WILSON SAID THE FORMER, UNDER THE CO-CHAIRMENTSHIP OF MR GAGE MCAFEE AND MRS ALICE CHIU, HAD WORKED VERY HARD INDEED BY MAKING COUNTLESS APPEALS, AND BY INITIATING NEW IDEAS TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO MAKE DONATIONS.

"THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS ENORMOUSLY, BY PROMOTING AN IMAGE WHICH MOTIVATED THE PUBLIC TO DONATE EVEN MORE TO THE CHEST," SHE SAID.

ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, LADY WILSON STRESSED THAT MONEY GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY MUST BE CAREFULLY ALLOCATED TO THE POINTS OF REAL NEED.

"HERE, THE TASK OF THE ADMISSIONS, BUDGETS AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE IS A VITAL ONE.

"DESPITE THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO MEET NEARLY ALL THE NEEDS OF THE AGENCIES NOW TOTALLING 119," SHE SAID.

SHE PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR DEDICATION, HARD WORK AND SENSITIVITY IN ENSURING FAIR ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS, WHICH, SHE POINTED OUT, WAS NO EASY TASK.

ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT IT HAD CARRIED OUT THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD WITH VIGOUR AND SUCCESS.

SHE CONGRATULATED ITS OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, MR JAMES KUNG, ON HAVING DONE A SPLENDID JOB FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, ADDING THAT HE MIGHT CONTINUE TO SERVE THE CHEST BY STANDING FOR ELECTION FOR A FURTHER TERM ON THE BOARD.

"THE COMMUNITY CHEST HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE STAUNCH SUPPORT FROM ITS BOARD MEMBERS AND VICE PATRONS," SHE SAID.

"I PERSONALLY VALUE THIS SUPPORT ENORMOUSLY AND THANK THEM ALL MOST SINCERELY."

FINALLY, LADY WILSON PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HARDWORKING TEAM AT THE CHEST HEADQUARTERS WHO HAD HELPED THE CHEST TO FLOURISH.

AIRPORT PROJECTS SERVE MULTIPLE PURPOSES

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MANY OF THE PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW AIRPORT SERVE MULTIPLE PURPOSES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR RAFAEL HUI, SAID IN AUSTRIA YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID APART FROM SUPPORTING THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT, THEY ALSO MET THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

MR HUI TOLD THE EUROPE/ASIA CONFERENCE 1991 IN VIENNA THAT THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE HONG KONG'S THIRD CROSSING AS THE SECOND CROSSING, OPENED IN 1989, WAS EXPECTED TO REACH CAPACITY IN 1996.

"SIMILARLY, THE MASSIVE RECLAMATION IN WEST KOWLOON WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED ADDITIONAL LAND TO IMPROVE URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE KOWLOON PENINSULA, AS WELL AS PROVIDING SPACE FOR A KEY NORTH-SOUTH DIRECT HIGH-SPEED ROAD LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

"OPENING UP AND DEVELOPING LANTAU ISLAND IS ALSO INEVITABLE AS DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE HAVE TO MOVE WESTWARDS BECAUSE THERE IS SIMPLY NO AVAILABLE AND SUITABLE SPACE ELSEWHERE AND BECAUSE THIS DIRECTION WILL DOVETAIL BETTER WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY.

"THE NEXT MAJOR PORT AND CONTAINER PORT DEVELOPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE IN NORTHEAST LANTAU.

"BY TYING ALL THESE PROJECTS WITH THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROJECT, WE ARE IN FACT ADOPTING A STRATEGIC, RATIONAL AND MOST IMPORTANT, COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN DEVELOPING OUR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE," MR HUI SAID.

HE SAID IN ADDITION TO THE AIRPORT RELATED PROJECTS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO PLANNING TO INVEST IN OTHER MAJOR PROGRAMMES SUCH AS PORT DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER SUPPLY, NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND REHABILITATION AND TRANSPORT.

MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDED A HK\$20 BILLION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME, HK\$2.8 BILLION FOR EXPANDING OUR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR WATER FROM CHINA, HK\$1 BILLION FOR BUILDING OUR THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND HK\$4.6 BILLION FOR PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

MR HUI SAID TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN THESE AREAS, TOGETHER WITH RESOURCES ALLOWED FOR LAND ACQUISITION, MAJOR SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT USED BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE ESTIMATED TO AMOUNT TO A MASSIVE HK\$140 BILLION IN THE PERIOD UP TO 1997, AN AVERAGE OF HK\$21 BILLION EACH YEAR.

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"OBVIOUSLY, IN A SERIES OF PROJECTS OF THIS SCALE AND DIVERSITY, THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE ON OFFER ARE IMMENSE," HE SAID.

HONG KONG'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OFFERED EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL FIRMS AND OTHERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THE GOVERNMENT WISHED TO MAXIMISE THE PRIVATE SECTOR INPUT TO ITS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, MR HUI SAID.

"OUR PLANS FOR OUR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE NOT BEEN DRAWN UP IN HASTE.

"WE NEED THESE FACILITIES TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY.

"HONG KONG HAS, SINCE THE BEGINNING, BEEN BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE IN MEETING CHALLENGES AND HAS LONG EXPERIENCE OF CHANGING THEM INTO SUCCESSFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

"WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR FUTURE. OUR UNDERLYING STRENGTH, OUR WILLINGNESS TO STICK TO FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES AND OUR STRATEGIC LOCATION WILL ENSURE THAT WE WILL BE FLOURISHING FOR MANY YEARS TO COME," HE SAID.

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CHINESE OFFICIALS TO VISIT HONG KONG
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AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, A GROUP OF SIX CHINESE OFFICIALS WILL BE IN HONG KONG FROM JULY 4 TO 13 FOR A 10-DAY PROGRAMME OF VISITS AND BRIEFINGS.

THE GROUP WILL BE LED BY MR YANG FAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, THE IMPORT AND EXPORT DEPARTMENT, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE (MOFERT) OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE FROM MOFERT AND FROM THE HONG KONG AND MACAO AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE CHINESE STATE COUNCIL.

THE VISIT IS ONE OF A SERIES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO GIVE CHINESE OFFICIALS A FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF HOW HONG KONG WORKS.

THE VISITORS WILL BE BRIEFED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS ON TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES.

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ADOLF HSU ASSUMES DUTY AS DRS

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MR ADOLF HSU HAS OFFICIALLY TAKEN UP THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES.

HE WAS REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION BEFORE TAKING UP THE PRESENT APPOINTMENT.

HIS PREVIOUS POSTINGS INCLUDED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES FROM 1979 TO 1983, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (TSUEN WAN) OF THE CNTA FROM 1983 TO 1984, DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH FROM 1985 TO EARLY 1987, COMMISSIONER OF THE SURVEY OFFICE IN 1987, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE FROM DECEMBER 1987 TO 1989.

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VESSEL REGULATORY STRATEGIES TO EXCO IN NOVEMBER

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THE PROPOSED STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF THE LOCAL FLEET OF 20,000 VESSELS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR PYRKE WAS ADDRESSING THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE 13-MEMBER PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSEL (PLV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

HE SAID: "THE PROPOSED STRATEGIES AND THE SETTING UP OF THE PLV ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARE THE RESULT OF THE ON-GOING LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

"THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE PLV ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, OPERATIONS AND STANDARDS OF SAFETY OF LOCALLY LICENSED VESSELS AND ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE ACCORDINGLY."

CHAIRD BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS DRAWN FROM ALL FIELDS OF EXPERTISE IN THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY FROM SHIP DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS TO SHIP OWNERS AND THOSE WHO OPERATE THE VESSELS THROUGH TO MARINE INSURERS AND MARINE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.

THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW HAS CRITICALLY EXAMINED EXISTING REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES THAT HAS ACCUMULATED OVER THE PAST DECADES FOR THE REGULATION OF THE LOCALLY LICENSED FLEET.

THE LOCAL CRAFT REVIEW HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF LOCAL VESSELS TO TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE WAY THEIR VESSELS ARE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED.

HONG KONG'S LICENSED FLEET COMPRISES 680 LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS, 5,250 PLEASURE VESSELS, 360 DWELLING VESSELS AND 14,030 MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT.

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262 VM'S RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 262 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (FRIDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 145 MEN, 67 WOMEN, 27 BOYS AND 23 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 57TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 7,560 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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VISAS NEEDED FOR TONGAN PROTECTED PERSONS PASSPORT HOLDERS FROM MONDAY

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FOR IMMIGRATION CONTROL REASONS, HOLDERS OF TONGAN PROTECTED PERSONS (TPP) PASSPORTS ARE, WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1991, REQUIRED TO OBTAIN VISAS TO ENTER HONG KONG FOR WHATEVER PURPOSES EXCEPT THOSE WHO TRANSIT THROUGH HONG KONG WITHOUT THE NEED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE.

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NT TAXIS CAN USE T6 FROM WEDNESDAY

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ALLOWING NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO USE T6, A SHORT CONNECTING ROAD BETWEEN TOLO HIGHWAY AND MA ON SHAN ROAD IN SHA TIN, WILL TAKE EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 3).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, NT TAXIS CAN OPERATE THROUGH ROAD T6, MA ON SHAN ROAD WESTBOUND, AND TURN ROUND AT THE SHEK MUN ROUNDABOUT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO MA ON SHAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SHORTEN SUBSTANTIALLY THE TAXI TRIPS BETWEEN TOLO HIGHWAY AND MA ON SHAN, TO THE BENEFIT OF PASSENGERS.

THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE THIS WEEK BY SEVERAL NT TAXI OPERATORS ASSOCIATIONS HEADED BY MR HUI KOON-WAH, AND THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS REASONABLE AND FEASIBLE AFTER HAVING CONDUCTED A VISIT SURVEY.

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"HOWEVER, THE EARLIER REQUEST OF OPENING ROAD T6 TO NT TAXIS THROUGH A DIRECT ACCESS FROM T6 EASTBOUND TO MA ON SHAN CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS WORK ON THE ACCESS ROAD HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"THE DECISION TO ALLOW NT TAXI OPERATORS TO USE T6 WAS BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION THAT IT CAN PROVIDE A MORE CONVENIENT LINK BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI AND MA ON SHAN," HE SAID.

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INT'L VALUE ADDED SERVICES BETWEEN HK AND UK AVAILABLE
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FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, VALUE ADDED DATA AND FACSIMILE SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UK MAY NOW BE PROVIDED USING INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LEASED CIRCUITS (IPLC'S), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SERVICES INVOLVED WOULD BE PROVIDED ON IPLC'S LEASED AT THE NORMAL FLAT RATES FROM HONG KONG TELECOM INTERNATIONAL LTD AT THE HONG KONG END AND FROM THE UK INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS AT THE UK END.

"WE HAVE HAD A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR AND THE SCOPE OF SERVICES PERMITTED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME.

"THE EXTENSION OF SUCH SERVICES TO THE UK WILL FURTHER OPEN UP THE COMPETITIVE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF AFFORDABLE INTERNATIONAL VALUE ADDED SERVICES FOR BUSINESS USERS," HE SAID.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SAME SCOPE OF SERVICES WILL SOON BE PERMITTED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

INDUSTRY ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES COVERED BY THE ARRANGEMENT AND THE LICENSING PROCEDURES APPLICABLE IN HONG KONG SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, HONG KONG POST OFFICE, FIFTH FLOOR, SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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APPLICATIONS FOR COLLECTION OF CASH DONATIONS
FOR NON-CHARITABLE PURPOSES

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APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT MONEY FOR NON-CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN A PUBLIC PLACE CAN NOW BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS.

UNDER THE RECENTLY AMENDED SECTION 4(17) OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS IS THE AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF MONEY IN PUBLIC PLACES FOR NON-CHARITABLE PURPOSES WHILE THOSE FOR CHARITY PURPOSES REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID APPLICATION FORMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (JULY 1) FROM THE MAIN OFFICES OF THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS BUT COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

HE STRESSED THAT APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTIVITY.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR PERSONAL PARTICULARS; BRIEF PARTICULARS OF THE ORGANISATION OR GROUP RESPONSIBLE AND/OR TO BE BENEFITTED FROM THE MONEY COLLECTED, AND BRIEF PARTICULARS OF KEY OFFICE-BEARERS IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANISATION OR GROUP.

IN ADDITION, THEY MUST ALSO FURNISH DETAILS ON THE ACTIVITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF CASH DONATIONS INCLUDING DATE, VENUE, PURPOSE; AND PHOTOCOPIES OF IDENTITY CARDS OF APPLICANTS TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE AGED 21 OR ABOVE AND ARE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG, AND REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS OF THE ORGANISATIONS OR GROUPS CONCERNED TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SET OF GUIDELINES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A PERMIT WOULD NORMALLY BE ISSUED ONLY IF THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WAS SATISFIED THAT THE MONEY COLLECTED WOULD BE USED IN WAYS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, AND THAT THE COLLECTIONS WERE TO BE HELD IN STADIA, CIVIC CENTRES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES/HALLS WHERE ATTENDANCE WAS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE APPLICANTS WOULD HAVE TO APPLY SEPARATELY TO THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF THE VENUE FOR THE COLLECTION OF CASH DONATIONS.

"THE PERMIT WILL INCLUDE CONDITIONS REQUIRING THE APPLICANT TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT, AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE MONEY COLLECTED AND HOW IT WAS USED. THE ACCOUNTS WILL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC.

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"THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS HAS THE DISCRETION TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE OR, EXCEPTIONALLY WHERE IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, TO WAIVE CERTAIN CONDITIONS," HE EXPLAINED.

A COPY OF THE GUIDELINES AND A LIST OF VENUES WHERE THE COLLECTION OF CASH DONATIONS FOR NON-CHARITABLE PURPOSES CAN BE CONDUCTED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO APPLICANTS TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORM.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES, PLEASE TELEPHONE 835 1494.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT THE SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE TO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY CAPACITY TO CATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTS ON AP LEI CHAU ISLAND.

DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE.

THE NEW BRIDGE, WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO TRAFFIC LANES AND A FOOTWAY, IS TO BE LOCATED ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING BRIDGE ON ITS WESTERN SIDE.

IT WILL OPERATE UNDER ONE WAY TRAFFIC TOWARDS ABERDEEN WHEREAS THE EXISTING BRIDGE WILL BE CONVERTED TO ONE WAY TRAFFIC TOWARDS AP LEI CHAU.

BEING SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE, THE MAIN SPAN OF THE NEW BRIDGE ACROSS ABERDEEN HARBOUR WILL BE OF 115 METRES WITH ONLY THE NORTHERN PIER LOCATED WITHIN THE HARBOUR.

THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION IN EXISTING NAVIGATION CLEARANCES NOR CHANGES REQUIRED TO THE HARBOUR FAIRWAY.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED APPROACH ROADS AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, HEUNG YIP ROAD, AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD AND AT THE JUNCTION OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD AND AP LEI CHAU PATH.

THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY NEAR THE JUNCTION OF AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD AND AP LEI CHAU PATH WILL BE EXTENDED ACROSS THE WIDENED AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE ROAD TO MAINTAIN A GRADE SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY AT THIS LOCATION.

THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MID NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1994.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 20TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG;
- * SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, GROUND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 27 DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS OR THE USE.

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BETTER ACCESS FOR TIN SHUI WAI PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF ROADWORKS TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS TO TIN SHUI WAI, YUEN LONG, FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TO PROVIDE A CONNECTION BETWEEN TIN SHUI WAI AND THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THESE WORKS INCLUDE:

- * WIDENING OF HUNG TIN ROAD;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO A SUBWAY;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUNG SHUI KIU INTERCHANGE WHICH INCLUDES A FLYOVER AND AT-GRADE SLIP ROADS CONNECTING TO THE PROPOSED ROADS D2 AND D3;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUMPET INTERCHANGE WITH FOUR SIX-METRE WIDE SLIP ROADS FROM THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD FLYOVER TO LINK UP WITH THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, VILLAGE ACCESS ROADS, VEHICULAR ACCESS TRACKS, AND AMENITY PLANTING AREAS; AND
- * ASSOCIATED SLOPES AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE WORKS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE PUBLISHED IN A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY). A COPY CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLANS AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH TO 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG; AND
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 27 THIS YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS OR THE USE.

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CURRENT METER PROPOSED FOR MA WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INSTAL A CURRENT METER AT MA WAN TO FACILITATE THE MEASURING AND MONITORING OF WATER MOVEMENTS IN THE MA WAN CHANNEL.

THE MEASUREMENTS OBTAINED WILL ENABLE THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO DETECT AND MAKE GREATER USE OF THE PERIODS WHEN WATER CONDITIONS ARE SUITABLE FOR SHIPS TO SAFELY MOVE THROUGH THE CHANNEL.

THE CURRENT METER WILL BE INSTALLED WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 76.33 SQUARE METRES OF SEABED AT MA WAN.

ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,210 HECTARES OF SEABED IN MIRS BAY FOR MATERIALS FOR RECLAMATION PROJECTS IN THE TERRITORY.

DREDGING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE EAST OF THE COASTLINE BETWEEN TAP MUN CHAU AND TAI LONG TSUI.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED IN THE TWO PROJECTS WAS PUBLISHED IN SEPARATE NOTICES IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORES AND SEABEDS INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 27 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE TWO NOTICES TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THEIR RESPECTIVE SITE.

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THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN 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.

THE PLAN ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE CURRENT METER AT MA WAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

THE PLAN ON DREDGING WORK AT MIRS BAY CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG; THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING; THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO; AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE SAME BUILDING.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PHASE III CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE MUK LUN STREET PLAYGROUND IN WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES A REST GARDEN, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A PLAZA WHICH CAN BE USED FOR TAI CHI EXERCISE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 19.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1915

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WOMEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1915 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM JULY 8 TO SEPTEMBER 7, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

"WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP CAN CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

/THE OFFICE

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG	:	BASEMENT 151, GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI TEL. NO. 574 7070
EAST KOWLOON	:	AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK TEL. NO. 755 3669
WEST KOWLOON	:	CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI TEL. NO. 723 2424
TSUEN WAN	:	EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 29-37 TSUEN FU STREET TEL. NO. 498 0117
SHA TIN	:	SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, 11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET TEL. NO. 605 9108
YUEN LONG	:	HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD TEL. NO. 477 1543
TUEN MUN	:	CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, CHI LOK FA YUEN TEL. NO. 458 0646
SHEUNG SHUI	:	TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR, 82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI TEL. NO. 672 7191

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE 24-HOUR RECORDED MESSAGE SERVICE BY DIALLING 824 0303 TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

"AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 75 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," HE SAID.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

HE REMINDED WOMEN BORN IN 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS TO COME FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AS THERE IS JUST ONE WEEK LEFT BEFORE THE CURRENT PHASE CLOSES ON JULY 6.

FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A NEW IDENTITY CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JULY
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 24 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES THAT FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

DATE	TIME
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JULY 1 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 2 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 3 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 5 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 8 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 11 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 15 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 16 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 17 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 18 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 19 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 22 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 23 (TUESDAY)	12.01 AM - 5 PM
JULY 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 25 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 26 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 27 (SATURDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 29 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 30 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 31 (WEDNESDAY)	12.01 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	27.6.91	380
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	28.6.91	+50
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-50
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+100
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 114.3 *+0.1* 28.6.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	28.6.91	27.6.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	7.35 PCT	8.07 PCT
1 MONTH	7.17 PCT	7.31 PCT
3 MONTHS	6.52 PCT	7.13 PCT
6 MONTHS	6.50 PCT	7.13 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.77 PCT	7.25 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	5,052 MN	4,504 MN

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