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HONG KONG: A COMMUNITY OF DIVERSITY

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THE VIGOUR, THE ENERGY AND THE EXCITEMENT OF HONG KONG COMES FROM ALL THE SIX MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN IT, THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD BOUND CONFERENCE, MR PATTEN DESCRIBED HONG KONG, WHICH HAD MEN AND WOMEN OF JUST ABOUT EVERY NATIONALITY ONE COULD THINK ABOUT, AS THE EPITOME OF STRENGTH ATTAINED THROUGH DIVERSITY.

"AS THEY ARE GIVEN FREEDOM TO LIVE THEIR LIVES AND USE THEIR TALENTS, THEY EACH CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND TO THE ENDOWMENTS OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE OUTWARD BOUND MOVEMENT, MR PATTEN SAID MANY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAD DRAWN STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE TRAINING THAT IT HAD PROVIDED.

THE GOVERNOR ADDED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROVE A TIME OF SHARING THAT QUALITY TO THE FULL FOR THE MUTUAL STRENGTHENING OF ALL.

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82 WIN DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARDS

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EIGHTY-TWO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WON THE HIGHEST HONOURS OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THEY WERE PRESENTED GOLD AWARDS BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN.

"YOU HAVE REASON FOR PRIDE IN YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS: YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR ABILITIES AND ENERGY IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES," MR PATTEN SAID.

"YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TROUBLE TO TEST AND PROVE YOURSELVES; YOU HAVE DISCOVERED YOUR TALENTS, DEVELOPED NEW FRIENDSHIPS, HELPED OTHERS AND SERVED THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO 38 VETERAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR EFFORT AND ENTHUSIASM IN RUNNING THE SCHEME.

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GOVT RESPONSE TO REMARKS ON JLG

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING COMMENTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR GUO FENGMIN, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE TEAM ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE BRITISH SIDE HAD ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE BY THE JLG IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

"THE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO LEGCO. SIMILARLY, REFERENCES WERE MADE TO THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE JLG IN THE ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR NICHOLAS NG, IN A LEGCO MOTION DEBATE IN MAY THIS YEAR.

"SO WE RECOGNISE PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW AND MAJOR ITEMS REMAIN OUTSTANDING FOR EXAMPLE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND THE RIGHT OF ABODE," HE SAID.

"THE JLG HAS TO RE-DOUBLE ITS EFFORTS IN THE REMAINING 32 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE AGENDA. WE STAND READY TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF WORK IN THE JLG.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CO-OPERATION FROM THE CHINESE SIDE TO COMPLETE THE JLG AGENDA TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHY ESSENTIAL

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THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE CONTROL OF PORNOGRAPHY IS TO ENSURE THAT ADULTS HAVE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CHOICE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING YOUNGSTERS AGAINST THE CORRUPTION WHICH UNDESIRABLE MATERIALS MAY HAVE ON THEIR IMMATURE MINDS.

SUCH POLICY IS NOT TO SUPPRESS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION OR FREEDOM OF CHOICE, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING A JOINT CLUB MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUBS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR SO SAID THE ADMINISTRATION'S SYSTEM OF CONTROL WAS TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN THESE BROAD AIMS.

MR SO EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLES WERE REGULATED UNDER THE CONTROL OF OBSCENE AND INDECENT ARTICLES ORDINANCE AND WERE CLASSIFIED AS EITHER INDECENT OR OBSCENE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF OBSCENE ARTICLES WERE STRICTLY PROHIBITED, AND IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO SELL OR HIRE INDECENT ARTICLES TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, MR SO SAID.

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LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OUT A TOTAL OF 329 PROSECUTIONS IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS OFFENCES UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AND CONVICTIONS WERE OBTAINED IN 234 CASES.

FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURT RANGED FROM \$200 TO \$50,000 AND IN SOME CASES, THE OFFENDERS WERE IMPRISONED FOR UP TO NINE MONTHS.

MR SO POINTED OUT THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION HAD BEEN STEPPED UP THIS YEAR.

"IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 248 PROSECUTIONS WERE INITIATED AND SO FAR CONVICTIONS WERE OBTAINED IN 166 CASES.

"FINES IMPOSED RANGED FROM \$100 TO \$52,000 AND THE HEAVIEST SENTENCE IMPOSED WAS ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

TO BETTER FACILITATE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND TO FURTHER REDUCE THE POSSIBLE NUISANCE THAT PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS MIGHT CAUSE, MR SO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PROPOSING A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

"OUR PROPOSALS WILL INCLUDE STRENGTHENING THE POWER OF SEIZURE OF THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, SPECIFYING THE MINIMUM SIZE OF THE WARNING NOTICES FOR INDECENT ARTICLES AND REQUIRING ALL INDECENT ARTICLES TO BE ENCLOSED IN OPAQUE WRAPPERS.

"IN ADDITION, WE ALSO PROPOSE TO AMEND THE FILM CENSORSHIP ORDINANCE TO BRING POSTERS AND OTHER ADVERTISING MATERIALS OF CATEGORY III FILMS UNDER THE CENSORSHIP OF THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT YOUNGSTERS BELOW THE AGE OF 18 ARE NOT UNDULY EXPOSED TO THE TEMPTATION OF SUCH ADVERTISING MATERIALS TO GO AND WATCH CATEGORY III FILMS," MR SO SAID.

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PREPARE VEGETABLES WITH CARE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALWAYS WASH AND BLANCH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR LAM PING-YAN, FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED OF FIVE RECENT FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS RELATED TO PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES.

THE RECENT OUTBREAKS AFFECTED 12 PERSONS FROM FIVE FAMILIES AND ALL OF THEM HAD BEEN TREATED AND DISCHARGED.

DR LAM SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD STEPPED UP CHECKING AND SAMPLING AT THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CHECKPOINT AND RETAIL OUTLETS.

SINCE OCTOBER 19, THE DEPARTMENT HAD CHECKED 335 VEHICLES, HAD CONDUCTED 494 TESTS AND HAD TAKEN 175 SAMPLES FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION, HE ADDED.

/DR LAM

DR LAM SAID: "PATIENTS MAY DEVELOP SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS IN A FEW HOURS AFTER TAKING PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES."

"THEY MAY HAVE VOMITING, DIARRHOEA, ABDOMINAL PAIN, NAUSEA, DIZZINESS AND NUMBNESS," HE SAID.

DR LAM SAID ANYONE WHO SUSPECTED HIMSELF TO BE SUFFERING FROM AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE POISONING SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT AT ONCE.

HE REMINDED RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO PREVENT POISONING BY PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES:

- * DO NOT PATRONISE ILLEGAL HAWKERS;
- * DO NOT BUY VEGETABLES WITH AN OBVIOUS STRANGE SMELL;
- * WASH WELL BEFORE COOKING;
- * DIP VEGETABLES INTO WATER FOR SOME TIME TO ALLOW PESTICIDE TO LEACH OUT;
- * BLANCH IN BOILING WATER AND POUR AWAY THE WATER USED AS IT MAY CONTAIN DISSOLVED PESTICIDES; AND
- * COOK THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES
SURVEY FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1994, ESTIMATED AT \$17.4 BILLION, INCREASED BY 9% WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1993, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES OVER THE PERIOD, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 2% IN VOLUME TERMS IN AUGUST 1994 OVER A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE IN AUGUST 1994 WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH IN SPENDING ON CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. SALES OF THESE ITEMS INCREASED BY 24% IN VALUE AND 13% IN VOLUME.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE SALES OF JEWELLERY AND WATCHES (12% IN VALUE AND 13% IN VOLUME); FUELS (12% IN VALUE AND 6% IN VOLUME); AND SUPERMARKETS (9% IN VALUE AND 1% IN VOLUME).

SALES IN DEPARTMENT STORES AND SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO BOTH INCREASED BY 4% IN VALUE. HOWEVER, IN VOLUME TERMS, THEY REGISTERED A DROP OF 3% AND 9% RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DECREASED BY 23% IN VALUE AND 29% IN VOLUME. SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS (OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES) DECREASED BY 8% IN VALUE AND 10% IN VOLUME.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1994, BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN AUGUST 1994 INCREASED BY 2% IN VALUE AND 1% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 13% IN VALUE AND 7% IN VOLUME.

THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES IS DERIVED FROM THE VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AFTER ADJUSTING FOR PRICE CHANGES. THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE USED AS DEFLATORS.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE AUGUST 1994 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$3 PER 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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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR JULY 1994 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR AUGUST 1994.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES IN JULY AND AUGUST 1994 FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS AND BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, WITH AVERAGE RETAIL SALES FROM OCTOBER 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1990 TAKEN AS 100.

COMPARISONS OF THE AUGUST 1994 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1994 AND THOSE FOR AUGUST 1993, AS WELL AS COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for August 1994 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$17,441.5 million
for July 1994 (Revised Figure) = HK\$17,156.7 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR JULY 1994 AND AUGUST 1994

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

Type of Outlet	Index of Retail Sales	Index for July 1994	Index for August 1994	August compared with July	1994 with 1994	August compared with August	1994 with 1993	Jan.-Aug. 1994 compared with Jan.-Aug. 1993	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	(Points)	(%)	(Points)	(%)	(Points)	(%)
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS									
	Value	182.7	185.7	+3.0	+1.7	+14.6	+8.5	+19.7	+12.7
	Volume	143.2	144.6	+1.4	+1.0	+3.4	+2.4	+8.9	+6.8
(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	139.9	139.6	-0.3	-0.2	+5.1	+3.8	+9.5	+7.7
	Volume	105.0	98.5	-6.4	-6.1	-9.6	-8.9	+3.5	+3.5
Supermarkets ϕ	Value	157.7	156.7	-1.0	-0.6	+12.3	+8.5	+15.9	+11.4
	Volume	111.5	110.8	-0.7	-0.6	+1.6	+1.4	+4.7	+2.4
Fuels	Value	183.5	187.3	+3.8	+2.1	+20.6	+12.3	+8.1	+5.6
	Volume	126.4	128.9	+2.4	+1.9	+7.0	+5.8	+1.6	+1.5
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	250.5	295.7	+45.2	+18.0	+56.6	+23.7	+53.8	+27.4
	Volume	179.1	209.1	+30.1	+16.8	+23.7	+12.8	+28.0	+18.2
Consumer durable goods	Value	186.9	152.0	-34.9	-18.7	-25.4	-14.3	+6.5	+3.8
	Volume	152.0	127.3	-24.7	-16.2	-26.7	-17.3	-0.2	-0.1
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	245.5	139.1	-106.4	-43.3	-41.4	-22.9	+1.3	+0.7
	Volume	180.0	99.4	-80.5	-44.7	-39.7	-28.5	-8.8	-6.1
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	144.5	161.3	+16.8	+11.6	-13.9	-7.9	+10.3	+6.3
	Volume	131.8	147.5	+15.7	+11.9	-17.2	-10.4	+6.0	+3.9
Department stores	Value	155.9	164.9	+9.0	+5.8	+6.5	+4.1	+11.4	+8.0
	Volume	116.8	123.3	+6.5	+5.6	-3.6	-2.9	+1.8	+1.5
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	Value	168.9	164.5	-4.4	-2.6	+17.3	+11.8	+21.4	+14.3
	Volume	159.6	156.2	-3.4	-2.1	+17.4	+12.5	+10.7	+7.0
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	225.8	254.6	+28.9	+12.8	+50.1	+24.5	+34.2	+20.8
	Volume	179.2	201.8	+22.6	+12.6	+32.7	+19.4	+22.5	+16.5

NOTE : ϕ Not including supermarkets operating in department stores.

FERRY ROUTE DEFINED

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THE PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD IS MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH ALL GROUPS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 10 AND WILL STRENGTHEN THESE CONTACTS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (MONDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD IN RESPONSE TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON THE DISCOVERY BAY FERRY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF FERRIES HAVING TO OPERATE IN WATERS CROWDED WITH VESSELS WORKING ON LANTAU PORT.

THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS THAT AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, A SAFE ROUTE FOR DISCOVERY BAY FERRIES HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO THE FERRY OPERATORS.

WHILE THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE EXACT ROUTE, THE ULTIMATE ROUTE USED, AND THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL AND ITS PASSENGERS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VESSEL'S CAPTAIN AND ITS OWNERS.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT NAVIGATIONAL AIDS WILL BE IN PLACE DURING THE WORKS. DETAILS OF THESE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BEFORE WORK STARTS AND THE COMMENTS OF THE DISCOVERY BAY FERRY CO. WILL BE SOUGHT BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE FINALISED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE VIEWS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED WERE BEING CONSIDERED DURING THE CONTINUING DETAILED DESIGN WORK ON LANTAU PORT.

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CONSTRUCTION OF TSING MA BRIDGE DECK BEGINS

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THE FIRST STEEL DECK SECTION OF THE TSING MA BRIDGE, PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP), HAS JUST BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED.

"THIS IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AS IT MARKS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2.2-KILOMETRE-LONG BRIDGE DECK," ACTING PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR C K LAU, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE TSING MA BRIDGE, WITH A MAIN SUSPENDED SPAN OF 1,377 METRES AND SIDE SPANS ON BOTH TSING YI AND MA WAN, WILL BE THE LONGEST SUSPENSION BRIDGE IN THE WORLD CARRYING BOTH ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC.

THE FIRST SECTION OF THE STEEL DECK MEASURING 80 METRES LONG AND WEIGHING 1,350 TONNES WAS LIFTED BY STRAND JACKS UP ONTO THE BRIDGE'S SIDE SPAN ON TSING YI.

THE 288-METRE-LONG TSING YI SIDE SPAN, COMPRISING FOUR SPANS OF STEEL DECK SECTIONS, WILL LINK THE MAIN CENTRAL SUSPENDED SPAN TO THE ANCHORAGE ON TSING YI AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THREE REINFORCED CONCRETE PIERS.

WORK ON THE TSING YI SIDE SPAN IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER.

IN PARALLEL WITH THIS, THE GROUND ASSEMBLY WORK FOR THE 495-METRE-LONG MA WAN SIDE SPAN HAS STARTED.

"CONSTRUCTION OF THE MA WAN SIDE SPAN HAS BEGUN AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE TSING YI SIDE SPAN," MR LAU SAID.

THE STEEL DECK COMPONENTS FOR THE TWO SIDE SPANS WERE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THEN FABRICATED PARTLY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND PARTLY IN DUBAI, BEFORE BEING SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FOR ASSEMBLY ON SITE.

STEEL DECK SECTIONS FOR THE MAIN SUSPENDED SPAN, FABRICATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN, ARE BEING ASSEMBLED IN DONGGUAN OF CHINA.

"CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN SPAN DECK IS DUE TO START NEXT SUMMER," MR LAU SAID.

"WORK ON THE TSING MA BRIDGE IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY, WITH OVER 60 PER CENT OF THE WORK FINISHED SO FAR, WELL ON SCHEDULE FOR THE BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1997.

"THE AERIAL SPINNING OF THE TWO 1.1 METRES MAIN CABLES, WHICH STARTED JUST THREE MONTHS AGO, IS ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION IN APRIL 1995.

"SO FAR, MORE THAN 15,000 NUMBER OF WIRES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY BUILT BETWEEN THE BRIDGE'S HUGE CABLE ANCHORAGES ON TSING YI AND MA WAN," HE SAID.

THE TSING MA BRIDGE FORMS PART OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING WHICH WILL CONNECTS ROUTE 3 CHEUNG CHING TUNNEL ON TSING YI TO THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, FORMING PART OF THE 34-KILOMETRE-LONG HIGHWAYS LINKING THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND THE TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN TO THE URBAN AREAS IN KOWLOON AND CENTRAL.

THE TSING MA BRIDGE, PART OF THE ACP, IS BEING BUILT BY ANGLO JAPANESE CONSTRUCTION JOINT VENTURE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

TUEN MUN DB REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED

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MR NG WAI-CHO OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WAS ELECTED THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

MR NG DEFEATED HIS RIVAL MR CHAN YIU-FAT BY 14 VOTES TO 10.

MEANWHILE, EIGHT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD HAVE ALSO BEEN ELECTED.

THEY ARE MR CHAN YAU-HOI OF THE COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; MR LO CHI-HUNG OF THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE; MR CHAN MAN-WAH OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; MS SO OI-KWAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE; MR SHUNG KING-FAI OF THE HOUSING AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; MR LI MAN-KWONG OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE; MR AU CHI-YUEN OF THE FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND MR CHAN WAN-SANG OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SERVICES.

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RECRUITMENT OF MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES STARTS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TODAY (MONDAY) INVITES YOUNG PEOPLE AGED FROM SIX TO 23 TO ENROL ON ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE SINCE 1977 WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING MUSIC IN HONG KONG.

THREE CHOICES OF INSTRUMENTAL CLASSES FROM CHINESE STREAM, STRING STREAM OR WIND STREAM SUCH AS DIZI, ERHU, ZHENG, CELLO, DOUBLE BASS, VIOLIN, TRUMPET AND FLUTE WILL BE OFFERED.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WEEKLY IN EITHER THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHA TIN OR TSUEN WAN MUSIC CENTRES.

CANDIDATES WITH NO PREVIOUS INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING CAN APPLY FOR THE BEGINNERS' COURSE AT ELEMENTARY LEVEL WHILE THOSE WITH APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENTAL MUSICAL STANDARD CAN SLOT INTO EXISTING CLASSES.

WHEN REACHING HIGHER GRADES, STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE AURAL AND THEORY TRAINING AND BAND/ORCHESTRAL TRAINING AS APPROPRIATE.

MONTHLY TUITION FEES FOR THIS YEAR ARE \$110, \$165, AND \$220 FOR THE ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND HIGHER LEVELS.

STUDENTS WITH FINANCLAL DIFFICULTIES CAN APPLY FOR FEE REMISSION.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE BEGINNERS' COURSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A SIMPLE AURAL AND PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTE TEST.

FOR SLOT-IN CANDIDATES, THEIR MUSICAL STANDARD FOR THE INSTRUMENT APPLIED FOR WILL FIRST BE ASSESSED AT AN AUDITION BEFORE THEY ARE OFFERED EXISTING CLASSES AT A SUITABLE LEVEL.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL REGIONAL MUSIC CENTRES FROM OCTOBER 24 ONWARDS.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RELEVANT MUSIC CENTRE BEFORE NOVEMBER 18. ADMISSION TEST WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 3 OR 4.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 802 0657 (HONG KONG), 796 2891 (KWUN TONG), 399 2203 (MONG KOK), 417 6431 (TSUEN WAN) OR 606 5710 (SHA TIN).

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CLOSURE OF TO KWA WAN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE TWO UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN TO KWA WAN SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE OCCUPANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE TWO SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES USED FOR DWELLING ARE LOCATED ON THE ROOF OF A BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF 249-259 TO KWA WAN ROAD, 15-19 LOK SHAN ROAD AND 1-7 MEI KING STREET.

NOTICES APPLYING FOR THE CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 3 HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

DEMOLITION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 97.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 570.344 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 521.308 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 89 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	24 OCT 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF NOTES
ISSUE NUMBER	3710
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$2,640 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$500 MN
AVERAGE PRICE (YIELD) ACCEPTED	99.65 (7.52 PCT)
LOWEST PRICE (YIELD) ACCEPTED	99.63 (7.53 PCT)
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 94 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER PRICE (YIELD)	99.58 (7.55 PCT)

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MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	<u>\$ MILLION</u>	<u>TIME (HOURS)</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)</u>
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,194	0930	+1,843
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,777	1000	+1,619
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+1,718
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+1,691	1200	+1,719
LAF TODAY	-1,108	1500	+1,719
		1600	+1,691
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER	TWI 120.8	*+0.1*	24.10.94

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EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.45	19 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.98	6.46
1 MONTH	4.55	22 MONTHS	2608	6.15	99.31	6.66
3 MONTHS	5.01	30 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.90	7.20
6 MONTHS	5.30	33 MONTHS	3707	6.95	99.29	7.36
12 MONTHS	5.91	59 MONTHS	5909	7.45	97.62	8.20

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 19,102 MN

CLOSED 24 OCTOBER 1994

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