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GOVERNOR MEETS ITALIAN TRADE OFFICIALS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) HELD TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AT THE START OF HIS VISIT TO ROME.

SIR DAVID WELCOMED THE GROWING ITALIAN INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND THE INJECTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE. HE NOTED THAT, AMONG EUROPEAN NATIONS, ITALY WAS NOW HONG KONG'S SECOND LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND THE MONTEDISON COMPANY HAD MADE THE LARGEST SINGLE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN ITS YUEN LONG PLANT.

THE GOVERNOR, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HONG KONG'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, STEUART WEBB-JOHNSON, ALSO DISCUSSED TRADE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND HONG KONG'S ROLE AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA.

AMONG THE FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS HE MET WERE THE ADVISER TO THE MINISTER STEFANO GANAVESIO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL GIOVANNI SARDI.

SIR DAVID HAD LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR PERLOT, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BEFORE CALLING ON PRIME MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI.

IN THE EVENING, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE DUE TO ATTEND A DINNER HOSTED BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR STEPHEN EGERTON.

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FREEDOM, OPENNESS AND CONSISTENCY: ESSENCE OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS

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THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF FREEDOM WHICH PERVADES EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE HERE, PERSONAL FREEDOM, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THE FREEDOM TO DO BUSINESS IN AN ENVIRONMENT UNENCUMBERED BY BUREAUCRACY ARE THE FACTORS WHICH HAVE MADE HONG KONG SUCCESSFUL, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"THIS IS VITAL BECAUSE HONG KONG PEOPLE PARTICULARLY THRIVE IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT," SIR DAVID SAID WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG CONFERENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NATURAL EBULLIENCE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AT THE HEART OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

NOTING THAT THE OBVIOUS QUESTION WAS WHETHER THESE FREEDOMS WOULD CONTINUE AFTER 1997, SIR DAVID SAID: "THE FACT IS THAT HONG KONG HAS SURVIVED AND FLOURISHED AND MAINTAINED ITS FREEDOMS DURING PERIODS OVER THE PAST DECADES, WHEN CHINA WAS PURSUING POLICIES VERY DIFFERENT TO THOSE PRACTISED HERE.

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"THOSE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA ARE NOW RECOGNISED IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND IN THE BASIC LAW, DIFFERENCES WHICH RELATE NOT ONLY TO THE ECONOMY BUT TO THE LEGAL, FISCAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS."

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE THOSE ASSURANCES NO DOUBT SOME STRAINS WOULD DEVELOP FROM TIME TO TIME OVER THE EXERCISE OF FREEDOM HERE.

"MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WILL BE ESSENTIAL IF THE CONCEPT OF "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS" IS TO WORK OUT WELL IN PRACTICE.

"CERTAINLY HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE VERY PRAGMATIC ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND HAVE NO WISH TO CONFRONT HER," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE UNDERLYING KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THAT RELATIONSHIP, AND IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL DESPITE SOME HIGHLY PUBLICISED DIFFERENCES, HAS BEEN THE RECOGNITION BY ALL CONCERNED OF THE IMMENSE MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM A PROSPEROUS HONG KONG MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MODERNISATION OF CHINA.

"AND SO I REMAIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

ILLUSTRATING HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY, SIR DAVID SAID THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF HONG KONG'S SUCCESS WERE OPENNESS AND CONSISTENCY.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IN GIVING MARKET FORCES FREE REIN AND ACCEPTED AS AN ARTICLE OF FAITH THAT FREE TRADE BENEFITTED ALL.

"NEITHER OPERATE EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT FREEDOM OF TRAVEL AND FREE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL. BOTH DEPEND FOR THEIR SUCCESS ON THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION IN WHICH YOU, THE PRESS, PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT IN A GLOBAL MARKET PLACE, EARLY WARNING OF EVENTS AND TRENDS WAS AT A PREMIUM.

"WE ARE STRONG BELIEVERS IN THE CHINESE PHILOSOPHY THAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS ONE ALWAYS HAS TO BE ONE STEP AHEAD," SIR DAVID SAID.

UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY ON GOVERNMENT POLICY, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT FEW OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PURSUE A SET OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES SO UNWAVERINGLY.

"THE RELATIVELY SLOW PACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT HERE AND THE ENSUING LACK OF THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL DOGMA ON PUBLIC POLICY HAS CLEARLY BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN ENSURING CONTINUITY.

"AS A RESULT OUR TAX REGIME HAS BEEN A MODEL OF STABILITY AND PREDICTABILITY. SO ALSO HAS THE RELENTLESS DETERMINATION WITH WHICH WE, AS A GOVERNMENT, HAVE PLOUGHED BACK OUR SURPLUSES INTO THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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SIR DAVID INVITED DELEGATES OF THE CONFERENCE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES AND MAKE THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT ON THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG AS THERE WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR FIRST-HAND INFORMATION.

"I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HAVE TIME OFF FROM CONFERENCING TO WALK IN OUR STREETS - WALK CAREFULLY AS THE UNWARY ARE LIKELY TO BE BOWLED OVER BY HONGKONGERS RUSHING ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS - AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO TAKE IN SOME OF THE SENSE OF PRIDE WHICH PEOPLE HERE, HAVE IN WHAT THEY HAVE BUILT.

"HONG KONG IS A REMARKABLE PLACE. IT IS A NOISY, CROWDED, BOISTEROUS, UNRULY AND WORLDY-WISE; IT IS ALSO VITAL PROOF OF WHAT THE HUMAN SPIRIT, UNFETTERED BY THE DEADENING HAND OF BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL, CAN ACHIEVE," SIR DAVID SAID.

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STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION ON THE
BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (SELECTION SCHEME) ORDER 1990

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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT MADE THIS (MONDAY) EVENING BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD TSANG, ON THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (SELECTION SCHEME) ORDER 1990:

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO BRIEF YOU ON THE DRAFT BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) (SELECTION SCHEME) ORDER 1990 WHICH IS BEING LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT TODAY.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (HONG KONG) ACT 1990 PROVIDING FOR THE GRANT OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TO 50,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG BECAME LAW ON JULY 26. THE ACT PROVIDES FOR THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SELECTION SCHEME TO BE SET OUT IN AN ORDER IN COUNCIL. THE DRAFT ORDER LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT TODAY HAS EMBODIED THE SELECTION SCHEME APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE DRAFT ORDER CONTAINS FOUR PARTS. PART I EXPLAINS THAT THE SCHEME WILL ACCEPT FOUR CLASSES OF APPLICANTS : GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS (GOC), DISCIPLINED SERVICES CLASS (DSC), SENSITIVE SERVICE CLASS (SSC) AND ENTREPRENEURS CLASS (EC). PART II STIPULATES THE SELECTION METHOD FOR THE GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASS, WHICH IS BASED ON A POINTS SYSTEM. IT PROVIDES FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING IN THE GOC TO BE RECOMMENDED PROVIDED THAT THE NUMBER OF POINTS ALLOCATED TO THEM IS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO BRING THEM WITHIN THE QUOTA PRESCRIBED FOR THE RELEVANT OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS. PART III DEALS WITH THE DSC, THE SSC AND THE EC. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES UNDER THE DSC WILL FOLLOW A POINTS SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT FOR THE GOC. THE BROAD CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SSC AND EC CANDIDATES ARE ALSO SET OUT IN PART III. PART IV DEALS WITH VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, SUCH AS THE POWER TO SELECT EQUALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.

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THE ORDER CAN ONLY BE MADE AFTER A DRAFT HAS BEEN LAID BEFORE AND APPROVED BY A RESOLUTION OF EACH HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. DEBATES ON THE DRAFT ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS NEXT WEEK, AND IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. IF THE DRAFT ORDER IS APPROVED BY BOTH HOUSES WITHIN OCTOBER, IT WILL BE PUT TO THE QUEEN IN COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20, AND WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON DECEMBER 1.

IF THERE IS NO SLIPPAGE OF THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, WE AIM TO START RECEIVING APPLICATIONS ON DECEMBER 1. THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THREE MONTHS IN WHICH TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS. THE APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER EXPLANATORY AND REFERENCE MATERIAL WILL BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED THROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND POST OFFICES, AS SOON AS THE ORDER IS MADE BY THE QUEEN IN COUNCIL. WE WILL BE MAKING A MORE DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING APPLICATION PROCEDURES NEXT MONTH."

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1990
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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE DURING THE PERIOD JUNE - AUGUST 1990, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1990 WAS 1.8 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 1.6 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990 AND 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.5 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JUNE - AUGUST 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 48,600, COMPARED WITH 44,200 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990 AND 36,700 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1990 WAS 0.9 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH ONE PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990 AND 0.6 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989.

THE DECREASE OF 0.1 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1989 IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

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THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN JUNE - AUGUST 1990 WAS 26,200, COMPARED WITH 26,900 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MAY 1990 AND 17,500 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID IT IS BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY - SEPTEMBER 1990 WAS 1.7 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS ONE PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR JUNE - AUGUST 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 11,500 HOUSEHOLDS OR 41,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND DECEMBER 20, 1990 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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GOVERNMENT SIGNS CONSULTANCY CONTRACT FOR ENERGY
CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS STUDY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONSULTANTS, J ROGER PRESTON & PARTNERS (JRP), TO LEAD AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY TEAM IN A STUDY OF ENERGY CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS.

ON COMPLETION, THE REPORT WILL RESULT IN A DRAFT CODE WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS COVERING OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUES (OTTV) FOR OFFICE AND HOTEL BUILDINGS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE \$2 MILLION PROJECT, FUNDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL MAKE A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE BUILDING ENVELOPE DESIGN IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS THE UK, SINGAPORE, AUSTRALIA AND THE USA, WHERE STRINGENT OTTV REGULATIONS ALREADY EXISTED.

THE INTENTION IS THAT FUTURE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE MOST ENERGY-EFFICIENT MANNER AND THE CONTROL OF OTTV IN AIR-CONDITIONED BUILDINGS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

THE CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF OTTV CONTROLS ON LOCAL BUILDING INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF COST, TIME AND DESIGN.

BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG DESIGNED BY JRP WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE PRACTICE'S EMPHASIS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION INCLUDE THE HONGKONG BANK HEADQUARTERS AND THE RETTONJEE CENTRE.

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LEGCO WILL SOON CONSIDER LEGAL AMENDMENT ON PEST CONTROL

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO PEST MANAGEMENT REFLECTED ITS BELIEF THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS PRODUCED BETTER AND MORE LASTING RESULTS THAN THE USE OF PESTICIDES ALONE.

MRS WONG SAID THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD SHORTLY BE CONSIDERING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAW WHICH WOULD BRING ALL PESTICIDES UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OF STATUTORY CONTROL.

"THE NEW LAW DOES NOT SEEK TO DIRECTLY REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF PEST MANAGERS; THIS IS LEFT TO A CODE OF PRACTICE WHICH HAS BEEN DRAWN UP JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION AND THE GOVERNMENT," SHE SAID.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE 1990 FEDERATION OF ASIAN AND OCEANIA PEST MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (FAOPMA), MRS WONG SAID THE USE OF LESS PESTICIDES WAS NOT ONLY MORE WELCOME IN THESE DAYS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT ALSO REDUCED THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACCIDENT AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURE AMONG OPERATORS AND THE CLIENT PUBLIC.

"A FURTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS THAT RESTRAINED USE OF PESTICIDES AVOIDS PROBLEMS OF RESISTANCE DEVELOPING AMONG THE VARIOUS PESTS WE ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE AND THIS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONTROL OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.

"WE SHOULD TRY TO REDUCE RELIANCE ON PESTICIDES BY EXPLORING OTHER ALTERNATIVES THROUGH INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG ALSO SAID THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEST CONTROL INDUSTRY WAS THE KEY TO SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOSTERING A PEST-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

SHE SAID THE INDUSTRY WAS STILL RELATIVELY SMALL WITH ONLY AN ESTIMATED 50 PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL COMPANIES EMPLOYING SOME 500 TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND THE ANNUAL BUSINESS VALUE OF PEST CONTROL SERVICES WAS ABOUT \$50 MILLION.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL MEETS UNIONS REPRESENTATIVES

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES CONCERNING HIS MEETING WITH THE POSTAL WORKERS UNIONS THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG SAID: "I EXPLAINED AGAIN TO OUR STAFF UNION REPRESENTATIVES THAT MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 12 SINCERELY URGED THEM TO CONSIDER DROPPING THE PROPOSED SIT-IN ACTION.

"I CLARIFIED THAT I DID NOT WARN OR THREATEN THEM AGAINST TAKING SIT-IN ACTION. I MERELY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THEM OF EXISTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CIVIL SERVANTS, THIS WAS INTENDED PURELY AS A REMINDER."

"THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MEETING WAS FRIENDLY," MR WONG ADDED.

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11 QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN LEGCO

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 11 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FIVE BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 17).

OF THE FIVE BILLS, FOUR WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND DEBATES ON THEM WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1990, CONTROL OF EXEMPTION CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990.

THE OTHER BILL, THE BRITISH NATIONALITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990, IS DUE FOR THE SECOND READING BEFORE GOING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND THE THIRD READING.

IN THE MEETING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL GIVE A STATEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE (SPECIAL LEVY) ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, THE HON CHUNG PUI-LAM WILL SPEAK ON THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1, 1989 TO MARCH 31, 1990; AND THE HON MARTIN BARROW WILL SPEAK ON THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 1989/90.

PROF C.K. POON WILL MOVE A MOTION ON THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE WHICH READS: "THAT THE ELECTRICITY (WIRING) REGULATIONS 1990, PUBLISHED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 214 OF 1990 AND LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 11, 1990, BE AMENDED IN REGULATION 10(4) BY ADDING 'OR WITHOUT USING A TOOL' AT THE END."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERIES BY TELEPHONING 844 0899.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 57.20 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 335.017 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 391.926 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 66.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT IN MID-LEVELS AND MONG KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, YIM BO FONG STREET, WYLIE ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PUI CHING ROAD AND SOARES AVENUE.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 19) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY CAINE ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, HONITON ROAD, BABINGTON PATH, LYTTTELTON ROAD, OAKLANDS AVENUE, ROBINSON ROAD AND PEEL STREET. CORONATION TERRACE WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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SECOND CLINIC IN YUEN LONG OPENS

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MEDICAL SERVICES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE ENHANCED WHEN THE NEW MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE HEALTH CENTRE OPENS NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 22).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE NEW CLINIC, LOCATED AT SAI CHING STREET, WILL REINFORCE THE EXISTING YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE BY PROVIDING GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICE TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE NEW CLINIC WILL OPERATE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW CLINIC WOULD BE THE FIFTH GOVERNMENT GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC TO KEEP MEDICAL RECORDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS, A SCHEME WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE YUEN LONG MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, NOW HOUSED IN YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AT 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL ALSO BE MOVED TO THE NEW HEALTH CENTRE, STARTING NEXT MONDAY.

THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH CARE, IMMUNISATION, COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SERVICE, ANTENATAL CARE, POSTNATAL CARE AND FAMILY PLANNING.

THE HOURS OF OPERATION WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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