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FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON HSBC HOLDINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

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IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY HSBC HOLDINGS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID:

"THE HSBC GROUP HAS LONG BEEN LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONS INTO EUROPE. HSBC HOLDINGS ALREADY HAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE MIDLAND BANK, OF WHICH IT IS THE LARGEST SINGLE SHAREHOLDER."

"THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS IMPORTANT ROLE WITHIN HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM."

"THE DETAILS OF THIS MATTER ARE FIRSTLY FOR THE COMPANIES INVOLVED AND THEIR SHAREHOLDERS. BUT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS A CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK REMAINING A HEALTHY DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BANK."

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SHARP RISE IN HEPATITIS A CASES

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THERE HAS BEEN A SHARP INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HEPATITIS A CASES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE WERE 503 CONFIRMED CASES OF HEPATITIS A, COMPARED WITH 242 CASES IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

IN ADDITION, 738 CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. MAJORITY OF THESE ARE EXPECTED TO BE HEPATITIS A CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE UPWARD TREND OF THE DISEASE.

HE SAID PEOPLE MUST NOW, AS ALWAYS, EXERCISE CAUTION IN THEIR EATING HABITS.

AS HEPATITIS A IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE CONSUMPTION OF CONTAMINATED FOOD, PARTICULARLY POLLUTED SHELLFISH, HE ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL FOOD SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY WASHED AND COOKED BEFORE EATING.

"POLLUTED SHELLFISH AND OTHER FOOD WHICH ARE NOT PROPERLY COOKED SHOULD BE AVOIDED," HE ADDED.

COPIES OF A LEAFLET ON SHELLFISH HYGIENE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE HYGIENE DIVISION, EIGHTH FLOOR, FA YUEN STREET UC COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET, KOWLOON; THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, SEVENTH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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MANPOWER SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS IN 1990S

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THE NUMBER OF WORKERS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE FROM 9.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL MANPOWER SUPPLY IN 1990 TO 11.7 PER CENT IN 1996, ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF A REPORT ON "MANPOWER OUTLOOK IN THE 1990S".

THE REPORT IS THE SECOND MANPOWER PROJECTION CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AND UPDATES THE FIRST PROJECTION, WHICH WAS COMPILED IN 1990.

THE LATEST STUDY SHOWS THAT OUT OF THE 2,741,000 WORKERS IN 1990, 253,000 WERE AT TERTIARY EDUCATION LEVELS.

THIS COMPARES WITH 2,951,800 WORKERS PROJECTED FOR 1996, OF WHOM 345,900 WILL POSSESS EITHER SUB-DEGREE OR FIRST DEGREE AND ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS.

IT ALSO REVEALS THAT OUT OF 222,900 GRADUATE MANPOWER IN 1996, 103,500 PERSONS WILL BE NEW ENTRANTS TO THE WORKFORCE BETWEEN 1990 AND 1996.

THESE NEW ENTRANTS ARE MADE UP OF 42,400 LOCAL GRADUATES, 38,600 OVERSEAS GRADUATES AND 22,500 IMMIGRANTS/RETURNED EMIGRANTS.

WHILE THE MANPOWER SUPPLY AT HIGHER EDUCATIONAL LEVELS IS INCREASING, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS WITH LOWER SECONDARY OR BELOW LEVEL OF EDUCATION IS EXPECTED TO DROP FROM 59.9 PER CENT OF THE MANPOWER SUPPLY RECORDED IN 1990 TO 56.6 PER CENT OF THAT IN 1996.

AS REGARDS THE REQUIREMENT PROJECTION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT DEMAND FOR BETTER EDUCATED WORKERS WOULD ALSO GROW RAPIDLY.

HE NOTED THAT EMPLOYMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SHIFT FROM MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO SERVICES SECTOR AND AT A FASTER PACE THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY PROJECTED.

"IN THE 1990'S PROJECTION, MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT WAS PROJECTED TO DROP BY 1.3 PER CENT YEARLY. BUT THE RATE OF DECLINE IS NOW REVISED TO TWO PER CENT PER ANNUM BETWEEN 1990 AND 1996, OR BY A TOTAL OF 80,000 WORKERS.

"DURING THE SAME PERIOD, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES WILL INCREASE BY 2.5 PER CENT A YEAR, AS COMPARED WITH ONLY 1.3 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS PROJECTION," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THIS WOULD GIVE AN EMPLOYMENT GROWTH OF SOME 276,000 WORKERS IN THESE INDUSTRIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A GENERAL UPGRADING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE WITHIN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES, SHIFTING THE EMPLOYMENT DEMAND IN FAVOUR OF HIGH-SKILLED WORKERS.

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FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THE RELOCATION OF THE MORE LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESSES ACROSS THE BORDER AND THE NEED TO GO FOR HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION LOCALLY HAVE RESULTED IN AN UPGRADING OF THE OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE.

SIMILARLY, TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS WITHIN THE SERVICES INDUSTRIES WILL LEAD TO REDUCTION IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR LOW-SKILLED WORKERS.

AS A RESULT, EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL WORKERS IS PROJECTED TO GROW RAPIDLY WHILE EMPLOYMENT OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS WILL DECLINE.

"THIS MEANS THAT SOME 90,400 MORE WORKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED IN PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE IS ABOUT 3.5 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE 2.9 PER CENT PREVIOUSLY PROJECTED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PRODUCTION WORKERS AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS IS PROJECTED TO LOSE ALMOST 36,000 WORKERS, OR AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 0.6 PER CENT.

COMPARING THE PROJECTED MANPOWER SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD BE A SURPLUS OF 84,000 WORKERS WITH LOWER SECONDARY OR BELOW EDUCATION IN 1996.

HOWEVER, HE SAID SHORTFALLS WERE EXPECTED TO EXIST AT OTHER EDUCATIONAL LEVELS, THAT IS, 52,400 WORKERS AT UPPER SECONDARY LEVEL, 21,600 AT SIXTH FORM LEVEL, AND 6,100 AT FIRST DEGREE AND ABOVE LEVEL.

"THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE EXCESS WORKERS WITH ONLY LOWER SECONDARY AND BELOW EDUCATION, BUT RATHER IMPLIES THAT SOME OF THESE WORKERS WILL BE WORKING IN JOBS WHICH REQUIRE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY POSSESS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE PROJECTION OF THE MANPOWER SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS STUDY IS AIMED AT ASSESSING WHETHER, UNDER THE EXISTING AND PLANNED EDUCATION PROVISIONS, THE MIX OF MANPOWER SUPPLY IN TERMS OF EDUCATIONAL LEVEL WILL BE BROADLY IN LINE WITH THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY.

IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LABOUR SHORTAGE OR WHETHER IMPORTATION OF LABOUR IS JUSTIFIED.

IT IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH DETERMINING WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION THE POPULATION SHOULD POSSESS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE LATEST STUDY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE RECENT TRENDS IN SUCH FACTORS AS MIGRATION OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG, PATTERN OF INDUSTRIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, WHICH ARE AFFECTING BOTH MANPOWER SUPPLY AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS AT AN EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.

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Manpower Supply By Educational Level

Educational Level	Actual 1990		Projected 1996	
	Number	%	Number	%
Lower secondary & below	1,641,600	59.9	1,669,600	56.6
Upper secondary	636,200	23.2	674,400	22.9
Sixth form	139,700	5.1	142,700	4.8
Craft level	6,200	0.2	21,700	0.7
Technician level	64,300	2.3	97,500	3.3
Sub-degree	89,700	3.3	123,000	4.2
First degree and above	163,300	6.0	222,900	7.5
All levels	2,741,000	100.0	2,951,800	100.0

/PROJECTED MANPOWER .....

Projected Manpower Balance, 1996

Educational Level	Supply	Requirements	Balance
Lower secondary & below	1,669,600	1,584,800	+84,600
Upper secondary	674,400	726,800	-52,400
Sixth form	142,700	164,300	-21,600
Craft level	21,700	19,300	+2,400
Technician level	97,500	99,000	-1,500
Sub-degree	123,000	128,600	-5,600
First degree and above	222,900	229,000	-6,100
All levels	2,951,800	2,951,800	0

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION FIGURE RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS, DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE VERY TIME-CONSUMING AND AS A RESULT THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES($)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.CHUI WU SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LTD	HENNESSY RD, WAN CHAI	26.1.91-28.3.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	3,000	2ND	EASTERN
2.HOI YUEN RESTAURANT	NASSAU ST, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN	14.4.91-15.5.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
3.REGENT SMART LTD	PRAT AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI	20.4.91-9.5.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	FANLING
4.PEACOCK HOME LTD	CHATHAM RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	18.5.91-28.6.91	APCO : "	1,500	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON
5.CONTAI ENGINEERING CO LTD (LICENSEE)	KAI HING RD, KOWLOON BAY	12.6.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 8 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTH OF CHEUNG CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	5,000	4TH	EASTERN

/6.HANG PO .....

6.HANG PO SEA FOOD RESTAURANT	YAU SAN ST, YUEN LONG	13.6.91-19.6.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	FANLING
7.YUNG KIN-CHIK, CHUNG NAM SOY FOOD COMPANY	YUNG YUEN RD, PING SHAN	10.7.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
8.CHI PAN CO LTD	NGAU TAU KOK RD, NGAU TAU KOK	11.7.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	12,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
9.DINKEEP INVESTMENT LTD	ON NING GARDEN, TSEUNG KWAN O	23.7.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	1,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
10.NOVY FOOD COMPANY LIMITED, NOVY RESTAURANT	FAU TSOI STREET, YUEN LONG	31.7.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS IN DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING
11.SUN LUNG FURNITURE CO LTD	NGA TSIN LONG RD, KOWLOON CITY	8.8.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	20,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
12.FOO LUEN WEAVING AND DYEING FTY LTD	TUNG YUEN ST, YAU TONG	13.8.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	1,500	1ST	KWUN TONG

/13.SHUI ON- .....

13.SHUI ON-BOSKALIS JOINT VENTURE (LICENSEE)	TAI KOK TSUI RD, TAI KOK TSUI	20.8.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
AND						
GEOWORKS CONTRACTORS (HK) LTD (WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR)	CANTON RD, MONG KOK	20.8.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
AND						
KWOK HOI-CHUEN (TUG BOAT MASTER)	LEI TUNG ESTATE, AP LEI CHAU	20.8.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
AND						
CHEUNG HO (BARGE OPERATOR)	MAIN STREET, AP LEI CHAU	20.8.91	DASO : "	3,000	1ST	EASTERN

14.SHUI ON-BOSKALIS JOINT VENTURE (LICENSEE)	TAI KOK TSUI RD, TAI KOK TSUI	20.8.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	2ND	EASTERN
AND						
GEOWORKS CONTRACTORS (HK) LTD (WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTOR)	CANTON RD, MONG KOK	20.8.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	2ND	EASTERN
AND						
NG AH-TIM (BARGE OPERATOR)	SAN HING BACK STREET, CHEUNG CHAU	20.8.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE MUD AT SEA SOUTH OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	3,000	1ST	EASTERN
15.FUSUN WASHING & BLEACHING CO LTD	TAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG	30.8.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
16.YUE SUN CUTTING FACTORY LTD	HOW MING STREET, KWUN TONG	11.9.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG
17.MEYER MFG CO LTD	HOW MING STREET, KWUN TONG	12.9.91	APCO : "	2,500	1ST	KWUN TONG

/18.CHIAPHUA .....

18.CHIAPHUA INDUSTRY LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	18.9.91	APCO : FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE UPON CESSATION OF EXEMPTION FOR THE EXEMPTED PREMISES	12,000	1ST	SHA TIN
19.GENERAL LUCK CO LTD	LION ROCK RD, KOWLOON CITY	18.9.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE-MENT IN A NOISE ABATE-MENT NOTICE	50,000	2ND	SAN PO KONG
20.KAI LIM MARBLE ENGINEERING CO LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	24.9.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	1,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
21.LUNG KEE BRONZE WARE MFG CO	SHAN MEI STREET, FO TAN	14.10.91	APCO : USING PROHIBITED FUEL IN THE TERRITORY	1,200	2ND	SHA TIN
22.CHI SHING FOUNDRY FACTORY	SHAN MEI STREET, FO TAN	14.10.91	APCO : "	2,600	3RD	SHA TIN
23.YEUNG IU-CHUNG (TUG BOAT MASTER)	SUN CHUI ESTATE, SHA TIN	22.10.91	DASO : DUMPING OF ABOUT 750 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA SOUTH OF NAM KWO CHAU NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	4,000	1ST	EASTERN
.24.CHIAPHUA INDUSTRY LTD	TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TAI PO	25.10.91	APCO : FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE UPON CESSATION OF EXEMPTION FOR THE EXEMPTED PREMISES	12,000	2ND	SHA TIN

/25.TAI YIP .....

25.TAI YIP DYEING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG	29.10.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	18,000	12TH	KWUN TONG
26.HANG FUNG MARBLE ENGINEERING CO	TAI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN	5.11.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	10,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
27.KAI LIM MARBLE ENGINEERING CO LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	26.11.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	1,500	2ND	TSUEN WAN
28.YUI LEE DYEING FACTORY LTD	WAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG	13.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	8,000	8TH	KWUN TONG
29.TANG TAM DEVELOPMENT CO LTD	MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG	19.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,000	1ST	KWUN TONG

NOTE :
APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE
DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975
WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT, FIVE PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND EACH FINED $1,000.

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A COMPANY WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED $1,000 FOR PERMITTING CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT. ANOTHER TWO PERSONS WERE SEPARATELY FINED $200 AND $500 FOR CAUSING EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM DOMESTIC PLACE AT NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASE CAN BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

APCO	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL. NO. 810 2907
NCO	MR STEVEN HO	TEL. NO. 810 2800
DASO	MR PATRICK LEI	TEL. NO. 755 3553
WPCO CASE 7, 10	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL. NO. 835 1184

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE BE DIRECTED TO THE EPD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION.

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121 VOLUNTARY RETURNEES BACK TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 121 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 45 MEN, 32 WOMEN, 24 BOYS AND 20 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 94TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THIS GROUP BROUGHT TO 2,479 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 16,458 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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EXHIBITIONS ON TRANSFORMATION OF METRO AREAS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO VISUALISE THE FUTURE TRANSFORMATION OF HONG KONG'S METRO AREAS DURING A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS WITH THE FIRST OF WHICH TO BE OPENED THIS FRIDAY (MARCH 20).

ORGANISED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE EXHIBITIONS ARE PART OF A PUBLICITY EXERCISE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE VARIOUS PLANNING CONCEPTS AND PROPOSALS SET OUT IN THE METROPLAN SELECTED STRATEGY.

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THE METROPLAN, COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OF PREPARATION AND COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC CONSULTATION, PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE METRO AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON, INCLUDING TSUEN WAN AND KWAI TSING.

APART FROM INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS AIMS AND APPROACHES ADOPTED FOR RESTRUCTURING THE CITY BY MEANS OF DISPLAY PANELS AND AUDIOVISUAL PRESENTATIONS, THE EXHIBITION ALSO FEATURES A CLUSTER OF LIGHTWALLS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A GLIMPSE OF THE NEW CITY FORM IN FUTURE AS WELL AS SOME MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY TO FORM THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THREE PURPOSE-BUILT MODELS WHICH HIGHLIGHT HOW THE CITY WILL BE RE-SHAPED.

IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFERENT EMPHASES ON PLANNING IN THE METRO AREAS, THESE MODELS WILL ALSO ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A THREE-DIMENSIONAL VIEW OF THE FUTURE SKYLINE OF THE HARBOUR TO BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT FROM THE EXISTING 230-HECTARE SITE IN KOWLOON IN 1997 AND THE MODERN DEVELOPMENTS ON NEW RECLAMATION SITES.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL LAST THREE DAYS IN THE PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY, BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY, WILL BE MOVED TO DIFFERENT VENUES IN THE HUB OF OTHER METRO AREAS.

DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITION SCHEDULES ARE:

DATE	VENUE
MARCH 20 - 22	PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY
MARCH 23 - 29	TSUEN WAN PLAZA (LEVEL I)
MARCH 30 - APRIL 5	LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE (STAGE II ATRIUM)
APRIL 6 - 10	OCEAN TERMINAL (MAIN CONCOURSE)

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE METROPLAN EXHIBITION AT NOON ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20) IN THE GARDEN COURT, PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER.

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1992 OLYMPIC GAMES SPECIAL STAMPS TO GO ON SALE

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS, "1992 OLYMPIC GAMES", WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 2.

THERE WILL BE FOUR DENOMINATIONS - 80 CENTS, $1.8, $2.3 AND $5. A SOUVENIR SHEET INCORPORATING THE FOUR STAMPS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED.

THE STAMPS SHOWN IN THE SOUVENIR SHEET WILL BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE FOUR STAMPS SOLD INDIVIDUALLY.

THE STAMPS WERE DESIGNED BY MR KEN LI AND PRINTED BY LEIGH-MARDON PTY. LTD. OF AUSTRALIA.

THE STAMPS WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE FROM MARCH 20.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM MARCH 20 AT $1 EACH. ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICED FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MARCH 20 TO 26. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF COVERS PER ORDER IS FIVE.

A SET OF FIVE POSTCARDS ISSUED BY THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES AT $15 PER SET FROM MARCH 20.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE FIRST DAY OF ISSUE SPECIAL DATESTAMP WILL BE SOLD AT $12.9 EACH AT THE FOLLOWING 29 POST OFFICES ON APRIL 2:

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE

CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE

GENERAL POST OFFICE

HENNESSY ROAD POST OFFICE

KING'S ROAD POST OFFICE

PEAK POST OFFICE

QUEEN'S ROAD POST OFFICE

SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE

TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE

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AIRPORT POST OFFICE

CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE

GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE

KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE

KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE

KWONG WAH STREET POST OFFICE

KWUN TONG POST OFFICE

LOK FU POST OFFICE

MONG KOK POST OFFICE

NGAU TAU KOK POST OFFICE

OI MAN POST OFFICE

TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE

SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE

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YUEN LONG POST OFFICE

A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL OFFICIAL AND PRIVATELY MADE COVERS AND POSTCARDS BEARING THE "FIRST DAY" INDICATION ON APRIL 2.

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BOOKMARK PROMOTING SUMMER JOB SAFETY

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SOME 10,000 COPIES OF A PLASTIC BOOKMARK CARRYING A MESSAGE ON WORK SAFETY FOR STUDENTS TAKING UP SUMMER JOBS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

THE BOOKMARK FEATURES A WINNING DESIGN SELECTED FROM 490 ENTRIES TO THE "BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ON SAFETY AT WORK FOR STUDENTS".

"AS STUDENTS GENERALLY LACK WORKING EXPERIENCE AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY KNOWLEDGE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO INSTIL AN AWARENESS OF SAFETY AT WORK INTO THEIR MINDS THROUGH VARIOUS PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES," CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR CHAN NOTED THAT SEVEN STUDENT WORKERS WERE INVOLVED IN MINOR ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 61 PER CENT FROM 18 PERSONS IN 1990.

OF THESE, THREE WERE INJURED BY MACHINERY AND THE OTHERS BY STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGANIST OBJECTS, FALLING OBJECTS, MANUAL LIFTING OF WEIGHTS AND THE USE OF HAND TOOLS.

"THE DECREASE IN ACCIDENTS IS ENCOURAGING AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS WILL BE KEPT UP IN SAFETY AT WORK FOR STUDENTS BEFORE THE SUMMER VACATION STARTS," MR CHAN ADDED.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION, ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20).

THE CHAMPION OF THE SENIOR SECTION OF THE COMPETITION IS YIP PAN-WA OF ST CATHARINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WHOSE DESIGN HAS BEEN REPRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS.

THE FIRST RUNNER-UP IS LAU SHUI-HANG OF CMA CHOI CHEUNG KOK PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND THE SECOND IS CHENG YIN-MEI OF NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE.

THE FIRST AND SECOND WINNERS IN THE JUNIOR SECTION ARE MA KWOK-LEUNG AND LEE PAK-KIN, BOTH OF RAIMONDI COLLEGE. THE THIRD IS CHAN YU-FAI OF NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE.

/THE CHAIRMAN .....

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNICL, MR K.Y. TONGSON; CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MRS GRACE YUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS AND GUIDANCE MASTERS, MR CHAN JOE-CHAK; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR THE COMPETITION, MR CHEUNG LUN WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE "BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION ON SAFETY AT WORK FOR STUDENTS" AT 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 20) AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB HONG KONG, THE PRESIDENT SUITE, 2M FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTE IN SAI KUNG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (SCHEDULED) ROUTE NO. 12A IN SAI KUNG WILL START OPERATION FROM 7.40 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 19) TO SERVE BETWEEN SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE AND HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE NORMAL FREQUENCY WILL BE 25 MINUTES AND THE FARE WILL BE $5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND TENDER RESULTS

TENDER DATE	17 MAR 92	17 MAR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q212	H260
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 2,500MN	HKD 970MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500MN	HKD 200MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	4.11 PCT	4.37 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	4.13 PCT	4.38 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 47 PCT	100 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	4.19 PCT	4.46 PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 23 MARCH 1992 -

TENDER DATE	24 MAR 92	24 MAR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q213	Y288
ISSUE DATE	25 MAR 92	25 MAR 92
MATURITY DATE	24 JUN 92	24 MAR 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK$500 + 100MN	HK$200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	16.3.92	700
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	17.3.92	-158
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+158
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 112.6 *-0.3* 17.3.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.28 PCT
1 MONTH	4.12 PCT
3 MONTHS	4.12 PCT
6 MONTHS	4.37 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.77 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
20 MONTHS	2311	6.25	100.30	6.14
23 MONTHS	2402	5.50	98.59	6.39

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,272 MN

CLOSED 17 MARCH 1992

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