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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1993

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SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

ALL NIGHT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (FRIDAY) BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (MTR).

AT THE SAME TIME, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE EXTENDED. THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM KOWLOON WILL BE AT 3 AM AND FROM SHEUNG SHUI AT 2.30 AM IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING; WHILE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES WILL BE STRENGTHENED TO MEET THE DEMAND.

THE TRAMWAYS SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO 2 AM.

THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1.30 AM AND THE STAR FERRY SERVICE ON THE KOWLOON POINT TO EDINBURGH PLACE ROUTE WILL BE EXTENDED TO 3 AM IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN CENTRAL AND DISCOVERY BAY FROM 1 AM TO 4.20 AM.

ALL SERVICES OF THE HONGKONG FERRY WILL REMAIN NORMAL.

ON CHINA MOTOR BUS (CMB) SERVICES, ROUTE NOS. 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 23, 38, 38A, 73, 95, 590, 592 AND 595 WILL EXTEND THEIR LAST DEPARTURE TIME, UP TO 12.30 AM OR 2.55 AM; SPECIAL SERVICE ROUTE NO. 308 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN SIU SAI WAN AND CAUSEWAY BAY FROM 8 PM TO 2.45 AM.

CMB ROUTES 10, 20, 21 AND 81M WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31 TO 6 AM ON JANUARY 3 NEXT YEAR; WHILE ROUTES 10A, 22, 781, 23A, 26, 40M, 43, 25 AND 592 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 6 PM ON DECEMBER 31.

THE CITYBUS SPECIAL BUS ROUTE NOS. 6S, 72S, 92S AND 96S WILL OPERATE BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 3 AM; WHILE ROUTE NOS. 6A, 70, 75, 90, 97 AND 98 WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES UP TO 11.40 PM OR 1.30 AM.

CITYBUS ROUTE NOS. 5, 5A AND 12A WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS (KMB) ROUTE NOS. 1, 1A, 2, 6, 6A, 9, 7, 26, 2C, 5, 5C, 8, 98D, 1K, A1, 8A, 28, 81C, 87D, 241S, 281S, 69X, 234X, 208 AND 271 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 8.15 PM TO 2 AM.

KMB ROUTE NOS. 58X, 59M, 80M, 82M, 1A, 6, 5C, 67X, 5 AND 81K WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES AFTER ITS SCHEDULED OPERATING PERIOD.

ADDITIONAL AIR-CONDITIONED DOUBLE-DECKERS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO ROUTE NO. 281S.

CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NOS. A2, 103, A3, A5, 102, 106 AND 170 WILL BE REROUTED FROM 6.30 PM.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES ON ALL NIGHT SERVICE ROUTE NOS. 121 AND 122 WILL BE OPERATED ON JANUARY 1 BETWEEN 12.45 AM AND 1.25 AM; WHILE THE FREE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THESE ROUTES WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON JANUARY 1 AND 2.

SPECIAL SERVICE ROUTE NO. 112S WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD MTR STATION TO CAUSEWAY BAY (VICTORIA PARK) FROM 12.15 AM TO 1.05 AM.

SUPPLEMENTARY TRIPS ON ALL CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTES MAY BE OPERATED TO MEET PASSENGER DEMAND.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, GREEN MINIBUS (GMB) ROUTE NO. 28 WILL BE DIVERTED BETWEEN 7 PM ON DECEMBER 31 AND 6 AM ON JANUARY 3; WHILE ROUTE NOS. 39M AND 49M WILL BE DIVERTED FROM 8 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

GMB ROUTE NOS. 43M AND 47M WILL EXTEND SERVICES UP TO 3 AM.

IN KOWLOON, GMB ROUTE NO. 1 WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8.15 PM ON DECEMBER 31 WHEN ROUTES NOS. 3, 6, 7 AND 8 WILL BE DIVERTED.

GMB ROUTE NOS. 6, 18 AND 59 WILL EXTEND SERVICES UP TO BETWEEN 1 AM AND 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GMB ROUTE NO. 606S WILL BE DIVERTED; WHILE ROUTE NOS. 17, 20K, 81M, 82, 65K, 66K AND 68K WILL EXTEND SERVICES UP TO BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 3 AM.

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NEW YEAR CROWD CONTROL PLAN IN PLACE

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POLICE TODAY (TUESDAY) APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO BE COURTEOUS AND PATIENT AND TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT WHILE ATTENDING VARIOUS COUNTDOWN ACTIVITIES IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CO-OPERATIVE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY POLICE OFFICERS ON THE GROUND TO HELP THEM.

NORTH POINT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR YAN FOOK-MOU, SAID IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE COUNTDOWN '94 IN VICTORIA PARK WHICH WOULD START AT 8 PM.

HE SAID POLICE WOULD DEPLOY SUFFICIENT MANPOWER TO MAINTAIN CROWD CONTROL IN THE VICINITY OF THE VENUE.

"FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT, ALL GATES TO VICTORIA PARK WILL BE DESIGNATED 'ENTRY ONLY' EXCEPT THE GATE OPPOSITE SUGAR STREET ON GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE CAUSEWAY ROAD GATE NEAR THE STATUE WHICH WILL BE DESIGNATED 'EXIT ONLY'," MR YAN SAID.

"DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED AND ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST, PARTICULARLY AT PLACES OF CONGESTION SUCH AS ROAD CROSSING POINTS AND MTR ENTRANCES," HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE, STAFF OFFICER OF TRAFFIC HONG KONG ISLAND (ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL), MR FONG KAI-CHEONG, SAID DEPENDING ON THE CROWD SITUATION, ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO DIFFERENT PHASES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT.

WAN CHAI DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN, SAID AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT LARGE CROWDS WERE EXPECTED TO GATHER IN THE RUSSELL STREET AREA AT MIDNIGHT TO ATTEND THE NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN AT TIMES SQUARE.

"DEPENDING ON THE DENSITY OF THE CROWD, POLICE MAY NEED TO CLOSE RUSSELL STREET WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY," HE SAID.

MR O'CALLAGHAN STRESSED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN ORDER TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

MEANWHILE, LARGE CROWDS OF SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO ASSEMBLE ON THE FOOTPATH ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD WHERE THE FIRING OF THE MIDNIGHT GUN PARTY WILL BE HELD.

MR O'CALLAGHAN SAID AS THE SPACE FOR SPECTATORS WAS VERY LIMITED, POLICE MIGHT NEED TO CLOSE THE PEDESTRIAN APPROACHES WHEN THE AREA HAD REACHED THE MAXIMUM SAFE CAPACITY FOR PEOPLE TO ASSEMBLE.

"ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED TO THE BAR AND NIGHTCLUB AREAS IN WAN CHAI TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER," HE SAID.

"FIRM ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC PLACES WHICH MAY LEAD TO A BREACH OF THE PEACE," HE ADDED.

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STATEMENT ON CT9

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CONTAINER VEHICLE PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE NORTH TSING YI BRIDGE TO THE SITE OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 9.

THIS WOULD REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION FOR THE TIME BEING.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO PROCEED, AS PLANNED, WITH CONTAINER TERMINAL FACILITIES AT TSING YI.

HE NOTED THAT THE NEED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH CT9 AT TSING YI WAS FIRMLY SUPPORTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLIER THIS MONTH, ADDING THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPERS WERE CONTINUING.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE HOPED THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO GIVE THE DEVELOPERS THE ASSURANCES THEY REQUIRED SO THAT THE WORK COULD BE STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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## NEW COMAC APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ANDREW SO AS THE NEW COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS (COMAC).

MR SO WILL TAKE UP HIS OFFICE AS COMAC FROM FEBRUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THE INCUMBENT, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, ON JANUARY 31.

THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMAC ORDINANCE.

MR SO, AGED 54, IS A QUALIFIED TEACHER AND IN THE PAST 30 YEARS HAS BEEN DEVOTING HIMSELF TO THE PROMOTION OF THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT.

HE HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC SERVICE.

HE WAS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM SEPTEMBER 1978 TO OCTOBER 1985.

HIS OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE PAST INCLUDES CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

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## EXCHANGE FUND BILL CEILINGS RAISED

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD, ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RAISED THE CEILINGS FOR THE ISSUE OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

	EXISTING CEILINGS	REVISED CEILINGS	REVISED RESERVE AMOUNT
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91-DAY BILLS	\$1,000 MN	\$1,500 MN	\$300 MN
182-DAY BILLS	\$400 MN	\$800 MN	\$160 MN
364-DAY BILLS	\$300 MN	\$500 MN	\$150 MN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILLS HELD IN RESERVE BY THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR SUPPLY TO MARKET MAKERS THROUGH SECONDARY MARKET TRADING.

THE ACTUAL TENDER AMOUNT OF BILLS WOULD HOWEVER BE INCREASED GRADUALLY IN THE LIGHT OF MARKET CONDITIONS AND DEMAND.

ON JANUARY 4 NEXT YEAR, THE TENDER AMOUNT FOR 91-DAY BILLS WOULD BE \$1,200 MILLION AND 182-DAY BILLS WOULD BE \$500 MILLION.

"THE ISSUE SIZE OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS IS RAISED IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND FOR SUCH PAPER BY BANKS IN HONG KONG TO FACILITATE THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIQUIDITY MANAGEMENT.

"THE HIGH DEMAND FOR EXCHANGE FUND BILLS IS EVIDENCED BY THE OVER SUBSCRIPTION RATIO IN PREVIOUS TENDERS AND A VERY HIGH TURNOVER IN THE SECONDARY MARKET.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF HIGHLY MARKETABLE INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS EXCHANGE FUND BILLS WILL ENHANCE THE LIQUIDITY OF THE BANKING SYSTEM AS A WHOLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THIRD QUARTER  
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE RESTAURANT SECTOR IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ESTIMATED AT \$12.7 BILLION, INCREASED BY 6% WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RECEIPTS DECREASED BY 2% IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL PURCHASES OF RESTAURANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER THIS YEAR, ESTIMATED AT \$4.6 BILLION, WAS 7% HIGHER THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF FAST FOOD SHOPS REGISTERED THE LARGEST INCREASE OF 20% IN VALUE AND 11% IN VOLUME; THOSE OF NON-CHINESE RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 15% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME.

MEANWHILE, TOTAL RECEIPTS OF BARS RECORDED A 11% INCREASE IN VALUE BUT A 7% DECREASE IN VOLUME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF CHINESE RESTAURANTS REMAINED UNCHANGED IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 8% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1992, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS ROSE BY 4% IN VALUE BUT DROPPED BY 5% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1993 WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THE COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 14% IN VALUE AND 12% IN VOLUME.

RESTAURANT RECEIPTS IN VOLUME TERMS ARE DERIVED FROM RECEIPTS IN VALUE TERMS AFTER ADJUSTING FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE USED AS DEFLATORS.

THE REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY SURVEY OF RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1993 IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1258.

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TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TOTAL PURCHASES OF THE RESTAURANT SECTOR FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1993 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1993.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RECEIPTS BY TYPE OF RESTAURANT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1993 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1993, WITH THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

ALSO TABULATED ARE COMPARISONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1993 WITH THOSE OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1993 AND THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1992; COMPARISONS OF TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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TABLE 1: TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS AND PURCHASES

		2nd qtr. 1993 (Revised figures)	3rd qtr. 1993 (Provisional figures)
Total restaurant receipts	(in HK\$ million)	11 183.5	12 718.6
Total purchases by restaurants	(in HK\$ million)	4 118.5	4 595.2

TABLE 2: VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF TOTAL RESTAURANT RECEIPTS FOR 2nd QUARTER 1993 AND 3rd QUARTER 1993

(Quarterly average of Oct. 89 - Sept. 90 = 100)

Type of restaurant	Index of total restaurant receipts	2nd quarter 1993	3rd quarter 1993	3rd qtr. 1993 compared with 2nd qtr. 1993		3rd qtr. 1993 compared with 3rd qtr. 1992		1st-3rd qtr. 1993 compared with 1st-3rd qtr. 1992	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
Chinese restaurants	Value	116.4	130.2	+13.8	+11.8	+0.5	+0.4	-1.7	-1.3
	Volume	82.8	90.8	+8.0	+9.7	-7.7	-7.8	-9.6	-9.9
Non-Chinese restaurants	Value	137.6	161.2	+23.6	+17.1	+21.0	+14.9	+14.8	+11.6
	Volume	98.4	114.3	+15.8	+16.1	+6.3	+5.8	+2.2	+2.1
Fast food shops	Value	197.5	229.5	+31.9	+16.2	+38.2	+20.0	+25.0	+14.2
	Volume	149.2	170.9	+21.7	+14.6	+17.2	+11.2	+8.7	+6.1
Bars	Value	190.5	224.6	+34.2	+17.9	+21.3	+10.5	+27.0	+15.4
	Volume	127.7	143.8	+16.1	+12.6	-10.1	-6.6	+2.1	+1.5
Other eating and drinking places	Value	190.1	209.2	+19.1	+10.1	+60.2	+40.4	+34.4	+22.6
	Volume	137.7	150.6	+12.9	+9.4	+30.6	+25.5	+11.3	+9.1
All restaurant types	Value	130.1	148.0	+17.9	+13.7	+8.9	+6.4	+4.9	+3.7
	Volume	93.4	104.5	+11.1	+11.9	-2.3	-2.2	-5.2	-5.0

FINE FOR IGNORING DEMOLITION ORDER

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FLAT OWNERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH DEMOLITION ORDERS ON UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES MAY FACE HEAVY FINES.

THE REMINDER CAME FROM THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT AFTER A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WAS FINED \$151,200 FOR IGNORING SEVEN DEMOLITION ORDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE CERTAIN UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT WHEN BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT STAFF, ACTING ON A COMPLAINT, INSPECTED THE FIRST FLOOR TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF 166 YEE KUK STREET, SHAM SHUI PO AND FOUND THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

SEVEN DEMOLITION ORDERS WERE ISSUED BY THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT ON MAY 8, LAST YEAR REQUIRING THE OWNER, A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, TO REMOVE THE UNAUTHORISED WORKS AND REINSTATE THE AFFECTED PARTS OF THE BUILDING WITHIN 60 DAYS.

THE DEFENDANT WAS TAKEN TO COURT AFTER SUBSEQUENT INSPECTIONS REVEALED THAT THE STATUTORY ORDERS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

HE WAS CONVICTED AND FINED \$21,600 AT NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY ON DECEMBER 1, FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EACH REMOVAL ORDER.

THE PENALTY INCLUDED A DAILY FINE OF \$200 FOR 58 DAYS FROM THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE DEMOLITION ORDER TO THE DATE OF LAST INSPECTION BY STAFF OF THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

THE TOTAL FINE FOR THE SEVEN CHARGES WAS \$151,200.

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NEW POST OFFICE IN TO KWA WAN

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR MIKE PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A NEW TO KWA WAN POST OFFICE LOCATED AT ARCADE SHOP D, GROUND FLOOR, HANG CHIEN COURT, WYLER GARDEN, 108 MEI KING STREET, KOWLOON WILL BE OPENED AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 3).

THIS OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MA TAU WAI POST OFFICE AT 11 FARM ROAD, WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS AT 5 PM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 31).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW TO KWA WAN OFFICE IS 303 1568 AND THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE MA TAU WAI POST OFFICE.

LIKE THE EXISTING MA TAU WAI POST OFFICE, THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH 500 P O BOXES.

MAIL ITEMS ADDRESSED TO OLD P O BOXES AT MA TAU WAI POST OFFICE WILL BE CIRCULATED TO THE TO KWA WAN POST OFFICE.

THE NEW OFFICE IS FITTED OUT TO THE LATEST STANDARDS AND IS MORE SPACIOUS TO PROVIDE A BETTER QUALITY OF SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS.

LOCAL PHILATELISTS WILL WISH TO NOTE THAT SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 31) AT THE MA TAU WAI POST OFFICE FOR UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "LAST DAY COVER"; AND ON MONDAY (JANUARY 3) AT THE NEW TO KWA WAN POST OFFICE FOR UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "FIRST DAY COVER".

THESE PRIVATELY PREPARED COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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EDUCATION CHIEF COMMENTS ON NEW CAC APPOINTMENT

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING AS THE NEW COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY):

"MR SO IS EMINENTLY SUITABLE TO BE THE NEW COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS. HE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE ON GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND HAS WON GREAT RESPECT FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"HE HAS ESTABLISHED CLOSE CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND IS EXTREMELY FAMILIAR WITH GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. I WISH HIM LUCK AND SUCCESS IN HIS NEW APPOINTMENT.

"UNFORTUNATELY, MR SO'S APPOINTMENT WILL MEAN GREAT LOSS FOR THE EDUCATION SECTOR," SAID MR WONG.

"WE NEED TO START SEARCHING FOR SUITABLE PERSONS TO REPLACE HIM AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL."

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WORLD'S LARGEST POSTER ENTERS GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

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THE CREATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST POSTER ON OCTOBER 26 HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ENTERED IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

A CERTIFICATE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE 21,936-SQUARE-METRE POSTER DEPICTING THE "IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY" AND HERALDING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LONDON HEADQUARTERS OF THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS.

ABOUT 1,500 CYC MEMBERS GATHERED AT THE VICTORIA PARK, IN WINDY AND GLOOMY WEATHER, TO ASSEMBLE THE POSTER WHICH COVERED SIX FOOTBALL PITCHES.

THEY WERE JOINED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS.

"A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING, CO-OPERATION AND HARD WORK HAS GONE INTO THIS EXERCISE. IT IS A MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR HONG KONG, AND FOR OUR STUDENTS," THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, SAID.

HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE HELP PROVIDED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG FLYING SERVICE, AND THE GENEROUS DONATION BY THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, TO REALISE THIS WORLD-RECORD EVENT.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 67.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 395.899 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 323.864 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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JOBS REPORT ON SALE  
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A REPORT CONTAINING STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS ANALYSES OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LABOUR FORCE, SUCH AS THEIR AGE AND SEX, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CENTRAL, AT \$23.5 EACH.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS A SAMPLE SURVEY CONDUCTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS SINCE AUGUST 1981.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JANUARY  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 22 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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GARY EDWARDS: FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FIRING PRACTICE:

DATE -----	TIME -----
JANUARY 3 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 4 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 5 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 6 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 7 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 10 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 11 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 12 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 13 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 14 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 18 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 20 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 21 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JANUARY 22 (SATURDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 24 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 25 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 26 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 27 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 28 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 31 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	28 DEC 93	28 DEC 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q352	Y397
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$2,900 MN	HK\$1,070 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN	HK\$300 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.11 PCT	3.49 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.12 PCT	3.50 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 83 PCT	ABOUT 95 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.13 PCT	3.52 PCT

## HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 3 JANUARY 1994 -

TENDER DATE	4 JAN 94	4 JAN 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q401	H455
ISSUE DATE	5 JAN 94	5 JAN 94
MATURITY DATE	6 MAR 94	6 JUL 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,200 + 240 MN	HK\$500 + 100 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,683
REVERSAL OF LAF	+2,317
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	4,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,180
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,820
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.9 *+0.1* 28.12.93

## HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.26 PCT	14 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.38	3.53
1 MONTH	3.12 PCT	17 MONTHS	2505	3.75	100.05	3.75
3 MONTHS	3.13 PCT	20 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.14	3.94
6 MONTHS	3.20 PCT	23 MONTHS	2511	4.15	100.12	4.12
12 MONTHS	3.48 PCT	34 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.13	4.58

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,630 MN

CLOSED 28 DECEMBER 1993

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