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Transcript of the Financial Secretary

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Following is the transcript of a media session by the Financial Secretary, Mr Donald Tsang, after meeting with the Chief Executive (Designate), Mr Tung Chee-hwa, in Mr Tung's office this morning (Tuesday):

FS: I had an hour and forty-five minutes discussion with Mr Tung. Our discussion revolves round the 1997 Budget. I have now more or less finalised my own views on the expenditure side and the revenue side and I took Mr Tung through them quickly and we discussed also other related issues related to the 1997 Budget.

Reporter: Will you be staying on as the Financial Secretary?

FS: Well my wish to continue to serve as a civil servant as a Financial Secretary is known to all. But eventually it's a decision for Mr Tung. Okay, thank you very much.

End

HK's manufacturing shifts towards higher value-added

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The focus of Hong Kong's manufacturing is shifting towards higher value-added activities, the acting Director-General of Industry, Ms Anissa Wong, said today (Tuesday).

Commenting on the 1996 Hong Kong's Manufacturing Industries published by the Industry Department, Ms Wong said the productivity of Hong Kong's manufacturing industries, measured in terms of value added per person, increased at an average annual rate of 13.7 per cent during 1984 and 1994.

The manufacturing sector enjoyed the highest growth rate in productivity among the four major economic sectors during the period from 1984 to 1994. It was also higher than the 12.9 per cent rate of the entire Hong Kong economy, she added.

The manufacturing sector is Hong Kong's second largest employer, employing 386,106 workers or 15.3 per cent of the total workforce in 1995. The gross output of Hong Kong's manufacturing industries stood at \$296.19 billion in 1994.

"Following the relocation of more labour-intensive and lower value-added manufacturing processes to neighbouring places, Hong Kong's businessmen are expanding not only their operation, but also their vision," Ms Wong said.

"Hong Kong is developing into a regional manufacturing support and control centre.

"Amidst this process of globalisation of production, many industrialists are re-deploying their local resources to higher value-added and intelligence-based manufacturing-related activities, such as product design and development, testing, prototype manufacturing, which in turn support their offshore production bases. The integration enables Hong Kong firms to more effectively and efficiently respond to the demand of the market."

The report also contains the findings of a survey of Hong Kong's manufacturing environment conducted by Industry Department between June and September this year.

Questionnaires were sent to 3,269 sampled establishments in 14 selected manufacturing industries. A total of 2,176 valid returns were received.

When asked to comment on the favourableness of 12 given investment factors, at least half of the respondents considered six of those factors to be favourable. They were: Hong Kong's infrastructure, banking and financial facilities, labour productivity, availability of professional/technical skills, availability of managerial skills and geographical location.

The survey is the seventh of its kind. Its aim is to ascertain manufacturers' views on Hong Kong's manufacturing environment and how they have seen their business situation.

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Proposals to promote captive insurance in HK

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A Bill which seeks to give regulatory concession to captive insurers will be published in the Government Gazette on Friday (January 3).

The Insurance Companies (Amendment) Bill 1997 also includes other amendments aimed at enhancing protection of policy holders' interests and clarifying the legal position in relation to the requirement for an insurable interest in an insurance contract.

A government spokesman said today (Tuesday) that the Bill which would be conducive to the promotion of captive insurance in Hong Kong was one of the Government's initiatives to enhance Hong Kong's status as a regional insurance centre.

"Whilst Hong Kong is one of the most open insurance markets in the world, there is an absence of captive insurance companies here. We believe that the presence of a full range of insurance activities would promote competition in the market place.

"Moreover, the establishment of captive insurance companies would bring about an inflow of capital funds and new business as well as provide additional job opportunities which will benefit our economy", he added.

He said that to encourage the setting up of captive insurance companies here, the Government proposed to amend the Ordinance to relax some of the regulatory requirements.

"Captive insurers will be allowed lower minimum paid-up capital and solvency margin requirements, and exemption from the local asset requirement and the valuation regulation.

"As a captive insurer is restricted to underwriting exclusively business from its group companies and no third party interest is involved, the concessions are appropriate," he noted.

Another major amendment in the Bill is to empower the Insurance Authority to make regulations to specify professional standards to be observed by an Appointed Actuary of a long term business insurer.

"The work of Appointed Actuaries in Hong Kong has traditionally been concentrated on the valuation of long term liabilities of the insurer, in contrast to their counterparts in jurisdictions such as Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom where they have to report on other aspects of the financial conditions of the long term business of an insurer.

"Implementation of a full-fledged Appointed Actuary System such as that practised in those countries will enhance the protection of policy holders in Hong Kong.

"Given the proposed power, the Insurance Authority will be able to implement the full-fledged Appointed Actuary System by specifying standards for Appointed Actuaries to follow," he said.

The Bill also proposes to incorporate the detailed provisions of the Life Assurance Act 1774 of the UK into the Ordinance.

The spokesman said: " This Act requires that a person taking out an insurance contract must have an insurable (pecuniary) interest in the life or event insured.

"The Act currently applies to Hong Kong through the Application of English Law Ordinance. It is however referred to in title only in that Ordinance. It would be tidier if the provisions of the Act are incorporated into a local ordinance," the spokesman said.

The Bill also seeks to recognise that a parent or guardian has an insurable interest in the life of his/her child or ward. This is to rectify the anomaly recently identified by the insurance industry that juvenile policies, whereby a parent takes out insurance on the life of his/her child and naming the parent as a beneficiary, are illegal in Hong Kong following the UK's common law.

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Bill to ensure safe handling of container

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The Government will introduce a bill to set out the standard requirements for the testing, inspection and approval of containers, and to prescribe procedures for their maintenance, examination and control so as to ensure safety in their handling, stacking and transportation, a Marine Department spokesman said today (Tuesday).

The Freight containers (Safety) Bill, which will be presented to the Legislative Council on January 8 (Wednesday), is to extend the International Convention for Safe Containers 1972 and its amendments in 1981 and 1983 into Hong Kong.

The convention applies to containers used in international transport by sea and on land, excluding containers specially designed for air transport.

"Though the convention covers only containers used for international transport, the bill applies also to domestic transport so as to ensure the construction and safety standards of containers used in Hong Kong," the spokesman said.

"It will improve safety standards within the container industry and ensure that only approved and properly maintained containers are handled, thus reducing accidents arising from the use of unsafe containers."

The bill provides also the requirement for the owner, lessee or bailee of a container to ensure that the container is approved, fixed with a Safety Approval Plate, properly maintained, examined and that markings on it are consistent with information on the plate.

Under the bill, the Safety Approval Plate has to be affixed to an approved container to show the details of the container, such as the date of manufacture, maximum operating gross weight and allowable stacking weight.

The bill gives the Director of Marine the powers to appoint suitable qualified and experienced persons, such as classification societies, to approve containers.

The Government has consulted eight container vehicle owners and drivers associations and the shipping industry. They have no objection to the proposal.

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Compensation for work-related injuries improved

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The three-day qualifying period for entitlement to periodical payments of an employee who has been incapacitated by a work-related injury will be repealed tomorrow (Wednesday) when the Employees' Compensation (Amendment) (No 2) Ordinance 1996 becomes effective.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said today (Tuesday) that a new form has been specified to allow employers of employees who have been incapacitated as a result of work-related injuries for a period not exceeding three days to report less information of the accident to the Commissioner for Labour.

"This simplified notification procedure will save the administrative work for both the employers and the Labour Department as it is expected that the number of compensation claims for periodical payments will increase considerably and the claims will be relatively straightforward," the spokesman explained.

"Moreover, taking into account international standard and the provisions on work-injury benefits in our neighbouring countries as well as the sentiments of employees and employers, the rate of periodical payments would be increased from two-thirds to four-fifths of the difference in the earnings of the injured employees before and after the accident.

"To reduce the waiting time and relieve the District Court of the burden to handle the expected increase in the number of claims, payments for employees' compensation claims involving incapacity for not more than three days will be allowed to be recovered as a civil debt in the Small Claims Tribunal."

On the other hand, for any work-related injury which results in the death of an employee or incapacitates an employee for more than three days, an employer is required to provide detailed information of the accident to the Commissioner for Labour on two revised forms (Form 2 or Form 2A) effective from tomorrow.

These new forms, which are revised under the Employees' Compensation (Amendment) Regulation 1996, require an employer to provide information on the location of the accident and activity carried out thereat; the nature of injury sustained by the employee and the part of his/her body injured; the cause of injury and agents involved in the accident.

"To facilitate the processing of employees' compensation claims, an employer who is the subsidiary of a group of companies will have to submit information about the holding company if its liabilities are covered by an insurance policy taken out by the holding company," the spokesman said.

"In addition, an employer who is a sub-contractor or a subsidiary will be required to provide the business registration certificate number of the principal contractor or the holding company.

"These additional details will help the department compile comprehensive statistics on work-related accidents."

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Commercialisation of CGO carparks after office hours

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With effect from Thursday (January 2), parking bays at the Central Government Offices' open and underground carparks in Lower Albert Road will be let out to the West Coast International (Parking) Limited on a fee-paying basis outside office hours.

The operation hours will be:

- (i) from 7 pm to 7 am the following day for all Mondays to Fridays inclusive;
- (ii) from 2 pm to 7 am the following day for all Saturdays; and
- (iii) from 7 am to 7 am the following day for all Sundays and public holidays.

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Fresh water cut in Kowloon Tong

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Fresh water supply to some premises in Kowloon Tong will be temporarily suspended between 11 pm on Friday (January 3) to 6 am the following day for alteration work on watermains.

The suspension will affect all premises in the area bounded by Boundary Street, Kowloon-Canton Railway, Kent Street, Cornwall Street, Junction Road, Renfrew Road, La Salle Road, Nga Tsin Wai Road and College Road.

End

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tender results

Tender date : 31 December 1996
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q065
Issue date : 2 January 1997
Maturity date : 29 January 1997
Amount applied : HK\$5,715 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$5,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.34 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 4.40 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 45 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.35 PCT

Tender date : 31 December 1996
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q701
Issue date : 2 January 1997
Maturity date : 2 April 1997
Amount applied : HK\$3,680 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$2,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.46 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 4.48 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 3 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.47 PCT

Tender date : 31 December 1996
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H755
Issue date : 2 January 1997
Maturity date : 3 July 1997
Amount applied : HK\$3,890 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$1,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 4.64 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 4.65 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 54 PCT
Average tender yield : 4.66 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning - 6 Jan 1997:

Tender date : 7 January 1997
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q702
Issue date : 8 January 1997
Maturity date : 9 April 1997
Tenor : 91 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$2,000 MN + 500 MN

End

Hong Kong Monetary Authority interbank liquidity

		TIME	AGGREGATE BALANCE OF SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS
OPENING AGGREGATE BALANCE	1,434 MN	0930 HR	10,759 MN
CLOSING AGGREGATE BALANCE	474 MN	1000 HR	18,830 MN
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100 HR	24,522 MN
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	- 2 MN	1200 HR	30,991 MN
LAF REVERSAL	+7,077 MN	1500 HR	32,521 MN
LAF TODAY	- 8,035 MN	1600 HR	32,825 MN

LAF RATE 4.00% BID/6.00% OFFER TWI 125.3 *-0.1* 31.12.96

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF Bills		EF Notes/MTRC Notes				
Terms	Yield	Terms	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	4.59	2 years	2811	5.72	100.37	5.58
1 month	4.33	3 years	3910	6.28	100.87	6.02
3 months	4.45	5 years	5112	6.57	99.90	6.70
6 months	4.65	7 years	7311	6.80	99.49	7.01
12 months	5.00	10 years	1610	7.37	101.56	7.27
		5 years	M503	7.35	101.87	6.99

TOTAL TURNOVER OF EF BILLS AND NOTES - \$17,327 MN

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New Year Honours 1997

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DBE

(Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (1)

The Honourable Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, CBE, JP

CBE

(Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (3)

Mr Anthony AU-YEUNG Fu, OBE, JP

Mr Haider Hatim Tyebjee BARMA, ISO, JP

Mr Kenneth FANG Hung, OBE, JP

OBE

(Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (11)

Mr CHEN Din-hwa

Mr Stuart Wreford HARBINSON, JP

Prof LAM Shiu-kum

Mrs Shelley LAU LEE Lai-kuen, JP

Prof Rance LEE Pui-leung, JP

Mr Alan RICHARDSON, JP

Mr Ian Robert STRACHAN, JP

Dr The Hon Samuel WONG Ping-wai, MBE, FEng, JP

Mr David WONG Shou-yeh, JP

Dr Raymond WU Wai-yung, JP

Mrs Helen YU LAI Ching-ping, JP

MBE

(Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (29)

Mr AU Chi-lau, JP
Mr CHAN Kim-to
Mr CHAN Kong-sang
Mrs Josephine CHANG SIAO Fong-fong
Mr Peter CHAU Cham-chiu, QPM, CPM
Mrs Angela CHEUNG WONG Wan-yiu, JP
Mr Michael CHIK Wah-wai
Mr CHIU Chung-tong
Dr Philemon CHOI Yuen-wan, JP
Miss CHU Kwok-ying
Mrs Rose Yin-chee GOODSTADT, JP
Miss Ann HUI On-wah
Mr KEUNG Yin-man
Mr James KWAN Kin-cheung
Mr Wilfred LAM Wing-sun
Miss LEE Lai-shan
Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Mr LEUNG Shou-chun
Mr Simon LI Pak-ho, JP
Mr LI Shai-hung
Dr Sarah Mary LIAO Sau-tung, JP
Dr LIAO York
Mr NG Shui-lai, JP
Dr Edward George PRYOR, JP
Ms Carlye TSUI Wai-ling, JP
Mr Michael Julian Christopher WATERS
Sister Margaret WONG Kam-lin, Annie
Ms Judy WONG Shuk-ching, JP
Mr James YEUNG Chi-kin

MBE (Military)

(Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (Military) (3)

Chief Petty Officer TSUI Chung-por
Captain WONG Hon-wing
Warrant Officer YIU Kok-choi

QPM

(Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service) (4)

Mr Keith BRAITHWAITE, CPM
Mr Christopher John GLOVER, CPM
Mr LAU Chun-sing, CPM
Mr William Ian NICHOLSON, CPM

QFSM

(Queen's Fire Services Medal for Distinguished Service) (1)

Mr LAM Chun-man, CPM

CPM

(Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service) (27)

Royal Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHAN Pak-chi
Mr CHEUNG Yuk-fung
Mr Paul CROFT
Mr William Frederick FENTON
Mrs Gillian Suk-han FLETCHER
Mrs FU KEUNG San-ling
Mr Barry Christopher GRIFFIN
Mr Tony HO Tse-tong
Mr KWAN Wa-fai
Mr LEE Yeung-chi
Mr LEUNG Ping
Mr LI Chun-wai
Mr LI Kam-wa
Mr LI Mau-sau
Mrs LO CHAN Lin
Mr Kenneth William Colin MACKENZIE
Mr Edward MAK Man-poon
Mr Martin SAMSON
Mr TAM Sum-wing
Mr TSUI Kwok-cheung
Mr WONG Nang-chong
Mr YAN Fook-mou

Fire Services Department

Mr Albert CHAN Ting-kai
Mr CHAN Yun-pui
Mr Victor HSU Yung
Mr LIU Tin-chee
Mr WONG Kin-ming

Badge of Honour (23)

Mr Gopaldas Holaram AHUJA
Mr CHAN Hing
Mdm CHAN Kit-wing
Mr CHAN Ying-shu
Mr CHAN Yuek-sut, Joseph
Mr CHIU Wai-ming
Rev CHU Yiu-ming
Mr John DOCKERILL
Mr HO Kwan-yiu, Junius
Mr LAI Kwok-hung
Mr LAM Kwok-hing, Wilfred
Mr LAM Man-fai
Dr LEUNG Man-fuk
Mr LI Sing-pak
Mr LI Siu-wah
Mr LING Man-hoi
Mr LOUR Tsang-tsay, Lawrence
Mr TAM Ping-fai
Mr TONG Kang-chung
Mrs Diana WONG IP Wai-ying
Ms WONG Kwai-wan
Ms WONG Mo-tai
Mr WONG Ping-kwong

Other Hong Kong residents honoured on the New Year 1997 List

(OBE)

(Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (3)

Mr William COURTAULD
Mr Edmund LEUNG Kwong-ho
Mr Hugh NORIE

MBE

(Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) (2)

Mr LEUNG Shiu-wing

Mr LO Tin-hoi

Biographical notes on recipients

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DBE

The Honourable Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, CBE, JP

Miss Wong is a member of the Governor's Executive Council and Chairman of the Housing Authority. She has a long record of public and community service.

CBE

Mr Anthony AU-YEUNG Fu, OBE, JP

Mr Au-Yeung was Commissioner of Inland Revenue in the Hong Kong Government for 11 years. He is now on pre-retirement leave after completing over 31 years' service.

Mr Haider Hatim Tyebjee BARMA, ISO, JP

Mr Barma joined the civil service in 1966. His last appointment was Secretary for Transport and he recently took up his present post of Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

Mr Kenneth FANG Hung, OBE, JP

An industrialist, Mr Fang is Chairman of the Textiles Council of Hong Kong. He also chairs the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the Examinations Authority and the Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

OBE

Mr CHEN Din-hwa

Mr Chen has been active in the textile industry for over 40 years. In 1970 he established the D H Chen Foundation which has assisted educational, medical, welfare, charitable and religious organisations.

Mr Stuart Wreford HARBINSON, JP

Mr Harbinson joined the civil service in 1978. He was Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service before taking up his present post of Hong Kong's Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organisation.

Professor LAM Shiu-kum

Professor Lam is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Hong Kong. He is also Physician in charge of the Liver Transplant Working Group at Queen Mary Hospital.

Mrs Shelley LAU LEE Lai-kuen, JP

Mrs Lau has been in the civil service for over 24 years and has held a wide range of posts. She is currently Director of Home Affairs.

Professor Rance LEE Pui-leung, JP

Professor Lee was one of the first locally trained sociologists in Hong Kong. He was involved in establishing the Social Research Centre of the Chinese University as a major research base.

Mr Alan RICHARDSON, JP

Mr Richardson joined the Hong Kong Government in 1976 as a Chief Treasury Accountant and was appointed Director of Accounting Services in 1994. He was involved in the planning of the first trading fund departments.

Mr Ian Robert STRACHAN, JP

Mr Strachan joined the civil service in 1965. He was appointed Director of Social Welfare in 1992 and has been active in voluntary work for the disabled. He is now on pre-retirement leave.

Dr the Honourable Samuel WONG Ping-wai, MBE, FEng, JP

Dr Wong has been a member of the Legislative Council since 1991. A civil engineer, he has been closely involved in the New Airport project and he is also active in other areas of public service.

Mr David WONG Shou-yeh, JP

A banker, Mr Wong has been concerned with a major study into industry in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Governor's Business Council and of a number of other boards and committees.

Dr Raymond WU Wai-yung, JP

A medical practitioner, Dr Wu has been active in the field of rehabilitation. He has been Chairman of the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association since 1965 and also chairs the Government's main rehabilitation advisory committee.

Mrs Helen YU LAI Ching-ping, JP

Mrs Yu joined the civil service in 1965. She held a number of directorate posts in Government before taking up her present appointment as Director of Education.

Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

(MBE)

Mr AU Chi-lau, JP

Mr Au joined the civil service as an apprentice engineer in 1962 and was promoted Principal Government Engineer in 1993. He has been involved in road construction, sewerage and drainage, and port and airport works.

Mr CHAN Kim-to

Mr Chan joined the Government in 1965 and was promoted Senior Clerical Officer in 1979. Most of his service has been spent in the Marine Department.

Mr CHAN Kong-sang

Mr Chan entered the Correctional Services Department in 1972 and reached the rank of Senior Superintendent in 1993. He commanded the Tai Lam Correctional Institution for four years and has also taken charge of many Vietnamese migrant repatriations.

Mrs Josephine CHANG SIAO Fong-fong

Mrs Chang is a well known film actress and has won many awards. She began her career as a child actress in 1954 and has starred in over 200 films.

Mr Peter CHAU Cham-chiu, OPM, CPM

Mr Chau was a regular police officer from 1962 to 1974, when he was obliged to resign for family reasons. However he has continued to serve in the Auxiliary Police Force and was appointed Commandant in September 1996.

Mrs Angela CHEUNG WONG Wan-yiu, JP

Mrs Cheung is a very experienced senior educational administrator and has been responsible for managing the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals schools. She is a member of a number of educational committees.

Mr Michael CHIK Wah-wai

Mr Chik has been a member of the Customs and Excise service for over 31 years and was promoted Assistant Commissioner in 1993. He has represented the Department in many liaisons and contacts with foreign customs agencies.

Mr CHIU Chung-tong

Mr Chiu has a long record of community service in Tsuen Wan. He has been active in the Yuen Yuen Institute, a Taoist charitable body in the district, for over 20 years.

Dr Philemon CHOI Yuen-wan, JP

Dr Choi gave up medical practice in 1977 and joined the Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Hong Kong. He has been General Secretary of "Breakthrough", a professional organisation serving young people, since 1981.

Miss CHU Kwok-ying

Miss Chu joined the Hong Kong Government service in 1965 and was promoted Senior Personal Assistant in 1993. She has been Senior Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice since 1992.

Mrs Rose Yin-chee GOODSTADT, JP

Mrs Goodstadt worked for a long period in the Social Welfare Department before becoming the Hospital Services Administrator in 1993. She is now on pre-retirement leave after completing over 36 years' service.

Miss Ann HUI On-wah

Miss Hui is a film director whose films have won a number of awards. She is also a Council Member of the Academy for Performing Arts and a member of other bodies connected with the arts.

Mr KEUNG Yin-man

Mr Keung has rendered voluntary service to the fishing industry for over 35 years. He is also involved in other areas of community service in the Southern District.

Mr James KWAN Kin-cheung

Mr Kwan joined the civil service in 1964 and was promoted Senior Principal Executive Officer in 1995. He has been departmental administration officer in the Government Secretariat, and the Customs and Excise and Education Departments.

Mr Wilfred LAM Wing-sun

Mr Lam has contributed over 43 years to the Civil Aid Services as a volunteer. He is now the Tactical Force Commander responsible for the Mountain Rescue, Emergency and Liaison Units.

Miss LEE Lai-shan

Miss Lee is a windsurfer and the first Hong Kong athlete to be ranked World number one in any sport. She won an Olympic Gold Medal at the recent Games in the United States.

Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen

Mr Leung is an industrialist and has been involved in establishing an industrial training system for the clothing and textile industries. He has also served on a number of committees connected with the industry.

Mr LEUNG Shou-chun

Mr Leung became an Assistant Land Surveyor in 1956 and was promoted Principal Government Land Surveyor in 1995. He is currently Head of the Survey and Mapping Office in the Lands Department.

Mr Simon LI Pak-ho, JP

Mr Li has served in the Housing Department for 33 years and is now a Senior Assistant Director of Housing. Recently he has worked on improving the environment and management of housing estates.

Mr LI Shai-hung

Mr Li joined the civil service in 1963 and was promoted Senior Clerical Officer in 1981. His entire career has been spent in the Correctional Services Department.

Dr Sarah Mary LIAO Sau-tung, JP

Dr Liao has been a member of the Consumer Council since 1989 and chairs the Research and Testing Committee. She is also active in the field of environmental protection.

Dr LIAO York

Dr Liao has been involved in the application of new technology to industry in Hong Kong and the development of tertiary education. He is a member of the Industry and Technology Development Council.

Mr NG Shui-lai, JP

A social worker, Mr Ng has been a member of the Hong Kong Christian Service since 1968 and Director since 1988. He is active in a wide range of community and social work.

Dr Edward George PRYOR, JP

Dr Pryor joined Government service in 1965 as a town planner and is now Principal Government Town Planner. He has been involved in strategic planning for the territory over many years and is also active in community work.

Ms Carlye TSUI Wai-ling, JP

Ms Tsui has been active in educating the Hong Kong public concerning AIDS. She is Chairman of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS (CEPAIDS) and a member of Advisory Council on AIDS.

Mr Michael Julian Christopher WATERS

Mr Waters joined Government service in 1976. He is now Deputy Political Adviser (Personnel) and has been responsible for a large number of key transition arrangements involving Government staff.

Sister Margaret WONG Kam-lin, Annie

Sister Wong is the Supervisor of St Paul's Secondary School and the Principal of St Paul's Convent School. She has been an educationalist for over 20 years and has also been involved in community work.

Ms Judy WONG Shuk-ching, JP

Ms Wong joined the Immigration Department in 1966 and is now an Assistant Director of Immigration. At present she is responsible for supervising the Department's information systems strategy.

Mr James YEUNG Chi-kin

Mr Yeung has been in Government service for nearly 35 years and is now a Chief Labour Officer. He has been Head of the Labour Relations Division of the Labour Department since 1989. He is now on pre-retirement leave.

MBE (Military)

Chief Petty Officer TSUI Chung-por

A locally enlisted member of the Royal Navy, CPO Tsui is in charge of the Boats Section at HMS Tamar. He has been responsible for managing the Royal Navy ferry service between Stonecutters, Kowloon and the Prince of Wales Barracks.

Captain WONG Hon-wing

Captain Wong joined the Hong Kong Military Service Corps in 1976 as a Private soldier and was commissioned in 1991. He has been second in command of Dragon Company of the Military Service Corps.

Warrant Officer YIU Kok-choi

Warrant Officer Yiu enlisted in the Royal Navy in Hong Kong in 1973 as a Marine Engineer Mechanic. He has been involved recently with welfare matters concerning the Locally Employed Sailors.

QPM

Mr Keith BRAITHWAITE, CPM

Mr Braithwaite joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force (RHKP) in 1967 after service with the Metropolitan Police in London. He is now Assistant Commissioner of Police, Support.

Mr Christopher John GLOVER, CPM

Mr Glover has completed 30 years' service in a variety of posts. He was promoted Chief Superintendent in 1989 and appointed District Commander, Yau Tsim in 1994.

Mr LAU Chun-sing, CPM

Mr Lau entered the RHKP in 1966 and most of his career has been in the Uniform Branch. He was posted in 1996 as Assistant Commissioner, Security Wing.

Mr William Ian NICHOLSON, CPM

Mr Nicholson has been in the Force for nearly 28 years and he was appointed Deputy Regional Commander, New Territories South in 1994. He was promoted Chief Superintendent in 1991.

QFSM

Mr LAM Chun-man, CPM

Mr Lam joined the Fire Services Department in 1968 and has served in operational, headquarters, administration and fire protection units. He was promoted Chief Fire Officer in 1995.

CPM

Royal Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHAN Pak-chi

Mr Chan entered the RHKP in 1969 and was promoted Superintendent in 1995. He was appointed Divisional Commander, Kwai Chung in August 1996.

Mr CHEUNG Yuk-fung

Mr Cheung has been a member of the RHKP since 1964 and was promoted Superintendent in 1994. He currently holds the post of Superintendent, Regional Crime Unit, Kowloon East.

Mr Paul CROFT

Mr Croft has nearly 26 years' service in the RHKP and reached the rank of Senior Superintendent in 1990. In July 1996 he was appointed Senior Superintendent Operations, Kowloon East.

Mr William Frederick FENTON

Mr Fenton joined the RHKP in 1974 and became a Senior Superintendent in 1992. He was posted Senior Superintendent Operations, New Territories South in 1995.

Mrs Gillian Suk-han FLETCHER

Mrs Fletcher served in the RHKP for 21 years and was promoted Chief Inspector in 1987. From 1989 she was a member of the Police Headquarters Development Division and she has recently left the Force.

Mrs FU KEUNG San-ling

Mrs Fu joined the RHKP in 1962 and was promoted Sergeant in 1971. She has served in the Junior Police Call Section of the Police Public Relations Branch since 1974.

Mr Barry Christopher GRIFFIN

Mr Griffin entered the RHKP in 1970 and reached his present rank of Senior Superintendent in 1992. His present post is Senior Superintendent Traffic, Hong Kong Island.

Mr Tony HO Tse-tong

Mr HO has nearly 30 years' service in the RHKP and reached the rank of Senior Superintendent in 1993. He has been Deputy District Commander, Sha Tin since 1995.

Mr KWAN Wa-fai

Mr Kwan joined the RHKP in 1970 and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1983. He has served in the Crime stream since 1975 and is currently posted in the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau.

Mr LEE Yeung-chi

Mr Lee entered the RHKP in 1978 and reached his present rank of Superintendent in 1993. A weapons expert, he was appointed Specialist Superintendent commanding the Weapons Training Division, also in 1993.

Mr LEUNG Ping

Mr Leung has completed over 30 years' service in the RHKP and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1988. He has served in the Criminal Investigation Department since 1974.

Mr LI Chun-wai

Mr Li joined the RHKP in 1965 and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1980. His entire career has been spent in the Uniform Branch and he is currently posted in the Central District.

Mr LI Kam-wa

Mr Li has been a member of the RHKP since 1969 and reached the rank of Station Sergeant in 1985. He has served in the Uniform and Crime streams and is currently posted in Hong Kong Island Region.

Mr LI Mau-sau

Mr Li has completed nearly 32 years' service in the RHKP and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1983. Apart from two attachments to the Police Tactical Unit, his entire career has been spent in the Marine Police.

Mrs LO CHAN Lin

Mrs Lo entered the RHKP in 1962 and reached her present rank of Station Sergeant in 1978. She is currently Officer-in-Charge of the Juvenile Protection Section in Kowloon East.

Mr Kenneth William Colin MacKENZIE

Mr MacKenzie joined the RHKP in 1963 and was promoted Superintendent in 1983. He has served as Assistant District Commander Administration, Sha Tin since 1993.

Mr Edward MAK Man-poon

Mr Mak has been a member of the RHKP since 1972 and was promoted Senior Superintendent in 1991. In April 1996 he was posted to the Performance Review Branch, Service Quality Wing.

Mr Martin SAMSON

Mr Samson joined the RHKP in 1970 and reached the rank of Senior Superintendent in 1992. He was appointed in 1994 to the Management Services Wing of Police Headquarters.

Mr TAM Sum-wing

Mr Tam has completed nearly 28 years in the RHKP and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1991. He was transferred from the Uniform Branch to the CID in 1978 and is currently in the Airport District.

Mr TSUI Kwok-cheung

Mr Tsui has served in the RHKP since 1972 and reached the rank of Station Sergeant in 1988. He was posted to Sha Tin on Uniform Branch duties in 1994.

Mr WONG Nang-chong

Mr Wong joined the RHKP in 1965 and was promoted Station Sergeant in 1980. An experienced traffic officer, he was appointed to Traffic, New Territories North in February 1996.

Mr YAN Fook-mou

Mr Yan has completed nearly 33 years' service in the RHKP and is now a Senior Superintendent. In September 1996 he was posted as Deputy District Commander, Wan Chai.

Fire Services Department

Mr Albert CHAN Ting-kai

Mr Chan entered the Fire Services Department over 30 years ago and reached the rank of Senior Divisional Officer in 1992. He has been involved in many major fire and rescue operations.

Mr CHAN Yun-pui

Mr Chan joined the Fire Services Department as an Ambulanceman in 1966 and was promoted Senior Divisional Officer in 1994. He has served on operational, fire prevention and instructional duties.

Mr Victor HSU Yung

Mr Hsu has been a member of the Fire Services Department for over 33 years and reached the rank of Senior Divisional Officer in 1989. Most of his career has been spent on operational duties.

Mr LIU Tin-chee

Mr Liu joined the Fire Services Department in 1966 and became a Senior Divisional Officer in 1991. He served in a variety of units before being appointed Commandant of the Fire Services Training School.

Mr WONG Kin-ming

Mr Wong has completed over 25 years as a member of the Fire Services Department and was promoted Senior Divisional Officer in 1994. He is currently in charge of new projects in the Fire Protection Bureau.

Badge of Honour

Mr Gopaldas Holaram AHUJA

Mr Ahuja has been a member of the Yau Tsim District Board since 1988. He has been involved in many community building activities.

Mr CHAN Hing

Mr Chan was a member of the Tai Po District Board from 1988 to 1994. He became Chairman of the Lam Tsuen Valley Committee in 1985 and heads the Tsak Yeuk Rural Committee.

Madame CHAN Kit-wing

Madame Chan has been a member of the North Point (East) Area Committee since 1986 and Chairperson since 1987. She holds office in a number of other sports, recreational and welfare committees.

Mr CHAN Ying-shu

Mr Chan has been a volunteer member of the Auxiliary Medical Services for 22 years. He devised and introduced a physical fitness training programme for the service.

Mr CHAN Yuek-sut, Joseph

Mr Chan is a member of the Urban Council and the Southern District Board. He is the founding member of a non-profit making organisation which provides pre-primary education for children from public housing estates.

Mr CHIU Wai-ming

Mr Chiu is an expert on education for physically handicapped children. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Society of Boys' Centres since 1983.

Rev CHU Yiu-ming

Rev Chu is Principal Pastor of the Chai Wan Baptist Church. He has provided a variety of community programmes, including rehabilitation schemes for drug addicts and criminals and counselling services for AIDS victims.

Mr John DOCKERILL

Mr Dockerill has been involved in planning and management in Hong Kong tertiary institutions for over 20 years. He is currently Vice-President (Planning and Information) and Secretary to Council of the City University of Hong Kong.

Mr HO Kwan-yiu, Junius

A solicitor by profession, Mr Ho is also the Chairman of Yan Oi Tong, the largest charitable organisation in Tuen Mun. He is a member of a number of other boards and committees.

Mr LAI Kwok-hung

Mr Lai has been a member of the Central & Western District Board since 1985. He chaired the Community Building and Services Committee from 1986 to 1988 and the Transport and Traffic Committee from 1994 to 1996.

Mr LAM Kwok-hing, Wilfred

Mr Lam is a founding member of the Kwai Tsing Lions Club and was Chairman of the Club from 1994 to 1995. He also formed the Kwai Tsing Leo Club in 1994, one of the most active youth groups in the district.

Mr LAM Man-fai

Mr Lam has been a member of an Area Committee since 1986, the Wong Tai Sin District Board since 1988 and the Urban Council since 1995. He is involved in a wide range of community affairs.

Dr LEUNG Man-fuk

A medical consultant, Dr Leung also helps to provide social services for the elderly. He has been chief editor of the Hong Kong Journal of Gerontology since 1987.

Mr LI Sing-pak

A professional social worker, Mr Li became Secretary of Yuen Long Town Hall in 1980. The Town Hall has now become a well known community centre offering a wide range of social services to Yuen Long residents.

Mr LI Siu-wah

Mr Li has been a Civil Aid Services volunteer member for 24 years. He has been involved in operations, training and the management of Vietnamese migrant camps.

Mr LING Man-hoi

Mr Ling is a member of the Sai Kung District Board and was also a co-opted member of the Regional Council Sai Kung District Committee from 1989 to 1995. He has been involved in housing affairs and the District Fight Crime Committee.

Mr LOUR Tsang-tsay, Lawrence

Mr Lour has been a member of the Sai Kung District Civic Education Promotion Committee since 1989 and its Chairman since 1990. He also chairs the Tseung Kwan O North Area Committee.

Mr TAM Ping-fai

Mr Tam served on the Sham Shui Po District Board from 1985 to 1991. He is Vice-Chairman of the Sham Shui Po Central Area Committee and Chairman of the Cheung Sha Wan Kaifong Welfare Association.

Mr TONG Kang-chung

Mr Tong has served on area committees in Wan Chai for over 15 years. He has been active in road safety, care for the elderly, Girl Guides, Junior Police Call and a number of other community organisations.

Mrs Diana WONG IP Wai-ying

Mrs Wong is the Principal of St Paul's Secondary School. She is also an office bearer in, or a member of, a wide range of bodies dealing with education matters.

Ms WONG Kwai-wan

Ms Wong has been a member of the Sham Shui Po District Board since 1988. She has been active in supporting the underprivileged, the poor and the disabled in the District.

Ms WONG Mo-tai

In 1972 Ms Wong became a founding and executive committee member of the Sha Tin Women's Association. She chaired the Association from 1989 and has also been involved in a wide range of other community services.

Mr WONG Ping-kwong

Mr Wong has been a volunteer member of the Civil Aid Services since 1968. He has been a member of the Mountain Rescue Unit since joining the Service.

Other Hong Kong residents honoured on the New Year 1997 List

OBE

Mr William COURTAULD

Mr Courtauld was formerly Managing Director of Kleinwort Benson Asia Limited. He was Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong from 1994 to 1996.

Mr Edmund LEUNG Kwong-ho

Mr Leung was appointed as Chairman of ACER Consultants (Far East) in 1994, the first Hong Kong citizen to take this position. He was elected in 1995 as President of the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers.

Mr Hugh NORIE

Mr Norie has been Chairman of Mott Connell, one of the most prominent and successful engineering consultancy practices in Hong Kong, since 1991. Mott Connell have played a major role in many of Hong Kong's infrastructure projects.

MBE

Mr LEUNG Shiu-wing

Mr Leung is an executive officer with British Forces and has over 32 years' service. He has played a major role in the administration of the Locally Employed Personnel of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps.

Mr LO Tin-hoi

Mr Lo joined the British Trade Commission in 1967, becoming an Administration Officer in 1990. He has played an active role in the management affairs of the office.

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New Year Honours List 1997 - Military Division

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MBE (Most Excellent Order of the British Empire)

Major (GCO) Lilbahadur Gurung of The Queen's Gurkha Signals

Major Alistair Sheppard of The Royal Engineers

Captain (QGO) Dharmendra Gurung of The Royal Gurkha Rifles

Captain Wong Hon-wing of The Hong Kong Military Service Corps

Warrant Officer MEA(H) Yiu Kok-choi of The Royal Navy

Chief Petty Officer (Sea) Tsui Chung-por of The Royal Navy

Mr Leung Shiu-wing, Executive Officer of The Hong Kong Military Service Corps

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