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GOVERNOR PLEDGES FULL INVESTIGATION INTO WALL COLLAPSE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (FRIDAY) DESCRIBED THE COLLAPSE OF A WALL AT NATHAN ROAD AS A HORRIFIC AND TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

HE PLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CARRY OUT A FULL AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"I HEARD NEWS OF THIS HORRIFIC ACCIDENT WITH GREAT SADNESS. OUR FIRST THOUGHTS MUST BE FOR THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND I AM SURE THAT I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IN OFFERING MY CONDOLENCES."

MR PATTEN ADDED: "THERE WILL BE A FULL AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSES OF THE COLLAPSE AND THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION WILL, OF COURSE, BE MADE PUBLIC.

"THE PUBLIC HAS AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW WE INTEND TO PREVENT THIS SORT OF TRAGEDY FROM HAPPENING AGAIN," HE SAID.

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ACTING CS COMMENTS ON WALL COLLAPSE

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THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE WALL COLLAPSE AT NATHAN ROAD HAD HAPPENED AND HE SENT HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED IN THIS VERY TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER INSPECTING THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT, MR LEUNG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING ALL THE HELP TO THE AFFECTED FAMILIES AT THE PRESENT TIME.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENT," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE NOW ESTABLISHED A TEAM OF EXPERTS IN THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO THE CAUSES OF THIS ACCIDENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPER, THE AUTHORISED PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULATION OF THIS DEMOLITION EXERCISE.

"WE PLEDGE TO FIND OUT THE ROOT CAUSES OF THIS ACCIDENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IF THE OUTCOME IS AVAILABLE."

MR LEUNG THANKED THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK THEY HAD DONE IN MOUNTING THE RESCUE OPERATION WHICH WERE QUITE DIFFICULT IN THIS SITUATION.

ASKED WHETHER THE INVESTIGATION RESULTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY SAID: "WE WILL MAKE THE FINDINGS KNOWN WHEN WE HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

"BUT I DO ASSURE THE PUBLIC AND ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPARE NO RESOURCES TO FIND OUT THE CAUSES AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR BUILDING ACTIVITIES ARE SAFE AND SECURE AND HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN REST ASSURED THAT WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE THIS IS DONE."

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TRANSCRIPT OF ACTING CS'S MEDIA SESSION

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FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, AFTER HIS INSPECTION OF THE COLLAPSE OF A WALL AT A NATHAN ROAD DEMOLITION SITE THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING:

MR LEUNG: THIS HAS BEEN A VERY TRAGIC ACCIDENT AND WE EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED. FIRST OF ALL, OUR CONDOLENCES TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR INJURED IN THIS ACCIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IS GIVING EVERY HELP TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF THOSE AFFECTED AT THE PRESENT TIME. SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, THE FIRE SERVICES, THE POLICE, AND THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT AND ALL INVOLVED IN HELPING THE RESCUE OPERATIONS WHICH ARE QUITE DIFFICULT AND NOT EASY IN THIS SITUATION. BUT THEY HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS WORK IN GETTING THE RESCUE OPERATIONS FINISHED BY THIS TIME. THIRDLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE CAUSES OF THIS ACCIDENT. WE HAVE NOW ESTABLISHED A TEAM OF EXPERTS IN THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO THE CAUSES OF THIS ACCIDENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPER, THE AUTHORISED PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULATION OF THIS DEMOLITION EXERCISE AND WE PLEDGE TO FIND OUT THE ROOT CAUSES OF THIS ACCIDENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IF THE OUTCOME IS AVAILABLE.

QUESTION: WILL THE PROBE BE MADE PUBLIC?

MR LEUNG: CERTAINLY, WE WILL MAKE THE FINDINGS KNOWN WHEN WE HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION. BUT I DO ASSURE THE PUBLIC AND ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPARE NO RESOURCES TO FIND OUT THE CAUSES AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR BUILDING ACTIVITIES ARE SAFE AND SECURE AND HONG KONG PEOPLE CAN REST ASSURED WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE THIS IS DONE.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE COMPANY IN CHARGE OF DEMOLITION HERE?

MR LEUNG: THE COMPANY LOOKING AFTER THIS IS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT PARTICULAR DEMOLITION SITE AND THEY ARE NOW IN CHARGE OF THE REINSTATEMENT WORK FOR THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING, CHECKED AND SUPERVISED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS SAFE AND SECURE.

QUESTION: IT SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF THIS KIND OF ACCIDENTS HAPPENING RECENTLY?

MR LEUNG: I DON'T THINK THERE HAVE BEEN THAT MANY ACCIDENTS. I THINK BEARING IN MIND THE LARGE NUMBER OF DEMOLITIONS EVERY DAY IN HONG KONG, THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF THESE GOING ON YEAR AFTER YEAR, DAY AFTER DAY IN HONG KONG. THIS IS A VERY, VERY RARE ACCIDENT INDEED IN HONG KONG. BUT WE ARE NOT COMPLACENT. WE MUST FIND OUT THE ROOT CAUSES OF THIS AND TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS ANYTHING INVOLVED IN THIS.

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QUESTION: WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ISSUES A DEMOLITION PERMIT, AND YOU SAY THERE SHOULD BE AN AUTHORISED PERSON, WHY DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT CHECK IF THAT AUTHORISED PERSON, WHY DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THE AUTHORISED PERSON IS?

MR LEUNG: THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS WHO THEY ARE. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW INVESTIGATING WITH THE AUTHORISED PERSON ON THIS PARTICULAR ACCIDENT.

QUESTION: WHEN YOU ISSUE THE DEMOLITION PERMIT, AFTER THAT DO YOU COME OUT AND CHECK THE SITE AND MONITOR THE DEMOLITION PROCESS?

MR LEUNG: THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGULATION ON THE DEMOLITION LIES WITH THE AUTHORISED PERSON UNDER THE ORDINANCE. THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO MONITOR AND CHECK THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS. IN THIS CASE, WE ARE DOING ACCORDING TO THE LAW, THAT WE ARE CHECKING WHETHER THE AUTHORISED PERSON IS ACTING ACCORDING TO THE LAW AND IF NOT, WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY.

QUESTION: SO YOU CHECK IF THE AUTHORISED PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO OVERSEE THE DEMOLITION.

MR LEUNG: WE'LL CHECK WHETHER THE AUTHORISED PERSON HAS DONE ALL THE WORK REQUIRED OF THE ORDINANCE AND IF NOT, WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY.

QUESTION: SHOULD ANYTHING BE DONE IN THE INTERIM BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION ...?

MR LEUNG: I THINK WE SHOULD NOT PRE-JUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION. BUT WE ARE, AS I SAID, WE ARE DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE ROOT CAUSES AND IF APPROPRIATE WE WILL TAKE ACTION ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

QUESTION: SO YOU ARE GOING TO HOLD A PUBLIC INQUIRY?

MR LEUNG: NO, WE ARE DOING THE INVESTIGATION OURSELVES. WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS WHEN THE RESULTS ARE KNOWN.

QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF CRITERIA IS THERE FOR AN AUTHORISED PERSON ON A DEMOLITION SITE?

MR LEUNG: IT'S ALL LAID DOWN IN THE ORDINANCE STATING REQUIREMENTS THAT THE PERSON MUST BE AN AUTHORISED PERSON AS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE. HE IS A PROFESSIONAL, HE'S AN ARCHITECT OR AN ENGINEER ACCORDING TO THE DEFINITION IN THE ORDINANCE, AND HE MUST SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENTS BEFORE HE CAN BE AN AUTHORISED PERSON UNDER THE ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE OPERATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

QUESTION: ARE AUTHORISED PERSONS REQUIRED TO OVERSEE AT THE ... SITE OF THE DEMOLITION EVERYDAY....?

MR LEUNG: YES, THIS IS WHAT .... ?

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BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING WALL COLLAPSE

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THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS, MRS HELEN YU, TODAY (FRIDAY) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CASUALTIES OF THE WALL COLLAPSE AT A DEMOLITION SITE AT 343-361 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

MRS YU SAID THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT HAD SET UP A TEAM TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS OF, AND TO INVESTIGATE, THE INCIDENT.

"THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO RESTORE PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE SITE.

"IN THIS RESPECT, THE TEAM IS WORKING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AUTHORISED PERSON, THE REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND THE REGISTERED CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEMOLITION WORKS," SHE ADDED.

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SWD OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO WALL COLLAPSE VICTIMS

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STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE ATTENDED TO THE SCENE OF THE WALL COLLAPSE INCIDENT AT NATHAN ROAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO LOCATE THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS TO SEE WHAT KIND OF SERVICES CAN BE OFFERED TO THOSE AGGRIEVED.

FIELD UNIT AND FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE PERSONNEL RUSHED TO THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT ABOUT 10 MINUTES AFTER THE WALL COLLAPSED. IT WAS LATER ESTABLISHED THAT NO EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICES WERE REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE.

MEANWHILE, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ARE APPROACHING THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE INJURED VICTIMS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.

SEPARATELY, THE DEPARTMENT'S CASEWORKERS ARE CONTACTING THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIED TO OFFER THEM COUNSELLING AND TO SEE WHAT KIND OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES THEY REQUIRED.

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MORE FUNDS HELP INDUSTRIES GO UP-MARKET

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A TOTAL OF \$180 MILLION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR TO FINANCE PROJECTS THAT WILL PROMOTE HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 13TH HONG KONG WATCH AND CLOCK FAIR, SIR HAMISH SAID TO DATE, \$29 MILLION HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO FUND PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDING WAS AIMED AT ASSISTING HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES TO MOVE UP-MARKET AND INTO HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION.

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"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO HELPING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ENHANCE THEIR COMPETITIVENESS BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT AND BY FACILITATING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE," HE SAID.

SIR HAMISH SAID THE WATCH AND CLOCK SECTOR WAS HONG KONG'S FOURTH LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

HONG KONG IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF WATCHES BY QUANTITY AND THE SECOND LARGEST BY VALUE.

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WASTE COLLECTORS' CONCERN WILL BE CONSIDERED

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IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA ENQUIRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONSIDER WASTE COLLECTORS' CONCERN ABOUT THE PRE-PAID TICKET SYSTEM.

"OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO INTRODUCE A COMPUTERISED BILLING SYSTEM BUT THIS NEEDS TIME TO DEVELOP," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN PUBLIC INTEREST TO DELAY THE CHARGING SCHEME IN VIEW OF ITS IMPLICATION FOR OUR VALUABLE LANDFILL RESOURCES AS WELL AS THE URGENT NEED TO ENCOURAGE WASTE MINIMISATION AND TO APPLY THE POLLUTER-PAYS PRINCIPLE.

ON CONCERN ABOUT THE PRE-PAID TICKET SYSTEM BEING ABUSED, THE SPOKESMAN ASSURED THAT THE SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED WITH MEASURES TO ENABLE EMPLOYERS TO DEVELOP GOOD ACCOUNTING PRACTICES SUCH AS RECORD SLIPS TO INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE DISPOSED OF AND THE AMOUNT OF CHARGES PAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT PARTIES ON THE CHARGING PROPOSAL TOOK PLACE BACK IN MID-1993 AND COMMENTS RECEIVED WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DEVELOPING THE PRESENT SCHEME.

"WE HAVE PLANNED A PUBLICITY EXERCISE BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARGING IN ORDER TO BRING THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL PARTIES AFFECTED," HE SAID.

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TENDERS FOR URBAN AND NT TAXI LICENCES INVITED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND 100 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

A NOTICE ON THE TENDER INVITATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR TAXI SERVICES.

THE LAST TIME WHEN URBAN TAXI LICENCES WERE ISSUED WAS DECEMBER 1991 WHEN 200 LICENCES WERE ISSUED, AND 100 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES WERE ISSUED IN JULY 1989.

IN APRIL THIS YEAR THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ACCEPTED A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE TAXI SERVICES AND DAMPEN SPECULATION IN TAXI LICENCES.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT TAXI LICENCES SHOULD BE ISSUED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TENDERS FOR TAXI LICENCES HAVE BEEN INVITED SINCE THEN.

"AS PART OF THE NEW POLICY, TWO NEW CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE TENDER EXERCISE.

"FIRST, NO ONE MAY BID FOR MORE THAN ONE URBAN OR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCE, AND SECOND, THE NEW TAXI LICENCES WILL NOT BE TRANSFERABLE WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST REGISTRATION OF THE TAXIS CONCERNED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN PERSON FROM THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON THIRD FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDERERS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED TENDER FORMS BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1994. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

RESULTS OF TENDERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

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#### BROADCASTING AUTHORITY REVIEWS CABLE OPERATION

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA), AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY (THURSDAY), WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT WHARF CABLE HAD MADE STEADY PROGRESS IN ITS NETWORK BUILDING AND PENETRATION.

AND IT HAD PASSED 31.5 PER CENT OF THE 1.6 MILLION TELEVISION HOMES IN HONG KONG BY JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, A NUMBER EXCEEDING THE LICENCE REQUIREMENT FOR THE FIRST-YEAR OPERATION.

THE BA REVIEWED WHARF CABLE'S PERFORMANCE IN RESPECT OF ITS CUSTOMER SERVICE AND IS IN GENERAL SATISFIED WITH WHARF CABLE'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE.

ANOTHER REVIEW OF ITS CUSTOMER SERVICE PERFORMANCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ANOTHER YEAR'S TIME.

THE BA CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND DECIDED TO IMPOSE A PENALTY OF \$10,000 ON WHARF CABLE FOR THE SERIOUS BREACH OF THE SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION PROGRAMME CODE RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, PORTRAYAL OF VIOLENCE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES.

THE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT CONCERNED THE DEPICTION OF A CHILD THROWING A CAT OUT OF THE BALCONY IN A CHILDREN'S DRAMA "LONELY BOY" BROADCAST ON THE CABLE CHILDREN CHANNEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR BA SAID THE AUTHORITY TOOK A VERY SERIOUS VIEW AND CONSIDERED THE PORTRAYAL OF THE THROWING OF A CAT OUT OF THE BALCONY TOO CRUEL, UNNECESSARY AND INHUMANE.

THE REPEAT OF THE SEQUENCE IN SLOW MOTION AT THE END OF THE PROGRAMME WAS ALSO GRATUITOUS AND UNNECESSARY.

THE SCENES COULD FRIGHTEN, UNNERVE AND CAUSE PAIN TO CHILDREN, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TVB WAS SERIOUSLY WARNED FOR TRANSMITTING TWO BLOCKS OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR A NUMBER OF VARIETY SPECIALS UNDER THE TITLE "FUN IN SUMMER CAMP" WITHIN THE PROGRAMME "EYT: SATCHI - QUEEN KING", AND NOT DURING BREAKS WITHIN OR INTERVALS BETWEEN PROGRAMMES AS REQUIRED UNDER THE LICENCE TO BROADCAST AND TELEVISION ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

THE BA WAS MINDFUL THAT TVB HAD BEEN STRONGLY ADVISED FOUR MONTHS AGO TO OBSERVE THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS MORE CAREFULLY REGARDING A SIMILAR COMPLAINT.

A SERIOUS WARNING WAS ALSO ISSUED TO TVB FOR BREACHING THE RESTRICTION PROHIBITING ADVERTISEMENTS FROM INVITING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PART IN ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY WITH THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING GAINS ALLEGED OR LIKELY TO ARISE FROM SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR "PARKLANE GARDEN (DONGGUAN)" BROADCAST ON TVB CARRIED THE CLAIM THAT THE DEVELOPER WOULD GUARANTEE A 200 PER CENT REPURCHASE VALUE.

THE CLAIM CONSTITUTED AN INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC TO BUY PROPERTY WITH THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING GAINS ARISING FROM SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND WAS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE RELATED PROVISIONS IN THE TELEVISION CODE OF PRACTICE ON ADVERTISING STANDARDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### TENDERS INVITED FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES NORTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT AS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

A SMALL TRANSPORT TERMINUS, ROADS AND DRAINS WILL BE BUILT IN AREA 33, TAI PO.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NOTICE INVITING TENDERS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LIMITED, 4 FUNG WO LANE, WO CHE, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 30.

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NEW ROADS ON HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT ROAD WORKS ON THE HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION AND AT THE APPROACH ROADS TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL PLAZA.

THE ROAD WORKS INCLUDE BUILDING OF NEW ROADS AND WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SOME ROADS.

THEY SERVE TO PROVIDE A ROAD SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPMENTS ON THE HUNG HOM BAY RECLAMATION AND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE HUNG HOM AND EAST TSIM SHA TSUI AREAS NEAR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

THE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1995 AND WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND LATE 1998.

THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE WORKS MAY BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- \* THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- \* THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARKING BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- \* THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, 15 MIDDLE ROAD, KOWLOON; AND
- \* THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BY NOVEMBER 8.

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PRIVATE CARS MUST BE INSPECTED

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PRIVATE CARS MANUFACTURED IN 1988 OR BEFORE THAT REQUIRE A NEW LICENCE FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR MUST BE INSPECTED FOR THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR LICENCE RENEWAL.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT OWNERS OF ALL PRIVATE CARS SIX YEARS OR MORE FROM THE YEAR OF MANUFACTURE ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR VEHICLES FOR INSPECTION AT A DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRE TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED VEHICLE OWNERS TO TAKE THEIR VEHICLES TO ANY OF THE 24 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOR INSPECTION.

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GOVT APPRENTICES REMINDED OF THEIR DUTIES

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR SAMUEL WONG PING-WAI TODAY (FRIDAY) ADVISED NEWLY GRADUATED GOVERNMENT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES TO KEEP IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC.

"THIS SIMPLY MEANS YOU MUST NEVER IGNORE THE IMPACT OF WHAT YOU DO," HE SAID.

MR WONG GAVE THE ADVICE WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE APPRENTICES.

HE REMINDED THE APPRENTICES THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES OR MEET A SPECIFICATION.

"YOU MUST TRAIN YOURSELVES ALWAYS TO ASK THE QUESTION 'WHAT IF?'. WHAT IF THIS COMPONENT FAILS, OR SOMEBODY FORGETS TO OIL IT? WHAT IF WIND OR RAIN BATTER THE INSTALLATION YOU ARE WORKING ON? WHAT IF AN IDIOT GETS AT THE CONTROLS? WHAT IF POLLUTANTS GET IN THE WATER? CAN YOUR WORK SURVIVE? WILL THE PUBLIC REMAIN PROTECTED?" HE NOTED.

MR WONG ALSO URGED THE APPRENTICES TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION.

"YOU NEED TO REMEMBER THAT WHAT YOU DO MAY CONTRIBUTE TO POLLUTION AND, THOUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAY BE SMALL, EVEN SEEMINGLY NEGLIGIBLE, THE SUM OF EVERYBODY'S CONTRIBUTION MAY BE CRITICAL," HE STRESSED.

PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY MR WONG TODAY ARE 44 CRAFT APPRENTICES AND 16 TECHNICAL APPRENTICES WHO HAVE ACQUIRED A PARTICULAR SKILL UNDER THE GOVERNMENT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT APPRENTICES TRAINING SCHEME RUN BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME HAS A HISTORY OF MORE THAN 20 YEARS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS WELL AS TO MEET THE EVER-INCREASING DEMAND OF THE INDUSTRIES AT LARGE IN HONG KONG.

SELECTED CANDIDATES UNDERGO A FOUR-YEAR TRAINING COURSE WHICH COMBINES ACADEMIC LEARNING WITH PRACTICAL TRAINING.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----	TIME (HOURS) -----	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION) -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,227	0930	+47
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,048	1000	+37
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+54
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+36	1200	+54
LAF TODAY	-215	1500	+54
		1600	+36
LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER		TWI 122.2 *+0.1*	9.9.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.08	18 MONTHS	2602	4.40	98.25	5.78
1 MONTH	4.16	24 MONTHS	2608	6.15	100.08	6.20
3 MONTHS	4.34	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.96	6.57
6 MONTHS	4.64	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.96	6.69
12 MONTHS	5.24	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.58	6.83

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,881 MN

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