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## INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR 1991 SECOND QUARTER

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THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991, AT 122, WAS 1 POINT OR 0.8% HIGHER THAN THAT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF 1.0% IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991. THE AVERAGE RATE OF CHANGE FOR 1990 OVER 1989 WAS -0.8%.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1991, THE INDEX FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 16 POINTS OR 15.1%.

THIS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS A SEASONAL PHENOMENON DUE MAINLY TO THE LARGER NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS IN THE SECOND QUARTER THAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER WHEN MANUFACTURING WORKERS HAD THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

AMONG THE EIGHT BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, FIVE RECORDED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990.

MORE SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (+12.9%); PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (+8.2%); AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS (+4.1%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP "CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS" SHOWED THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN PRODUCTION (-6.7%) IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1990.

COMPARING THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1991 WITH THAT IN THE PRECEDING QUARTER, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON IS MUCH AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, ALL EIGHT BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS SHOWED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION.

MORE SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN PRODUCTION WERE RECORDED IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) (+37.6%); CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (+23.9%); AND PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (+19.4%).

IN RELEASING THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES OVER TIME OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING OUTPUT IN REAL TERMS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUME OF LOCAL PRODUCTION IS MEASURED AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

A TABLE SHOWING CHANGES IN THE INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN GREATER DETAIL IS ATTACHED.

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MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE "REPORT ON THE QUARTERLY INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, SECOND QUARTER 1991", WHICH IS ON SALE AT \$3 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 3250.

INDEXES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP AND SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUP

(1986 = 100)

BROAD INDUSTRY GROUP/ SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUP	INDEX FOR 2ND QTR. 1991	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER	
		2ND QTR. 1990	1ST QTR. 1991
1. FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	149	+12.9	+7.2
2. WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	104	-1.0	+6.1
3. TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	117	+1.7	+37.6
4. PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING	197	+8.2	+19.4
5. CHEMICALS, RUBBER, PLASTIC AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	83	-6.7	+23.9
- PLASTIC PRODUCTS	(68)	(-11.7)	(+25.9)
6. BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	132	+1.5	+10.9
-FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	(106)	(-4.5)	(+6.0)
7. ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OPTICAL GOODS	151	+4.1	+12.7
-CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	(135)	(+2.3)	(+10.7)
-ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC PARTS, ACCESSORIES AND MACHINERY	(175)	(+6.7)	(+9.4)

/8. MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING .....

8. MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	106	-2.8	+12.8
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	122	+0.8	+15.1

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NOTE: FOR EASY READING, FIGURES FOR THE 4 SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS, WHICH CARRY LARGER WEIGHTS AND ARE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE BROAD INDUSTRY GROUPS, ARE SHOWN IN BRACKETS.

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GOVERNOR VISITS DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, VISITED THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, SIR DAVID WAS MET AT QUEEN'S PIER BY THE DIRECTOR OF DRAINAGE SERVICES, MR SIU CHUEN, AND TRAVELLED BY BOAT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S LARGEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME.

DURING THE VOYAGE, HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WORKS AND FLOOD CONTROL WORKS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT WHICH, THIS YEAR ALONE, WILL COST \$1,500 MILLION.

SIR DAVID THEN TOURED THE CONSTRUCTION SITE WHICH EXTENDS FROM LAI CHI KOK TO TAI KOK TSUI.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE SITE SUPERVISORY TEAM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

"SETTING UP A NEW SPECIALIST DEPARTMENT SHOWS HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SEWAGE IMPROVEMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THIS MAJOR PROJECT IN NORTHWEST KOWLOON IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE WORK THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE UNDERTAKING."

THE PROJECT, WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMMISSIONED IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR AT A COST OF \$1,350 MILLION, WILL TREAT THE SEWAGE OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE AND WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY IN THE COASTAL WATERS.

SIR DAVID SAID THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAY AHEAD.

IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR SEWAGE STRATEGY WAS A VERY IMPORTANT TASK. IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY HOPED FOR BUT THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO IT.

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"THERE IS NO QUESTION OF SHELIVING THE SEWAGE STRATEGY," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"IT CAN AND MUST BE PURSUED. BUT PROJECTS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE NEED TO BE PLANNED CAREFULLY, AND THEIR FUNDING PROPERLY PHASED WITH OTHER PUBLIC SPENDING."

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GOVT ENCOURAGES NEW TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPMENT: STI  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS SETTING UP AN APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTS.

MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PROMOTE THE WIDER APPLICATION OF R&D IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY ROAD MAPS FOR HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY), MR CHAU SAID THIS IS NEW GROUND FOR HONG KONG.

"UNDER THE SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN WITH COMPANIES TO FUND THEIR R&D PROJECTS.

"OUR INPUT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF AN INVESTMENT, SO THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHARE IN THE BENEFITS OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS," HE SAID.

"WE WILL BE SEEKING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL FOR FUNDING FOR THE SCHEME SHORTLY, WITH THE AIM OF PROCESSING THE FIRST APPLICATIONS BY MID-1992," HE SAID.

ON OTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN HONG KONG, MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR RESEARCH IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR IS BEING BOOSTED FROM \$120 MILLION IN THE 1988/91 TRIENNIUM TO ABOUT \$400 MILLION FOR 1991/94.

"AS THE R&D CAPABILITY OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS GROWS, THEY WILL BE INCREASINGLY WELL PLACED TO SUPPORT THE WORK WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON APPLIED R&D PROJECTS.

"IN HIGHER EDUCATION, A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMME IS UNDER WAY, WITH THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FULL-TIME STUDY IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO RISE FROM JUST OVER 10,000 IN 1990 TO ABOUT 30,000 BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY," MR CHAU SAID.

ALSO IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A NEW TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SCHEME.

"UNDER THIS SCHEME, COMPANIES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING IN IMPORTANT NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR THEIR MID-CAREER MANAGERS AND TECHNOLOGISTS," HE SAID.

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MR CHAU SAID A NEW INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL TAKE OVER FROM THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY, WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON STRATEGIES FOR FACILITATING INDUSTRIAL UPGRADING, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND APPLIED R&D.

"THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH HOW BEST TO FOCUS AND CO-ORDINATE OUR EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES," HE ADDED.

ON A FINAL NOTE, MR CHAU SAID HONG KONG IS WELL PLACED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN TECHNOLOGY-BASED INDUSTRIES.

"WE HAVE A FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. WE HAVE A WELL EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE AND AN EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND HAVE READY ACCESS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FROM OVERSEAS," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENT DECISION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO AWARD INTRA-COCOM TRADE LICENSING BENEFITS TO HONG KONG IS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

"THE U.S. IS THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF HIGH-TECH GOODS TO HONG KONG. THE LIBERALISATION OF LICENSING PROCEDURES WILL ALLOW A FASTER AND EASIER FLOW OF THESE GOODS FROM THE U.S. TO HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM OF GOVERNMENT BOND PROGRAMME PUBLISHED

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THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND, THE ISSUING AGENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT BONDS, PUBLISHES TODAY (THURSDAY) AN INFORMATION MEMORANDUM OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BOND PROGRAMME.

"THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM SETS OUT THE RELEVANT DETAILS OF THE BONDS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING THE TENDER ARRANGEMENTS AND THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION, PAYMENT, AND SETTLEMENT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF EXCHANGE FUND SAID.

VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT TO BORROW THROUGH THE ISSUE OF BONDS UNDER THE LOANS ORDINANCE SUM NOT EXCEEDING FIVE BILLION HONG KONG DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND WERE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY)

"ALL THE NECESSARY APPROVALS HAVE NOW BEEN OBTAINED FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE GOVERNMENT BOND PROGRAMME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE FIRST TENDER OF THE BONDS WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH. DETAILS OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT ON OFFER, INTEREST RATE, THE TENDER DATE, ISSUE DATE AND MATURITY DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT LEAST FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE TENDER DATE," HE SAID.

COPIES OF THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND ON 24TH FLOOR, ADMIRALTY CENTRE, TOWER II, 18 HARCOURT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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EXTENSION OF CROWN RENT & PREMIUM (APPORTIONMENT) ORDINANCE

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THE CROWN RENT AND PREMIUM (APPORTIONMENT) ORDINANCE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO COVER ALL REMAINING UNAFFECTED LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE EXTENSION WAS MADE ACCORDING TO THE POWERS EXERCISED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EXTENSION WAS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE EXISTING CROWN RENT COLLECTION SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO ACHIEVE A FAIR AND REASONABLE APPORTIONMENT OF CROWN RENT AND PREMIUM ON SECTIONS OF LOTS AS WELL AS ON INDIVIDUAL FLATS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

THE EXISTING PRACTICE IN RESPECT OF LOTS INVOLVING MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP WAS TO MAKE ONE OF THE CO-OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CROWN RENT FOR THE WHOLE LOT.

"THIS IS UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE THE CO-OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH PAYMENT HAS NO STATUTORY RIGHT TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CROWN RENT HE HAS PAID FROM THE OTHER CO-OWNERS.

"FURTHERMORE, HE HAS NO MEANS TO DETERMINE HOW THE CROWN RENT SHOULD BE APPORTIONED AS ONLY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CROWN RENT IS SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE," HE SAID.

EXTENSION WAS NOT MADE TO COVER THE WHOLE NEW TERRITORIES AT THE OUTSET WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED IN 1970 BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF LOTS IN MULTI-OWNERSHIP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UP TO THEN WAS SMALL, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS SEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE SINCE 1976, AND PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN THE COLLECTION OF CROWN RENT IN CASES WHERE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP IS INVOLVED," HE SAID.

UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXTENSION, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED AN APPORTIONMENT UNIT FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES.

FROM NOW ON PROPERTY OWNERS CAN APPLY FOR APPORTIONMENT OF CROWN RENT IN RESPECT OF THEIR RELEVANT INTEREST IN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY MAY APPROACH THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT LAND REGISTRIES FOR PROCEDURE DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

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DENTIST BILL TO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW  
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A BILL SEEKING TO AMEND THE DENTISTS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL SOUGHT TO EXPAND THE RANGE OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS AVAILABLE TO THE DENTAL COUNCIL IN THE EVENT OF A FINDING BY THE COUNCIL AGAINST A DENTIST.

"THE NEW ORDERS WILL INCLUDE A POWER TO MAKE NO ORDER AND TO SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF ANY ORDER MADE. THE EXISTING POWER TO POSTPONE JUDGEMENT FOR TWO YEARS WILL BE DELETED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT PRESENT, IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE AMENDMENT WILL MAKE THE GAZETTING OF A DISCIPLINARY ORDER OPTIONAL IN THE CASE OF A REPRIMAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE CHANGES WOULD BRING THE RANGE OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS FOR THE DENTAL COUNCIL IN LINE WITH THOSE FOR THE MEDICAL COUNCIL IN DEALING WITH DISCIPLINARY CASES INVOLVING MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

THE DRAFT LEGISLATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SPEAK UP ON CRIME BILL  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE ORGANISED CRIME BILL BEFORE THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE ENDS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS MARION LAI, CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO ACTIVELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS SO THAT THE BILL COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED AND BECOME AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO COMBAT TRIADS AND TO FIGHT ORGANISED CRIME.

MRS LAI NOTED THAT THE BILL, PUBLISHED IN AUGUST, HAD IN GENERAL BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC, WHO WELCOMED IT AS A DETERMINED EFFORT TO COMBAT TRIADS AND ORGANISED CRIME.

THERE WERE, HOWEVER, WORRIES AS TO WHETHER THE BILL WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE, SHE SAID.

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DURING THE DRAFTING OF THE BILL, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY ENDEAVOURED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LIKELY IMPACT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE, SHE SAID.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT COURT RULINGS, PARTICULARLY THE COURT OF APPEAL CASE CONCERNING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GUARANTEE OF PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE CAN BE MODIFIED, WE WILL OBVIOUSLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE BILL AGAIN TO SEE IF WE NEED TO CHANGE ANY PART OF IT," SHE SAID.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE ON THE DRAFT LEGISLATION, TOGETHER WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THE BILL, WILL BE EXAMINED BEFORE THE BILL IS INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

TURNING TO THE AIMS OF THE BILL, MRS LAI SAID WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ACHIEVE WAS TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY TO PROSECUTE AND PUNISH THOSE INVOLVED IN ORGANISED CRIME; TO DETER ORGANISED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THROUGH HEAVIER PENALTIES; AND TO DESTROY THE FINANCIAL POWER OF CRIMINAL SYNDICATES BY PROVIDING FOR THE CONFISCATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME.

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NO NOMINATION FOR LEGCO BY-ELECTION TODAY

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NO NOMINATION IS RECEIVED TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST CONSTITUENCY.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD FOR THE BY-ELECTION, TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8, WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 18.

THREE NOMINATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE NOMINATION STARTED ON MONDAY.

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GOOD MEMORY FIELD RECOVER LOST VEHICLES

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THE POLICE FORCE'S TOP TEAM OF SPOTTERS OF MISSING AND WANTED VEHICLES - KOWLOON WEST EMERGENCY UNIT - PLAY THEIR OWN NUMBERS GAME TO REMEMBER THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF VEHICLES AS THEY PATROL THE STREETS.

SO ACCURATE IS THEIR MEMORY FOR REGISTRATION NUMBERS THAT OF THE 147 VEHICLES LOCATED BY THE UNIT DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR A TOTAL OF 83 WERE FOUND BY OFFICERS OF NO. 4 PLATOON.

A RECORD NUMBER OF 24 VEHICLES WERE LOCATED BY THE PLATOON DURING SEPTEMBER.

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WITH APPROXIMATELY 16 VEHICLES REPORTED MISSING IN HONG KONG EVERY DAY, THE TOTAL LIST OF WANTED AND MISSING VEHICLES CARRIED BY THE EU OFFICERS HOVERS AROUND THE 150 MARK.

AND PLATOON COMMANDER INSPECTOR CHEUNG KIN-KWONG RECKONS THAT EACH MAN IN HIS PLATOON CAN CARRY ABOUT 10 REGISTRATION NUMBERS IN HIS OWN PERSONAL MEMORY BANK.

"THAT MEANS THAT OFFICERS IN ONE CAR CAN REMEMBER 30 OR 40 VEHICLE NUMBERS," MR CHEUNG SAID.

THE ACCURACY OF THE OFFICERS' MEMORY FOR NUMBERS IS BASED ON LINKING THEM WITH NUMBERS THAT ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR TO THEM - THE UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OF THEIR OWN COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS.

BY DISREGARDING THE LETTERED PREFIX OF THE NUMBERS THE OFFICERS RELATE THE NUMERALS TO THOSE GROUPINGS THEY ALREADY KNOW, SO THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NUMBERS OF VEHICLES AND UI NUMBERS CAN BE QUICKLY RECALLED.

THE OFFICERS ALSO SEPARATE A GROUP OF FOUR DIGITS INTO TWO PAIRS TO FURTHER RELATE NUMBERS WHICH ARE FAMILIAR TO THEM.

"AS THE OFFICERS PATROL THEY MIGHT SUDDENLY CRY: "THERE'S AH YING" OR "THERE'S AH HO," MR CHEUNG SAID. "EACH OFFICER CAN RECALL ABOUT 10 NUMBERS FROM FELLOW OFFICERS HE KNOWS NOW OR IN THE PAST."

BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS OF THE OFFICERS IN THE UNIT THE PERMUTATIONS OF FAMILIAR NUMBER GROUPINGS INCREASES BY THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHARING THE PATROL.

THE OFFICERS KEEP A GRID LIKE LIST OF AROUND 150 VEHICLES TABULATED ACCORDING TO THEIR NUMBERS AND WHICH HAVE BEEN MISSING OR WANTED FOR THE PREVIOUS FEW WEEKS. THE LIST IS UPDATED DAILY FROM FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU.

THE MEMORY SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION IN KOWLOON WEST FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS AND WAS INTRODUCED BY A FORMER SERGEANT WITH THE EMERGENCY UNIT.

"IT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL WITH OFFICERS IN PATROL CARS, RATHER THAN OFFICERS ON THE BEAT," MR CHEUNG SAID.

"I KNOW THAT OTHER UNITS HAVE THEIR OWN SYSTEMS FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF MISSING AND WANTED VEHICLES BUT WE THINK THAT THIS METHOD IS THE MOST PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR SYSTEM ADOPTED BY OTHER EMERGENCY UNITS AND TASK FORCES."

FORTY-ONE OF THE 83 VEHICLES LOCATED BY NO. 4 PLATOON WERE IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE WAS BY POLICE CONSTABLE NG KA-KEUNG WHOSE MEMORY RECALLED 11 VEHICLES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

SUPERINTENDENT OF KOWLOON WEST EMERGENCY UNIT, MR SEAN HEALY, SAID: "THE OFFICERS OF COURSE ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF OTHER MATTERS IN ADDITION TO RECOVERING VEHICLES. BUT I THINK THEIR SUCCESS IN LOCATING MISSING AND WANTED VEHICLES IS PROBABLY UNIQUE FORCE-WIDE.

"OUR AREA IS A HOTBED FOR ALL KINDS OF CRIME AND IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT A LOT OF THESE CARS SHOULD END UP HERE. I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE THE EFFORTS PUT INTO THIS PROBLEM ARE PRODUCING SUCH RESULTS.

"WE ARE ALSO MAKING SOME GOOD CRIME ARRESTS."

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TENDERS TO BE INVITED FOR PURCHASE OF GOVT LIGHTERS  
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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PURPOSE-BUILT FERRY LIGHTERS.

THE STEEL DOUBLE-DECK LANDING PONTOONS - LIGHTER 9 AND 11 - MEASURE 36.6 BY 12.2 METRE AND 39.6 BY 12.2 METRE RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF THE TENDERS WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID AS THE LIGHTERS HAD NOT BEEN PUT TO ACTIVE USE RECENTLY, IT WOULD BE COST-EFFECTIVE TO SELL THEM TO SAVE THE HIGH MAINTENANCE COSTS AND MANPOWER DEPLOYED TO LOOK AFTER THEM DURING TYPHOON.

"THE VESSELS ALSO OCCUPY VALUABLE WATER SPACE IN THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD," HE SAID.

LIGHTER 9 AND 11 WERE BOUGHT IN 1980 AND 1984 AT A COST OF \$940,000 AND \$1.39 MILLION RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE RENTED TO THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY FOR USE UNTIL 1986 AND THIS YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

FORMS OF TENDER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT; THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, 30 LUEN WAN STREET.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD PLACE TENDERS IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE MAIN GATE OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, BEFORE 9 AM ON DECEMBER 6.

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TWO EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITIONS TO BE STAGED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE TWO EXHIBITIONS AT POPULAR SHOPPING MALLS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO SUNDAY TO PROMOTE ITS FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND TO ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE FIRST EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

"THIS EXHIBITION WILL INTRODUCE TO EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS THE FREE ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES)," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR JOHN SUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

EMPLOYERS RECRUITING STAFF CAN TELEPHONE THEIR NEAREST LES OFFICE FROM WHERE PARTICULARS OF JOB VACANCIES WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE FACSIMILE SYSTEM FOR DISPLAY AT ALL THE 12 LES OFFICES, MR SUNG SAID.

"JOB-SEEKERS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER WITH THE LES OFFICES AND OUR STAFF WILL ASSIST THEM IN SELECTING SUITABLE JOBS AND WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS," HE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO INTRODUCE FREE ASSISTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (HEES) TO JOB-SEEKERS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION.

"THESE JOB-SEEKERS MAY REGISTER WITH THE HEES ON SIXTH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL AND THEY WILL BE MATCHED WITH RELEVANT JOB VACANCIES," MR SUNG SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 11.30 AM TO 6.30 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

IT WILL BE MOUNTED AT THE WEST BRIDGE OF CITY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, TAIKOO SHING FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO 17, AND AT LEVEL 4 ROTUNDA OF NEW TOWN PLAZA IN SHA TIN FROM NOVEMBER 22 TO 24.

THE EXHIBITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH FEDERATION OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON LABOUR UNIONS AND WILL BE HELD ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF CITY PLAZA 2, TAIKOO SHING.

OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM.

FEATURING GRAPHIC DISPLAYS AND PRESENTING IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT INCREASING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATUTORY BENEFITS FOR WORKERS UNDER THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING PAID HOLIDAYS, MATERNITY LEAVE, LONG SERVICE AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS, AND ARRANGEMENT FOR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

IN ADDITION, A QUIZ WILL BE HELD ON THE SPOT TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND LABOUR RELATIONS.

LABOUR OFFICERS AT THE EXHIBITION WILL ANSWER ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION LEAFLETS.

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HONG KONG TO HOST TALKS ON ASIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION

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HONG KONG IS TO HOST A PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE SETTING UP OF AN ASIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, HAS WRITTEN TO 11 ASIAN CITIES/COUNTRIES IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL INVITING THEM TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING, TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 1.

THE PLACES INVITED ARE CHINA, MACAU, SOUTH KOREA, INDIA, THAILAND, BRUNEI, SRI LANKA, SIGNAPORE, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION IS NOVEMBER 12 AND EACH PLACE MAY SEND TWO DELEGATES. THE EXPENSES FOR THEIR FOUR-DAY STAY IN HONG KONG WILL BE FOOT BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL.

THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR LAU CHAK-BUN, SAID IT WAS AT THE RECENT 20TH ASIAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN MALAYSIA THAT PARTICIPANTS, AT AN INITIATIVE FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AGREED TO THE FORMATION OF AN ASIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS FEDERATION.

HE SAID HONG KONG WAS NOMINATED TO HOST A PREPARATORY MEETING TO FULLY DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

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VISITS TO SHOW CONCERN FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO MARK THE START OF A SERIES OF TERRITORY-WIDE VISITS TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) AND THE ORIENTAL PRESS CHARITABLE FUND ASSOCIATION.

THE EVENT, ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CARE AND SHARE OPERATION BEING HELD BY THE SWD THIS YEAR, IS AIMED AT ENHANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORIENTAL PRESS CHARITABLE FUND ASSOCIATION, MR MA CHING-KWAN.

THEY WILL JOIN VOLUNTEERS ON VISITS TO THE NEEDY, INCLUDING ELDERLY SINGLETONS, AFTER THE CEREMONY.

OVER 1,000 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE MOBILISED TO VISIT ABOUT 7,000 ELDERLY AND DISABLED IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED AND GIFT PACKS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE VISITS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10) AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE I OPEN DECK, WONG TAI SIN.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING CARETAKER AWARD SCHEME

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EASTERN RESIDENTS HAVE ONE MORE WEEK TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING CARETAKER AWARD SCHEME FOR 1991-92.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE (EDO) SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SCHEME WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE MORALE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF AND GIVING THEM DUE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR JOB.

"ANY ORGANISATION REPRESENTING A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, SUCH AS AN OWNERS CORPORATION, A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, A BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMPANY OR AN OWNERS' COMMITTEE CAN NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE CARETAKER OR WATCHMAN FOR THE SCHEME.

"EACH NOMINATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST 30 PER CENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS," HE SAID.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON ELEVENTH FLOOR, EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, 29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE MAIN OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15.

UPON RECEIPTS OF THE FORMS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, EDO STAFF WILL VISIT THE BUILDINGS CONCERNED AND HAND OUT BALLOTS TO RESIDENTS FOR SELECTION.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE SCREENED BY A PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE EDO, EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION AND THE DISTRICT'S FEDERATION OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING ORGANISATION, WHICH ARE CO-ORGANISERS OF THE SCHEME.

RESULTS OF THIS YEAR'S AWARD SCHEME, WHICH FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN FOR 1991-92, WILL BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 886 6530.

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FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY IN SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY WILL START WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE NAM CHEONG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (FRIDAY). THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CARE AND WELFARE FOR THE AGED.

A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE FESTIVAL, INCLUDING A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW, AN EXHIBITION ON HEALTH CARE AND FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY.

TOMORROW'S VARIETY SHOW, ADMISSION TO WHICH IS FREE, WILL FEATURE GROUP SINGING, FOLK DANCE AS WELL AS A DRAMA BY SENIOR CITIZENS FROM SIX CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

OFFICIATING AT THE FESTIVAL'S LAUNCHING WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR FUNG KIN-KEE; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; URBAN COUNCILLOR MR MA LEE-WO; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MISS TSE MAY-LING; AND THE DB'S COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR TAM KWOK-KIU.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE SHAM SHUI PO FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE NAM CHEONG ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHEONG SAN LANE, NAM CHEONG ESTATE.

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NINE NEW GMB ROUTES FOR TENDER  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATING NINE NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE NEW ROUTES ARE IN CHAI WAN, SAI YING PUN, CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG AND HO MAN TIN IN KOWLOON; AND SHEK LEI AND TSEUNG KWAN O IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWO WILL BE OPERATING VIA THE SHING MUN TUNNELS AND TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL, AND TWO ARE ALL-NIGHT CROSS HARBOUR SERVICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DETAILS OF THESE ROUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY). THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NEW ROUTES ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS' TIME.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 41ST FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICES AT SEVENTH FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, KOWLOON; AND LICENSING OFFICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS DECEMBER 6 THIS YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SELECTION BOARD COMPRISING AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE TRANSPORT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL SELECT THE APPLICANTS ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE BOARD.

"THESE CRITERIA INCLUDE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT IN TRANSPORT SERVICE, HIS FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HIS MANAGEMENT RIGHT OVER THE VEHICLES, THE MAINTENANCE RECORD OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF HIS VEHICLES TO BE DEPLOYED INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-CONDITIONING," HE ADDED.

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#### NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES INTRODUCED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 483 BETWEEN RIVIERA GARDEN IN TSUEN WAN AND CHEVALIER GARDEN IN MA ON SHAN WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO CATER FOR THE EXPECTED TRAVEL DEMAND.

THE FARE PER SINGLE JOURNEY WILL RANGE FROM \$2 TO \$8.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 56 SERVING BETWEEN RICHLAND GARDENS AND SHUNG YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL COMMENCE OPERATION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9). THE FARE IS \$2.5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	6.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	7.11.91	+711
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-711
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 111.2 \*+0.0\* 7.11.91

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	7.11.91	6.11.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	3.20 PCT	3.20 PCT
1 MONTH	3.47 PCT	3.57 PCT
3 MONTHS	3.97 PCT	4.09 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.15 PCT	4.23 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.06 PCT	5.20 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	5,080 MN	2,817 MN

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