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GOVERNOR TALKS ON VM ISSUE ON HIS RETURN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID IT IS VERY WELCOME THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENERAL RECOGNITION ON THE VIETNAMESE SIDE THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT FOUND TO BE REFUGEES SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE'RE STILL WORKING AWAY AT TRYING TO GET INTO PLACE ALL THE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES IN VIETNAM PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES."

"WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IT AS SOON AS WE POSSIBLY CAN," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ARE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, NOT WITH THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, HE SAID: "WE ALSO HOPE THOUGH, THAT THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE UNHCR FUNDING, WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING."

"AND ABOVE ALL THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY IF YOU CAN RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, NON-REFUGEES, CAN YOU LOOK AFTER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE GENUINE REFUGEES.

"THAT IS THE POINT WE HAVE BEEN EXPLAINING TO THEM FOR SOME TIME AND I HOPE THEY UNDERSTAND IT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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BRINGING IMF/WORLD BANK MEETING TO HK A GOOD IDEA: FS

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IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)/WORLD BANK COULD BE HELD IN HONG KONG IN 1997, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM THE IMF/WORLD BANK MEETING HELD IN BANGKOK, MR MACLEOD CONFIRMED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA HAD INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THAT POSSIBILITY.

"THE PRESENT IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THIRD YEAR OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. SO 1997 WILL INDEED BE A YEAR WHEN A MEETING WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE WASHINGTON," HE SAID.

MR MACLEOD SAID THE IDEA WAS STILL IN AN EARLY STAGE, ADDING THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL APPLICATION OR DECISION YET.

"I AM SURE THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER PLACES THAT WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN HOLDING THAT MEETING. IT IS A VERY PRESTIGIOUS MEETING. IT WOULD BE QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT IF WE GOT IT TO HONG KONG," MR MACLEOD SAID.

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TURNING TO THE TRENDS IN WORLD ECONOMY, MR MACLEOD SAID THE GENERAL VIEWS EMERGING AT THE IMF/WORLD BANK 1991 ANNUAL MEETING WERE THAT THE WORLD ECONOMY AND TRADE WOULD PICK UP IN 1992.

"THESE TRENDS ARE HELPFUL FOR HONG KONG," MR MACLEOD SAID.

"LATIN AMERICA IS COMING BACK AND IT IS EMERGING FROM THE CREDIT CRISIS. PLACES LIKE MEXICO, CHILE AND VENEZUELA ARE NOW QUITE STRONG ECONOMIES. THEY ARE MOVING IN A LIBERAL DIRECTION AND ARE OPENING UP THEIR MARKETS. THEY DESERVE SOME ATTENTION FROM US," MR MACLEOD SAID.

AS REGARDS THE SOVIET UNION, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID IT WAS IN A VERY BAD STAGE ECONOMICALLY AND FINANCIALLY. "THERE MAY BE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES THERE BUT INVESTMENT IS RATHER DIFFICULT," HE ADDED.

ON THE "CREDIT CRUNCH" THE SHORTAGE OF MONEY FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS TO LEND, MR MACLEOD SAID THE MESSAGE HE GOT WAS THAT AS LONG AS A BORROWER REMAINED COMPETENT AND CREDIT-WORTHY, EFFICIENT AND WITH A GOOD PROJECT THERE WERE CERTAINLY FUNDS AVAILABLE.

TURNING TO INFLATION, MR MACLEOD SAID HIGH PROPERTY PRICE WAS CLEARLY A KEY AREA OF CONCERN

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING IF ANYTHING FURTHER COULD BE DONE TO RELIEVE THE SITUATION.

MR MACLEOD SAID HE WOULD BE COVERING THE SUBJECT OF INFLATION IN SOME DEPTH AT THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 6.

HOWEVER, HE SAID ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT TO COME UP WITH A WHOLE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS AT THAT MEETING.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE PRESSURES THAT LED TO INFLATION WERE BEYOND HUMAN INTERVENTION

"BUT I AM NOT SAYING THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO. CLEARLY THERE ARE QUITE SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON HOW MUCH WE CAN BRING INFLATION DOWN IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERMS," MR MACLEOD SAID.

STATEMENT ON VM'S

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, TODAY (FRIDAY):

"WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS THE REINSTATEMENT OF NORMAL IMMIGRATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND VIETNAM. THIS MEANS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF ALL NON-REFUGEE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM HONG KONG TO VIETNAM. PUT ANOTHER WAY, IT MEANS THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION.

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"I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN POLICY, NOR WILL THERE BE A CHANGE IN POLICY. THAT HAS BEEN OUR OBJECTIVE AT LEAST SINCE 1988, AND REMAINS OUR OBJECTIVE.

"IT FOLLOWS THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY NEW CUT-OFF DATE AND THE CREATION OF ANY NEW CATEGORY OF PEOPLE. WE ARE SEEKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF ALL - AND I EMPHASISE ALL - NON-REFUGEE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"WE HAVE NOT SIGNED AN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON THIS YET WITH VIETNAM. WE HAVE NOT IN THE PAST GIVEN ANY DATE WHEN SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED, AND I AM NOT GIVING A DATE TODAY WHEN IT WILL BE SIGNED. I HOPE IT WILL BE SOON.

"THE VIETNAMESE HAVE SAID, I THINK YESTERDAY, THAT WHAT CONCERNED THEM WERE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REINTEGRATING THE RETURNEES INTO THE PROVINCES, VILLAGES, AND COMMUNITIES IN VIETNAM. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

"I BELIEVE THAT WHEN THE VIETNAMESE TALK ABOUT ORDERLY RETURN, WHAT THEY MEAN, OR CERTAINLY AT LEAST A GOOD PART OF WHAT THEY MEAN BY THAT, IS THAT THEY WANT THE FLOW OF PEOPLE RETURNING TO BE REGULATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH ALL AT ONCE, THAT THE PROGRAMME OF RETURN IS PHASED AND ENABLES THEM TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO REINTEGRATE THESE PEOPLE BACK INTO VIETNAMESE SOCIETY.

"I AM SURE WE WILL BE HAVING MORE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN THE VERY, NEAR FUTURE.

"IF AND WHEN WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CERTAIN POINTS. FIRST OF ALL IT WOULD OF COURSE REMAIN OUR OBJECTIVE TO MAXIMISE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RETURN VOLUNTARILY.

"WE HAVE NEVER SAID OR CONSIDERED THAT VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY RETURN ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID AND BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE COMPLEMENTARY: THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF ALL WILL MAKE MOST PEOPLE FACE THE FACTS OF LIFE AND MAKE MOST PEOPLE RETURN VOLUNTARILY.

"IF WE CAN IMPLEMENT A PROGRAMME FOR RETURN AND IF AND WHEN THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE THEN REMAIN IN HONG KONG IS REDUCED, THERE ARE TWO OBJECTIVES WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION: FIRST OF ALL TO RELIEVE THE POLICE FROM ANY INVOLVEMENT IN MANAGING THE DETENTION CENTRES AND TO ALLOW THE POLICE MANPOWER TO RETURN TO THE STREETS; AND SECONDLY, TO ALLOW THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO GET BACK SOME OF THE ACCOMMODATION NOW USED BY VIETNAMESE WHICH SHOULD BE USED AS PRISON ACCOMMODATION AND WHICH CAN EASE PRISON OVERCROWDING."

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YAU MA TEI REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME ENTERS NEW STAGE

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THE YAU MA TEI SIX STREETS REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME ENTERED A NEW STAGE TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH THE CLEARANCE OPERATION CARRIED OUT AT DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS EARMARKED FOR PHASE II OF THE SCHEME.

OF THE 1,212 HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE, 685 WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE MOVED INTO THE NEW FLATS BUILT UNDER THE PHASE I REDEVELOPMENT COMPLETED IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

OF THE REMAINING 527 HOUSEHOLDS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING, 479 VACATED THEIR PREMISES BEFORE THE CLEARANCE.

MANY OF THEM MOVED INTO THE AFFECTED BUILDINGS AFTER THE INITIAL REGISTRATION OF OCCUPANTS WHEN THE AREA WAS EARMARKED FOR REDEVELOPMENT WHILE SOME OTHERS WERE FOUND TO BE EITHER PROPERTY OWNERS OR HAVING ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION.

HOWEVER, THEY WERE OFFERED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR REMOVAL.

LEASES OF MOST OF THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME EXPIRED IN 1971. EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WERE PAID TO FORMER OWNERS. THE OCCUPIERS HAD BEEN PAYING CROWN RENT SINCE 1980 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER DIRECT MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS.

MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE OCCUPIERS HAVE VACATED THEIR PREMISES BEFORE THE CROWN LAND NOTICE EXPIRED TODAY. THE REST MOVED OUT THIS MORNING.

THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS ONE OF THE URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA AND ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF URBAN RENEWAL BY CONSTRUCTING DOMESTIC UNITS AND PROVIDING THE MUCH NEEDED COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

IMPLEMENTED BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPRISES FIVE DOMESTIC TOWER BLOCKS PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 896 SALE FLATS AND 669 RENTAL FLATS INCLUDING THOSE FOR THE ELDERLY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME ARE 4,300 SQUARE METRES OF COMMERCIAL FLOOR SPACE AND 2,160 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE DESIGNATED FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY FACILITY USES, INCLUDING A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN AND DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

IN ADDITION, SOME 8,380 SQUARE METRES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND 4,200 SQUARE METRES OF LANDSCAPED GARDEN FOR THE RESIDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE SCHEME IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN TWO PHASES IN AN EFFORT TO REHOUSE THE ELIGIBLE OCCUPANTS AFFECTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT IN THE DOMESTIC UNITS IN THE PHASE I BUILDINGS. THE NEW FLATS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM PRIOR TO THE CLEARANCE OPERATION.

PHASE I OF THE PROJECT COMPRISING THREE TOWER BLOCKS WAS COMPLETED IN AUGUST. IT COMPRISES 448 SALE FLATS AND 669 RENTAL FLATS INCLUDING 170 RENTAL UNITS DESIGNED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

SO FAR, 176 ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE MOVED INTO THESE NEW FLATS - 39 OF THEM PURCHASED SALE FLATS AT A DISCOUNT WHILE THE OTHER 137, INCLUDING 119 ELDERLY, TOOK UP RENTAL FLATS.

ANOTHER 372 ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS CHOSE TO MOVE INTO FLATS OF OTHER ESTATES OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY - EIGHT OF THEM PURCHASED SALE FLATS WHILE 364 MOVED INTO RENTAL FLATS.

OF THE REMAINING ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS, 79 WERE REHOUSED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT - 14 IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND 65 IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

SINGLETON ALLOWANCES WERE GRANTED TO 48 PERSONS, AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO REHOUSE THE REMAINING 10 FAMILIES.

IN ADDITION TO THE REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, ELIGIBLE OCCUPIERS WERE ALSO GIVEN AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THEIR REMOVAL.

THE CLEARANCE ALSO AFFECTED SOME 91 COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AND THREE LICENSED HAWKER STALLS FOR WHICH ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE AND RESITE OF THE HAWKER STALLS THROUGH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED BY THE POLICE AND STAFF FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING SOCIETY.

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LORRY OF TAINTED VEGETABLES INTERCEPTED

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FOOD INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON INTERCEPTED AT MAN KAM TO A LORRY LOADED WITH 310 KILOGRAMMES OF VEGETABLES.

QUICK SCREENING TESTS CONDUCTED ON THE VEGETABLES SHOWED POSITIVE SIGNS OF THE PRESENCE OF PESTICIDE.

THE IMPORTER, WHEN INFORMED, VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED THE VEGETABLES FOR DESTRUCTION.

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THREE TAINTED VEGETABLE SAMPLES CAME FROM SHENZHEN
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IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THREE OF THE FIVE SAMPLES OF CHOI SUM, WHICH WERE FOUND TO HAVE CONTAINED METHAMIDOPHOS YESTERDAY, CAME FROM SHENZHEN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED TODAY OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE RECENT FOOD POISONING CASES.

THE SOURCE OF THE OTHER TWO SAMPLES OF CHOI SUM IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID NO NEW CASES OF FOOD POISONING FROM VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN REPORTED SO FAR TODAY.

OF THE 13 PEOPLE DETAINED IN HOSPITAL AFTER EATING PESTICIDE CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, SEVEN HAD BEEN DISCHARGED. THE CONDITION OF THE REMAINING SIX -- THREE MEN AND THREE WOMEN -- WAS DESCRIBED AS SATISFACTORY.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO INTENSIFY BORDER-CHECKING AND SAMPLING OF VEGETABLES.

UP TO THIS MORNING, A TOTAL OF 711 VEGETABLE SAMPLES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM STREET HAWKERS, MARKET STALLS AND MAN KAM TO FOR EXAMINATION.

OF THE 667 SAMPLES TESTED SO FAR, SEVEN OF THEM, INCLUDING TWO FOOD RAMNANTS, WERE FOUND TO HAVE CONTAINED METHAMIDOPHOS. RESULTS OF THE OTHER 44 SAMPLES ARE STILL PENDING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A HEALTH EDUCATION HOTLINE -- 367 5135 -- HAS BEEN SET UP TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO PREVENT POISONING FROM PESTICIDE-TAINTED VEGETABLES.

LEAFLETS ON THE SUBJECT CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED IN VARIOUS MARKETS WHERE THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS HAVE DISPLAYED POSTERS INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO WASH AND COOK VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE EATING.

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DREDGING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT DREDGING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TERRITORY TO FACILITATE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

DREDGING IN TSEUNG KWAN O TOWN CENTRE WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 97 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

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THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS AND RECLAMATION IN THE AREA.

THIS IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETED OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT 24 MONTHS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REMAINING SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION WILL CONTINUE IN MID 1994.

ON LANTAU, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 105 HECTARES OF SEABED BETWEEN SHAM SHUI KOK AND KEI TAU KOK TO FACILITATE RECLAMATION AND SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY PHASE I AND THE TUNG CHUNG DEVELOPMENT PHASE I ENGINEERING WORKS.

THE WORK WILL COMMENCE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 270 HECTARES OF SEABED WEST OF TSING YI TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED WERE DESCRIBED IN NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 17.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH THEIR RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICEBOARDS NEAR THE RESPECTIVE SITES.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER, AND THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES
FOR AUGUST RELEASED

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS REPORTED BY THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY, BUT INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1991, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN AUGUST 1991 INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE WEARING APPAREL, AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, ORDERS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES, AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, THE ORDERS POSITION IN AUGUST 1991 IMPROVED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS; WEARING APPAREL; FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS; AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

ON EMPLOYMENT, THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED REPORTED THAT THEIR TOTAL WORKFORCE IN AUGUST 1991 DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1991, AND BY 10 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990.

COMPARED WITH JULY 1991, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1991 DECREASED MODERATELY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, DUE TO THE DEPARTURE OF SUMMER WORKERS. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN ALL THE OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1991 DECREASED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS; ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS; AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

IN AUGUST 1991, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1991. PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED MODERATELY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND SLIGHTLY IN THE TEXTILES; WEARING APPAREL; AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990, PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, BY 15 PER CENT IN MONEY TERMS IN AUGUST 1991. INCREASES IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES SURVEYED, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

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IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1991 SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1991 AND DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990. PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1991 DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1991, BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER AUGUST 1990.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1991 AS REPORTED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JULY 1991, BUT DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1990.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN AUGUST 1991 FOR THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS TAKEN TOGETHER INCREASED SLIGHTLY OVER JULY 1991 AND SIGNIFICANTLY OVER AUGUST 1990.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERS ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SELECTED SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR AUGUST 1991 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6441.

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TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	ORDERS-ON-HAND		
	AS AT THE END OF AUGUST 1991 (MONTHS)	CHANGE WHEN JULY 91 (%)	COMPARED WITH AUGUST 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.36	-1	+3
WEARING APPAREL	4.78	+1	+3
TEXTILES	2.35	-2	+12
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2.70	-12	+5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.20	+1	+3
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.33	-1	+1
OTHERS	4.07	-1	-1

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AT THE END OF AUGUST 1991	
	CHANGE WHEN JULY 91 (%)	COMPARED WITH AUGUST 90 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-10
FOOD AND DRINKS	-1	-2
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-4
TEXTILES	-1	-15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-7	-19
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	-6
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-3	-16
OTHERS	-1	-3
CONSTRUCTION #	*	-9
SERVICES	*	-1
BANKS	*	+1
HOTELS	-1	-7
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-3
OTHERS	-1	*

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE: DUE TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

PER CAPITA EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	AVERAGE	CHANGE WHEN	
	AS IN AUGUST 1991	JULY 91	AUGUST 90
	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	6,887	+1	+15
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,603	-2	+11
WEARING APPAREL	5,420	+2	+8
TEXTILES	6,356	+3	+15
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	6,482	-1	+13
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	6,804	+2	+15
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	7,124	+4	+23
OTHERS	8,578	-2	+13
CONSTRUCTION #	9,590	-1	+13
SERVICES	11,605	+3	+12
BANKS	10,380	*	+10
HOTELS	7,203	-8	+13
PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,387	-1	+12
OTHERS	13,973	+12	+15

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

NOTE TO TABLES 1 - 3 :

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONGST THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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NEW DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT RELEASED
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THE SUCCESS IN DRUG EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COULD ONLY BE ATTAINED WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, WHEN ADDRESSING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE RELEASE OF A NEW DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT AT A SEMINAR IN THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

WITH A PRICE TAG OF \$1.6 MILLION, THE KIT, TOGETHER WITH A GUIDEBOOK ON DRUG ABUSE WAS SPONSORED BY THE HANG SENG BANK, THE S.H. HO FOUNDATION AND THE WEI LUN FOUNDATION.

DR CHOA SAID HE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF THE THREE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH MADE POSSIBLE THE PRODUCTION OF THE KIT AND THE GUIDEBOOK.

"THE KIT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DRUGS AND TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE AND THUS DEVELOP APPROPRIATE ATTITUDES AND SKILLS TO FIGHT AGAINST IT," HE ADDED.

WITH BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS, THE TEACHING KIT CONSISTS OF VIDEO PROGRAMMES TO ILLUSTRATE THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO REINFORCE THE THEMES FOR THE VIDEO PROGRAMMES AND TO ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING.

DIFFERENT VIDEOS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FOR THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVELS.

ALSO PROVIDED ARE 10 LESSON PLANS TO AID THE TEACHERS IN FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS FACT SHEETS ON THE MAIN SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE IN HONG KONG.

THE ACAN CHAIRMAN HOPED THAT ALL TEACHING PROFESSIONALS WOULD USE THE TEACHING KIT TO EDUCATE THE YOUNGSTERS TO SAY NO TO DRUGS.

SOME 500 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND DISCIPLINE MASTERS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR WHICH INTRODUCED THE USE OF THE KIT.

THEY WERE ALSO INFORMED OF THE LATEST SITUATION OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNGSTERS AND THE COUNSELLING TECHNIQUE TO DRUG-DEPENDENT YOUTHS.

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CONSULTANCY STUDY ON BACTERIAL FOAMING

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS LED BY CES CONSULTANTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO UNDERTAKE A MAJOR RESEARCH STUDY INTO THE PROBLEM OF BACTERIAL FOAMING AT THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT LOCAL CONSULTANTS AND ACADEMICS WILL BRING TOGETHER MICROBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE IN A GOVERNMENT STUDY OF THIS NATURE.

THE FOAM IS CAUSED BY UNDESIRABLE BACTERIA WHICH CAN GROW VERY RAPIDLY AND PRODUCE A THICK, GLUTINOUS BROWN FOAM KNOWN AS "CHOCOLATE MOUSSE".

THE FOAM COLLECTS ON TOP OF TANKS AT THE SEWAGE WORKS AND CAUSES OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND DETERIORATION IN EFFLUENT QUALITY, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING VERY UNSIGHTLY.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$2.3 MILLION, WILL LOOK AT FACTORS WHICH STIMULATE FOAMING AND METHODS FOR ITS PREVENTION OR CONTROL.

VARIOUS FOAM CONTROL METHODS HAVE BEEN USED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THESE, TOGETHER WITH SOME NEW TECHNIQUES, WILL BE TESTED IN LABORATORY AND AT THE SEWAGE WORKS TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO HONG KONG'S FOAMING PROBLEM.

THE STUDY HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST, ATTRACTING 19 CONSULTANCY GROUPS FROM WHICH THREE WERE SHORTLISTED TO BID COMPETITIVELY FOR THE PROJECT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW "FIXED FEE" CONSULTANCY SYSTEM.

THE SUCCESSFUL TEAM, LED BY DR T. RUDD, INCLUDES DR HERBERT FANG OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR DAVID JENKINS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, AND BALFOURS INTERNATIONAL ASIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

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32 BENZODIAZEPINES LISTED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS

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A TOTAL OF 32 BENZODIAZEPINES ARE TO BE PUT UNDER THE STRINGENT CONTROL OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE BY AN ORDER PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE TO BE ADDED TO PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE ORDINANCE, THEREBY SUBJECTING THEM TO THE SAME STRICT CONTROLS AS OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS SUCH AS HEROIN, OPIUM, COCAINE, AMPHETAMINES AND CANNABIS.

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "SINCE THE SCHEDULING LAST SEPTEMBER OF THE THREE MOST COMMONLY ABUSED TRANQUILLIZERS, NAMELY BROtizOLAM (LENDORMIN), FLUNITRAZEPAM (ROHYPNOL) AND TRIAZOLAM (HALCION), WHICH ARE ALL BENZODIAZEPINES, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE EXTENT OF ABUSE OF THE THREE DRUGS.

HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN AN APPARENT SWITCH TO THE ABUSE OF OTHER BENZODIAZEPINES.

"ON THE ADVICE OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, ACTION IS THEREFORE BEING TAKEN TO TIGHTEN THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER 32 BENZODIAZEPINES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND LIABLE TO ABUSE," HE ADDED.

ANYONE FOUND GUILTY OF TRAFFICKING IN DANGEROUS DRUGS FACES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 MILLION.

PEOPLE WHO ARE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF EVEN SMALL QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE ALSO LIABLE TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$10,000, IF THE DRUGS WERE NOT SUPPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

"TO GIVE PHARMACEUTICAL DEALERS AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT TO FIRST SCHEDULE) ORDER 1991 WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 18 NEXT YEAR," THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED THE BUILDINGS AT NOS. 5 AND 6 ARTHUR STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON TO BE DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR (PGBS) TODAY (FRIDAY) IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE STRUCTURES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME ARE THREE-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WITH COCKLOFT CONSTRUCTED OF LOADBEARING BRICK AND MASONRY WALLS.

THEY HAVE TIMBER ROOFS AND PARTLY TIMBER AND REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS SHARING A COMMON STAIRCASE.

RECENT INSPECTIONS SHOWED THAT MOVEMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS HAD TAKEN PLACE, SOME QUITE RECENTLY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND THE LOADBEARING BRICKWALLS IN THE REAR KITCHEN PORTIONS OF THE BUILDINGS ARE BADLY FRACTURED AND SEVERELY DILAPIDATED.

THE REAR WALLS AND STAIRCASE ENCLOSURE WALLS TO THE MAIN BUILDINGS ARE ALSO BADLY FRACTURED, AND ALSO, HALF OF THE ROOF JOISTS AT NO. 5 ARE FOUND TO BE IN BADLY DETERIORATED CONDITION.

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THE PGBS SAID THE BUILDINGS WERE NOW CONSIDERED TO BE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIVES AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 18 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ALSO DECLARED NO. 636 SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK, TO BE DANGEROUS AND NO. 634 OF THE SAME STREET LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE STRUCTURES ARE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS WITH COCKLOFTS SHARING A COMMON STAIRCASE OF COMPOSITE CONSTRUCTION AND HAVING LOADBEARING BRICK AND MASONRY WALLS WITH PROJECTING VERANDAHS ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

THE BUILDING AT NO. 636 IS CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER ROOF AND FLOORS AND NO. 634 OF REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS, FLOORS AND ROOF.

THE BUILDINGS AT NOS. 634 AND 636 UNDERWENT REPAIRS IN 1987 AND 1988 RESPECTIVELY AND HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SINCE THEN.

RECENT INSPECTIONS SHOWED THAT MOVEMENTS OF THE BUILDINGS HAD OCCURRED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND APPEARED TO BE CONTINUING. FURTHERMORE, DETERIORATION IN THE CONCRETE BEAMS AND FLOOR SLABS AND TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF IS EVIDENT.

THE PGBS SAID NO. 636 HAD DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT WAS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED IN ORDER TO PROTECT LIVES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, WHILE NO. 634, WHICH WAS ALSO SUBJECT TO MINOR MOVEMENT COULD NOT SAFELY WITHSTAND THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 636 AND SHOULD THEREFORE ALSO BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS BEING LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON NOVEMBER 18 WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY.

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GOVERNMENT LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND LOCATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE FIRST SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 47B, FANLING.

IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,463 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR PETROL FILLING STATION EXCLUDING ANY LUBRICATING OR SERVICING FACILITIES.

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THE FILLING STATION SHOULD COMMENCE OPERATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1994.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 15.

THE OTHER SITE IS LOCATED IN AREA 44, TUEN MUN.

WITH AN AREA ABOUT 3.8 HECTARES, IT IS EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN, CINEMA AND HOTEL) PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATES THAT THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 226,550 SQUARE METRES AND THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1,724 SQUARE METRES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 29.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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TIN SHUI WAI ROAD WORKS TO BE AMENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE APPROVED PLAN OF THE NEW ROADS AND FOOTPATHS TO BE BUILT AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE TIN SHUI WAI NEW TOWN, YUEN LONG.

THE AUTHORISED WORKS WERE ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED IN GAZETTE NOTICES 256 AND 524 PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1989 AND FEBRUARY 1990 RESPECTIVELY.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS INCLUDE:

- * OMISSION OF SECTIONS OF NEW ROADS 1403 AND 1404 TOGETHER WITH THE ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO THE NEW ROAD 1403 TO REPLACE THE OMITTED SECTION OF NEW ROAD 1404;
- * WIDENING OF THE NEW ROAD 1404 FROM 7.3 METRES TO 10.3 METRES;

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- * NARROWING OF THE SECTION OF NEW FOOTPATH BETWEEN NEW ROADS 1401 AND 1403 TO 3.5 METRES;
- * NARROWING OF A SECTION OF THE NEW ROAD 1401 NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE NEW ROAD 1402 FROM 10.3 METRES TO 7.3 METRES AND LENGTHENING OF IT AT ITS NORTHERN END;
- * RELOCATION OF THE LAY-BY IN THE NEW ROAD 1401 SOUTHWARDS;
- * WIDENING OF A SECTION OF THE NEW ROAD 1402 FROM A 10.3-METRE SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY TO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WITH PLANTING STRIPS;
- * CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO THE NEW ROAD 1402 WITH ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE NEW ROAD 1401;
- * ASSOCIATED REVISION OF THE LIMIT OF THE WORKS AREA.

TWO NOTICES ON THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND THESE NOTICES CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITES OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES-

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 9-11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO OBJECTS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE DECEMBER 10 THIS YEAR.

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APPEALS PROCEDURES AGAINST PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSAL
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THE TOWN PLANNING (APPEALS) REGULATIONS 1991 WHICH SET OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS THE ENACTMENT OF THE TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) ORDINANCE 1991 IN JULY THIS YEAR WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN APPEAL BOARD TO DEAL WITH APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD (TPB) ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

THE BASIC APPROACH IS TO SUBSTITUTE THE APPEAL BOARD FOR THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AS THE INDEPENDENT CHANNEL OF APPEAL AGAINST THE TPB'S DECISION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

THIS ADDRESSES MUCH OF THE CONCERN ON THE INADEQUACIES OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF APPEALS. THE APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION ON ANY APPEAL SHALL BE FINAL.

THE REGULATIONS COVER MATTERS THAT AN APPELLANT MUST INCLUDE IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL, SPECIFY RIGHTS OF WITNESSES, REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO NOTICE OF HEARING AND PARTICULARS TO BE FILED BEFORE HEARING.

THEY ALSO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR AN APPELLANT TO ABANDON THE WHOLE OR PART OF HIS APPEAL BEFORE THE HEARING, SPECIFY THE EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE APPEAL BOARD, AND REQUIRE THE SECRETARY TO THE APPEAL BOARD TO KEEP A WRITTEN RECORD FOR EACH APPEAL.

THE REGULATIONS WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 23 AND, SUBJECT TO ANY AMENDMENTS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY HAVE, BECOME EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 18 THIS YEAR.

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YAU TSIM BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGN STARTS SUNDAY
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THE 1991-92 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN WITH A SEMINAR IN THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE, TSIM SHA TSUI ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20).

SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AND THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

A LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM PRIOR TO THE SEMINAR.

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OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG, AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH.

MORE THAN 120 OFFICE-BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

AN EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE VENUE.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1991-92 YAU TSIM DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM IN THE HOLIDAY INN GOLDEN MILE, 50 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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FIGHT CRIME SOUVENIRS FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS
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MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND AREA COMMITTEES WILL TAKE PART IN A "BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS" PUBLICITY DRIVE IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE SOUVENIRS CARRYING THE "BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS" MESSAGE AT BUSY SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE ACTIVITY IS ORGANISED BY THE DFCC. FIGHT CRIME POSTERS AND BANNERS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUT UP IN THE DISTRICT TO ALERT PEOPLE OF THE CRIME.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DISTRIBUTION OF "BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS" SOUVENIRS BY MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE ACTIVITY:

TIME	VENUE
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2.20 PM	KEI WING PRIMARY SCHOOL, 23 LAI CHI KOK ROAD
2.50 PM	30 FUK TSUN STREET
3.20 PM	GRAND TOWER PLAZA, 627 NATHAN ROAD
3.40 PM	BANK CENTRE, 636 NATHAN ROAD
4 PM	SINCERE DEPARTMENT STORE, 83 ARGYLE STREET
4.20 PM	FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET
4.40 PM	NULLAH ROAD GARDEN

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR IN SAI KUNG

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3 (SUNDAY) AT THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY CLUB.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES UNDER A COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEME TO TRAIN MORE COMMUNITY LEADERS TO SERVE THE DISTRICT.

A LECTURER FROM THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE WILL SPEAK AT THE SEMINAR.

THE DISCUSSION TOPICS INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS, THE COLLECTION OF PUBLIC OPINION, CHANNELS OF LODGING COMPLAINTS IN HONG KONG, AND THE TECHNIQUES OF ORGANISING DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.

ANOTHER SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN MID DECEMBER AND A VISIT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH NEXT YEAR.

ENROLMENT FORMS FOR THE SEMINAR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE ENROLMENT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 792 4455 EXT. 36.

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS NEAR YUEN LONG LO UK TSUEN

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO PROVIDE A VILLAGE EXTENSION AREA FOR SMALL HOUSE DEVELOPMENT NEAR LO UK TSUEN, YUEN LONG.

THE PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PHASES. PHASE 1 COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS LINKING ROAD B11, ROAD B16 AND PING HA ROAD, AND THE FORMATION OF PART OF THE PLATFORM. NO LAND RESUMPTION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PART OF THE PROJECT.

PHASE 2 COMPRISES SITE FORMATION AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS FOR THE VILLAGE EXTENSION AREA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS AND A CARPARK TO SERVE THE EXTENSION AREA.

ABOUT 900 SQUARE METRES OF LAND IN DEMARCATION DISTRICT 125 WILL HAVE TO BE RESUMED.

SEPARATE NOTICES ON THE PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 WORKS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS TOGETHER WITH A SCHEME DESCRIPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, NINTH-11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 17, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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AMS RECRUITMENT DAY ON SUNDAY
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AN AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) RECRUITMENT DAY WILL BE HELD IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20), FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, AT THE AMS SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT LEE MUN HOUSE ON AP LEI CHAU.

RESIDENTS AGED 16 TO 35 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE AMS CAN PICK UP APPLICATION FORMS OR APPLY FOR ENROLMENT ON THE SPOT.

BESIDES THE RECRUITMENT STALL, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	17.10.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	18.10.91	-140
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+140
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	17.10.91	18.10.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	4.59 PCT	4.41 PCT
1 MONTH	4.49 PCT	4.42 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.55 PCT	4.61 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.84 PCT	5.14 PCT
12 MONTHS	5.68 PCT	6.00 PCT
TOTAL TURNOVER	8,330 MN	8,255 MN

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