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OPERATION TO REMOVE ILLEGAL FLOATING STRUCTURES COMPLETED

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED AN OPERATION AT ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING TO REMOVE THE ILLEGAL FLOATING STRUCTURES.

OF THE 15 PERSONS SERVED WITH REMOVAL NOTICES BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY, ONLY TWO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDER.

A SALVAGE TEAM CLEARED THE ILLEGAL FLOATING STRUCTURES SET UP BY THESE TWO PERSONS IN THE OPERATION WHICH CONCLUDED SHORTLY BEFORE NOON.

MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES AND A SCAVENGING TEAM COMPRISING MOTORISED SAMPANS, SPECIALISED SCAVENGING CRAFT WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION.

THE SCAVENGING TEAM WILL CLEAR THE FLOATING DEBRIS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER THIS AFTERNOON.

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FOUR RURAL OUTLINE ZONING PLANS PUBLISHED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION OF FOUR DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZPS) FOR TAI TONG, LAM TSUEN, TING KOK AND TSENG LAN SHUE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID: "THESE RURAL OZPS REPLACE THE APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLAN FOR TAI TONG AND THE RECENTLY APPROVED DPA PLANS FOR LAM TSUEN, TING KOK AND TSENG LAN SHUE.

"THEY INDICATE DEFINITE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE ZONES TO GUIDE AND CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS.

"SIMILAR TO DPA PLANS, UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE OZPS ARE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

"THE FOUR OZPS AIM AT RETAINING THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PRESERVING EXISTING AGRICULTURAL LAND."

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 666 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN ZONED "AGRICULTURE" IN TAI TONG, LAM TSUEN AND TING KOK.

ON ALL THE FOUR OZPS, SOME 455 HECTARES HAVE BEEN ZONED "CONSERVATION AREA" TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

WITHIN THIS ZONE, USES RELATED TO CONSERVATION PURPOSE SUCH AS FIELD STUDY CENTRE, EDUCATION CENTRE AND VISITOR CENTRE ARE PERMITTED.

USES WHICH WOULD HAVE INSIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COULD BE PERMITTED UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD.

IN ADDITION, TWO SITES OF ABOUT 40 HECTARES AND ONE SITE OF ABOUT SIX HECTARES IN TING KOK AND LAM TSUEN RESPECTIVELY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS "SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST" (SSSI).

THE FORMER INCLUDE THE MANGROVE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE COAST NEAR TING KOK AND PO SAM PAI VILLAGES AND THE SHUEN WAN EGRETRY AT SHUEN WAN CHIM UK. THE LATTER INCLUDES THE SHE SHAN TSUEN FUNG SHUI WOODLAND.

TO GIVE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO THE SSSI NEAR TING KOK AND PO SAM PAI VILLAGES, SOME SEVEN HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED "COASTAL PROTECTION AREA" IN TING KOK.

A KNOLL WITH HEAVY VEGETATION IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TAI TONG WITHIN THE TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK HAS BEEN ZONED "COUNTRY PARK".

ON ALL THE FOUR OZPS, SOME 380 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS "GREEN BELT" TO CONTAIN URBAN SPRAWL.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 14 HECTARES IN LAM TSUEN AND TING KOK HAVE BEEN ZONED "RECREATION" TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION USES.

TO FACILITATE LOW-RISE LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TSENG LAN SHUE, ABOUT 25 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" USE.

IN THIS ZONE, DEVELOPMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO FROM 0.25 TO 0.9, SITE COVERAGE OF 12.5 PER CENT TO 45 PER CENT, AND HEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING NINE METRES WITH TWO STOREYS OVER ONE LEVEL OF CARPORT.

IN ADDITION, TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATIONS, ABOUT 25 HECTARES IN TAI TONG AND EIGHT HECTARES IN TSENG LAN SHUE HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)" USE.

IN THIS ZONE, REPLACEMENT HOUSING IS RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA OF 37.2 SQUARE METRES AND A HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS.

EXCEPT NEW TERRITORIES EXEMPTED HOUSES, OTHER BUILDINGS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.2, SITE COVERAGE OF 20 PER CENT AND A HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS.

IN TAI TONG, ABOUT THREE HECTARES OF LAND HAVE ALSO BEEN ZONED "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA" AND 16 HECTARES FOR "OPEN STORAGE" USES.

THERE ARE AREAS ZONED FOR "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT" "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" AND "OPEN SPACE" USES IN THE PLANS.

EXCEPT THE DRAFT TAI TONG DPA PLAN, THE THREE RECENTLY APPROVED DPA PLANS FOR LAM TSUEN, TING KOK AND TSENG LAN SHUE CAN BE INSPECTED FOR ONE WEEK, WHILE THE FOUR OZPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8 FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE DRAFT OZPS FOR TING KOK (NO. S/NE-TK/1) AND LAM TSUEN (NO. S/NE-LT/1) CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- \* SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR,  
6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN; AND

- \* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,  
GROUND FLOOR,  
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
TING KOK ROAD,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DRAFT TAI TONG OZP (NO. S/YL-TT/1) IS AVAILABLE AT:

- \* TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
11TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA TOWER 1,  
223 HING FONG ROAD,  
KWAI FONG,  
NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- \* YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE,  
YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING,  
269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DRAFT TSENG LAN SHUE OZP (NO. S/SK-TLS/1) CAN BE INSPECTED  
AT:

- \* SAI KUNG AND TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,  
SUITE 1209, 12TH FLOOR,  
CHINACHEM GOLDEN PLAZA,  
MODY ROAD, KOWLOON; AND
- \* SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE,  
SECOND FLOOR,  
SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
34 CHAN MAN STREET,  
SAI KUNG,  
NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLANS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION  
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SURVEY AND  
MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AND  
KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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PUBLIC WORKS QUALITY ASSURED

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INTRODUCING A QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO MEET THE RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL STANDARD  
REQUIREMENTS OF ISO 9000.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR KENNETH CHAN, WHEN HE OPENED A ROVING  
EXHIBITION TO MARK THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC WORKS IN HONG KONG.

THE EXHIBITION WAS JOINTLY HELD BY THE WORKS BRANCH AND THE  
WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS AT WHAMPOA GARDEN HONG KONG STREET PLACE,  
HUNG HOM.

/MR CHAN .....

MR CHAN SAID THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS DEMANDING BETTER SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS SOCIETY CONTINUED TO PROSPER.

"BEING A DEPARTMENT WITH A BIG BUDGET ON PUBLIC WORKS, THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS NEVER IDLE.

"WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING TALENTED PROFESSIONALS AND A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY WHICH CATERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MODERN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT," MR CHAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS REACHED \$5.8 BILLION LAST YEAR; AND THAT ANOTHER BILLION DOLLARS WERE SPENT ON MAINTENANCE AND EXTENSION WORKS.

"IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING VARIOUS KINDS OF WORKS AND TO MEET THE TARGETS OF COMPLETING ALL PROJECTS WITHIN BUDGET AND ON TIME, WE HAVE INTRODUCED ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN WORKS DRAFTING, WORKS ADMINISTRATION AND COST MANAGEMENT," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN COMMENDED HIS STAFF FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE PUBLIC WORKS SECTOR AND FOR PLEDGING TO KEEP UP THEIR GOOD WORK IN THE FUTURE.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM UNTIL TOMORROW BEFORE MOVING TO TUEN MUN LATER THIS MONTH.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HOW HONG KONG HAS TRANSFORMED FROM A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE 150 YEARS AGO INTO AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THEY WILL ALSO LEARN THROUGH SHORT FILMS ON A FULL-SIZED VIDEO WALL, ON THE APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR BUILDING NEW TOWNS, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, PARKS, ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE.

THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURES CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WORKS BRANCH, THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, AND SEVEN WORKS DEPARTMENTS - ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, CIVIL ENGINEERING, DRAINAGE SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, HIGHWAYS, TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AND WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENTS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN TOP GEAR

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THE 1993/95 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE) PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL TURN INTO TOP GEAR WITH THE LAUNCHING OF A 12-EPIISODE TV PROGRAMME AND A NEWLY PRODUCED TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST (API) TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE TV PROGRAMME, ENTITLED "UNDER THE SAME ROOF", IS JOINTLY PRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AND THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK).

THE 30-MINUTE TV SERIES WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE CHANNEL ON EVERY SUNDAY AT 7.30 PM FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS.

THE TV PROGRAMME IS ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLICITY EFFORTS OF THE BIENNIAL CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BEEN LAUNCHED SINCE 1978.

"FLE IS A FORM OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION AIMING TO PROMOTE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE AND INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, PRESERVE THE FUNCTIONS OF FAMILY AND PREVENT FAMILY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS," SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, MRS JUNE SHERRY, TODAY (SATURDAY).

ON THE TV SERIES, MRS SHERRY SAID EACH PROGRAMME WOULD DEPICT A SHORT DRAMA BASED ON ACTUAL CASES WITH VARIOUS FAMILY PROBLEMS.

"THE TOPICS INCLUDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE, PARENTING, MARRIAGE, DATING, DRUG ABUSE, DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOUR OF YOUTH, CARING FOR THE ELDERLY, AND HOME SAFETY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE BROADCASTING OF THE TV PROGRAMME, WE CAN BRING HOME THE MESSAGE OF PROMOTING HARMONIOUS FAMILY TO ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE TV API, MRS SHERRY SAID IT WAS PRODUCED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MARRIED COUPLES IN PARTICULAR, TO TAKE PART IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

"HARMONIOUS MARRIAGE IS NOT A MATTER OF COURSE AND JOINT EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A HAPPY FAMILY.

"MARRIED COUPLES ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE AFFECTIONATE COMMUNICATION TO EXPRESS CARE AND CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER," SHE ADDED.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE TV PROGRAMME AND TV API, A FORUM WAS TODAY (SATURDAY) HELD AT STUDIO 3 OF THE RTHK TO DISCUSS TOPICS RELATING TO FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND THE MESSAGES INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED.

THE PANELISTS INCLUDED LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR ANDREW WONG, MR ERIC LI, MR JAMES TO AND MRS SELINA CHOW, MR CHENG KAI-NAM AND MRS DEBORAH KWAN. THE MODERATOR WAS MS CLAUDIA MO.

OVER 60 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WORK UNITS AND YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ALSO ATTENDED THE PANEL DISCUSSION TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

CONTENTS OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK CHANNEL 1 AT 8.10 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,505,000. 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 \*CC11 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF 550,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK \*FW8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$440,000. WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR CH647, FY3732, FY6872, FZ7987, GA1957, FZ8070, FZ2639.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
CC311	39,000	AC416	6,000	AY718	21,000	AG336	30,000
FZ309	10,000	FT218	20,000	FZ662	13,000	FZ892	10,000
*GA97	56,000	*AT83	80,000	*ES111	52,000	*FW3	180,000
CJ9328	16,000	FZ220	28,000	FZ8887	15,000	FZ8161	13,000
FZ365	6,000	FZ3133	9,000	FZ388	55,000	FZ608	6,000
BB2811	28,000	GA8111	10,000	AR722	13,000	AT185	9,000
CP267	2,000	AA2581	10,000	FZ1312	2,000	FZ944	4,000
*FY2	165,000	*CH50	92,000	*FC38	85,000	*AW3377	15,000
FZ9198	10,000	GA588	10,000	FZ213	6,000	FZ3280	10,000
FZ3878	WITHDRAWN	FZ7828	3,000	FY6638	11,000	FZ3996	WITHDRAWN
GA861	10,000	CH647	1,000	*EE9595	12,000	FZ3949	WITHDRAWN
FZ7772	9,000	FY3732	1,000	FZ1678	6,000	*CY656	9,000
FY6872	1,000	FZ7987	1,000				

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
BB302	60,000	GA913	18,000	AC520	11,000	GA118	110,000
GA8288	52,000	FZ344	2,000	XX960	70,000	FZ2639	1,000
*GA123	100,000	*FC22	160,000	*FY32	55,000	*CC11	550,000
GA8161	3,000	GA350	15,000	GA911	120,000	FZ7888	38,000
GA1957	1,000	GA223	42,000	FZ668	140,000	GA319	14,000
BC908	55,000	GA338	130,000	HK229	180,000	CC1283	150,000
GA633	40,000	FZ8111	10,000	CC342	25,000	GA203	20,000
*GA9	350,000	*1264	40,000	*FW8	440,000	*GA44	30,000
GA2638	7,000	GA139	25,000	CR9188	42,000	GA2928	8,000
FZ6163	4,000	CH3353	4,000	AR8323	30,000	GA1190	3,000
GA937	10,000	GA2866	8,000	*CC9595	60,000	FZ891	10,000
GA1883	12,000	GA2829	17,000	FZ8133	8,000	*GA626	20,000
FZ8070	1,000	CF7717	11,000				

THERE WERE NO BIDDER FOR FZ3878, FZ3996 AND FZ3949. THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS.

\* SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

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

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

TODAY'S SALE, THE 232ND AND 233RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO 331,092,905.

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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	1,644	0930	-20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,604	1000	-20
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-20
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-20	1130	-20
LAF TODAY	-20	1500	
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 122.6	*-0.2*	9.7.94

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85,000 PUPILS ALLOCATED SECONDARY ONE PLACES

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MORE THAN 85,000 PUPILS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SECONDARY ONE PLACES IN THIS YEAR'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION EXERCISE, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY (JULY 12).

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "ALL 85,263 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR AGES, HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SECONDARY ONE PLACES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"THE NUMBER INCLUDES 3,864 PUPILS (4.53 PER CENT) WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED THE DISCRETIONARY PLACES THEY APPLIED FOR EARLIER THIS YEAR.

"A TOTAL OF 42,286 PUPILS (49.59 PER CENT) HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED PLACES ACCORDING TO THEIR FIRST CHOICE AND 61,019 PUPILS (71.57 PER CENT) ACCORDING TO THEIR FIRST THREE CHOICES."

ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE THREE-YEAR PLACES FOR WHICH NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

"IN ADDITION TO THE 85,263 PUPILS, A TOTAL OF 15 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION EXERCISE HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH JOINED THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ALLOCATION RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PUPILS' PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON TUESDAY (JULY 12). PUPILS SHOULD FOLLOW THE ARRANGEMENTS SET DOWN BY THEIR SCHOOLS AND RETURN TO COLLECT THE ADMISSION SLIP AND ALLOCATION SLIP, ATTACHED TO THEIR PRIMARY SIX IDENTIFICATION FORM, FROM THEIR SCHOOLS.

THERE IS ONLY ONE REGISTRATION PERIOD THIS YEAR - FROM JULY 18 TO 19. ALL PUPILS MUST REPORT DURING THE PERIOD TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL MEAN THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE PLACES ALLOCATED.

IN CASE BOTH THE PUPIL AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, THEY SHOULD AUTHORISE IN WRITING REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPLY WITH THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES ON THEIR BEHALF. COPIES OF LETTERS OF AUTHORISATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS.

IN CASE OF GENUINE DIFFICULTIES, THE PARENTS OR PUPILS CONCERNED SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD SO THAT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

"AFTER THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, VACANCIES ARISING FROM FAILURE TO TURN UP FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE FILLED AT THE DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS," HE ADDED.

WHEN REPORTING TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION, PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO PUT ON THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS. THEY MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

/\*PRIMARY SIX .....

- \* PRIMARY SIX IDENTIFICATION FORMS, TO WHICH THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION SLIPS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED;
- \* THE ADMISSION SLIPS;
- \* BIRTH CERTIFICATES, HONG KONG JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR DATE OF BIRTH AND THEIR STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG;

NOTE: PUPILS SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IF THE SYMBOL "C" (FOR CONDITIONAL STAY) IS FOUND AT LINE 7 OF THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD.

- \* LATEST SCHOOL REPORTS, IF ANY; AND
- \* TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS.

PARENTS SEEKING TRANSFERS FOR THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD DIRECTLY APPLY TO THE SCHOOLS THEY PREFERRED. ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE ADMISSION SLIPS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT WHICH THEY HAVE REGISTERED DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD AND HAND THEM TO THE SCHOOLS THEY WISH TO TRANSFER TO.

PARENTS AND PUPILS ARE REMINDED THAT BY RETRIEVING THEIR ADMISSION SLIPS, THEIR REGISTRATION WITH THE SCHOOLS WILL BE CANCELLED.

"IN CASE OF TROPICAL CYCLONES, PERSISTENT HEAVY RAIN OR THUNDERSTORMS DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY NECESSARY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE RESULTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION ON TEL 891 2200 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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#### EMPLOYER FINED FOR SACKING PREGNANT WORKER

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REMINDS EMPLOYERS THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE (EO) TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A FEMALE WORKER AFTER SHE HAS GIVEN HER EMPLOYER A NOTICE OF HER INTENTION TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE.

PATTON ELECTRIC (HONG KONG) LIMITED IN YAU TONG WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED AND FINED \$3,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE FOR SACKING A PREGNANT EMPLOYEE.

"UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, A FEMALE WORKER IS PROTECTED FROM TERMINATION OF HER EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE DATE ON WHICH SHE GIVES NOTICE OF HER INTENTION TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL THE DATE ON WHICH SHE IS DUE TO RETURN TO WORK, IF SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 WEEKS," LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) MRS GRACE SHEK SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

/"IT ALSO .....

"IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT A FEMALE EMPLOYEE WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE SAME EMPLOYER UNDER A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 26 WEEKS IS ENTITLED TO MATERNITY LEAVE.

"IF A FEMALE WORKER HAS WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE EMPLOYER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 40 WEEKS BEFORE THE EXPECTED DATE OF HER COMMENCEMENT OF MATERNITY LEAVE AND SHE HAS NO MORE THAN TWO SURVIVING CHILDREN, SHE IS ALSO ENTITLED TO MATERNITY LEAVE PAY," SHE SAID.

MRS SHEK NOTED THAT THE MATERNITY LEAVE PAY WAS CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF TWO-THIRDS OF AN EMPLOYEE'S MONTHLY SALARY.

IF A FEMALE WORKER IS EMPLOYED ON PIECE RATE OR WHERE HER DAILY WAGES VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE RATE IS TWO-THIRDS OF HER DAILY AVERAGE WAGE DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, COMPRISING NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE LEAVE.

"EMPLOYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PAY WAGES IN LIEU OF MATERNITY LEAVE," MRS SHEK STRESSED.

"EMPLOYERS BREACHING THE PROVISIONS WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

"HE WILL ALSO HAVE TO PAY THE SUM WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE IF THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN TERMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS, THE MATERNITY LEAVE PAY FOR 10 WEEKS AND A FURTHER SUM EQUIVALENT TO SEVEN DAYS' WAGES," SHE ADDED.

TO FACILITATE WORKERS TO UNDERSTAND IN SIMPLE TERMS THE MATERNITY PROTECTION PROVISIONS OF THE EO, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A LEAFLET FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AT ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES, AND THE LRS OFFICES.

"INCLUDED IN THE LEAFLET IS A STANDARD FORM OF NOTICE, SPECIFYING THE EXPECTED DATE OF CONFINEMENT AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE MATERNITY LEAVE IS TO COMMENCE, TO FACILITATE EMPLOYEES TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE EO," SHE SAID.

"THERE IS ALSO A DECLARATION FORM TO FACILITATE FEMALE WORKERS TO MAKE STATUTORY DECLARATION TO VERIFY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SHE HAS IN ORDER TO CLAIM MATERNITY LEAVE PAY.

"TO AVOID UNNECESSARY MISUNDERSTANDING AND DISPUTES, EMPLOYEES INTENDING TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE SHOULD CONSIDER USING THE STANDARD FORM OF NOTICE AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE," SHE ADDED.

MRS SHEK ALSO URGED PREGNANT EMPLOYEES TO MAKE DECLARATION, USING THE ATTACHED FORM IN THE LEAFLET, AT THE 11 LRS OFFICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY MUST PRODUCE TO THEIR EMPLOYERS A STATUTORY DECLARATION VERIFYING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT THE TIME WHEN THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE LEAVE IS SERVED.

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UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES 1995/96

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMENCING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1995/96 FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY SUBJECT OF STUDY AT ANY LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AND SHOULD BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO POSSESS HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

UPON GRADUATION, SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IS NORMALLY THREE YEARS AND THE AWARD COVERS UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE, ANNUAL VACATION PASSAGE ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN AIR PASSAGE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND LONDON AT THE COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF STUDIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:-

\* STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY  
NINTH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE  
151 GLOUCESTER ROAD  
WAN CHAI  
HONG KONG

\* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SERVICES SECTION  
ROOM 206  
MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES  
30 LUEN WAN STREET  
MONG KOK  
KOWLOON

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 802 1638 OR 802 1639.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 19, 1994. SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE INITIAL SELECTION INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER. SUITABLE APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE FINAL INTERVIEW IN JANUARY 1995.

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