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OBSERVATIONS ON SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY (FRIDAY):

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE REPORT BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHINA IN THE PERIOD UP TO AND BEYOND 1997.

"THE OBSERVATIONS ARE A FULL RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY CONSULTED ON THOSE PARTS OF THE OBSERVATIONS DEALING WITH THE TERRITORY. THEY THEREFORE REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, AND MAKE CLEAR THAT WE AGREE WITH MOST OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"WE STRONGLY AGREE THAT HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS WILL DEPEND ON 'AN IMPARTIAL AND EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE, THE RULE OF LAW, AND A LEGISLATURE RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE', AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE IS WITHIN THE AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH CHINA. THE TASK NOW IS TO MOVE ON, IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH CHINA.

OTHER ISSUES

"THE GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT THE WORK OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP NEEDS TO BE STEPPED UP TO DEAL WITH THE 'VAST AGENDA OF OTHER BUSINESS' WHICH NEEDS TO BE SETTLED TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

"WE THEREFORE WELCOME THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP 29TH MEETING, PARTICULARLY THE DEFENCE LANDS AGREEMENT. WE NOW HOPE FOR EARLY AGREEMENTS ON THE AIRPORT AND ON CONTAINER TERMINAL 9.

THE RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

"HONG KONG'S GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD RESTS ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE, THE RULE OF LAW AND A TRULY INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY.

"THE BRITISH AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE CASE FOR SUCH A COMMISSION IS NOT WELL-FOUNDED.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEREFORE BUILD ON EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, AND INTRODUCE A SERIES OF SPECIFIC AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS SAFEGUARDS IN HONG KONG.

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"PROPOSALS ON SEX DISCRIMINATION, ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED.

"FURTHER INITIATIVES WILL FOLLOW, PARTICULARLY ON LEGAL AID, ACCESS TO THE COURTS AND MEASURES TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF DISABILITY.

CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS ON BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOR THE WIVES AND WIDOWS OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND NON-CHINESE-ETHNIC MINORITIES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE CASE FOR BOTH GROUPS."

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TRANSCRIPT OF GOVERNOR'S MEDIA SESSION

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEDIA SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON:-

GOVERNOR: I'D JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THIS IS THE LAST DAY OF THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. SO I'VE COME TODAY WITH MR JUSTICE WOO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION, AND WITH MRS WILLIS WHO RUNS THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE COMMISSION, THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, TO SEE THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK THAT'S BEEN UNDERTAKEN THIS YEAR. IT IS A TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ON THIS REGISTRATION DRIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR RECORD FIGURES. WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 50 PERCENT ON THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATION FORMS RETURNED, WELL OVER 800 000 AND WE'VE GOT ABOUT 470 000 AND 480 000, THE FINAL FIGURE ISN'T YET AVAILABLE, BUT GETTING ON FOR HALF A MILLION NEW VOTERS AS A RESULT OF THIS DRIVE AND THAT IS WELL OVER 50 PERCENT MORE THAN WAS ACHIEVED LAST TIME. SO, THEY'RE EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING FIGURES. THEY WILL INCREASE VERY CONSIDERABLY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WORK SO HARD AND FOR JUSTICE WOO AND MRS WILLIS IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS TO MAKE THESE RECORD FIGURES POSSIBLE.

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PERHAPS, I CAN JUST TURN MY ATTENTION, FOR A MOMENT IN CASE YOU WANT ME TO DO SO, TO THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE FAC REPORT, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT. WE WERE, OF COURSE, CLOSELY CONSULTED ABOUT THE OBSERVATIONS WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ON THE HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT. THERE ARE FOUR AREAS WHICH ARE OF PARTICULARLY INTEREST, I THINK, TO ALL OF US HERE IN HONG KONG. FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS THE ENDORSEMENT OF OUR PROPOSALS FOR ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS HERE IN HONG KONG. WE'VE NOW VOTED ON THE LAST PIECE OF LEGISLATION. THE FIRST WAS THE ONE THAT SET UP THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION. THE SECOND DEALT, AS YOU KNOW EARLY THIS YEAR, PRINCIPALLY, THOUGH NOT SOLELY, WITH DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND WITH VOTING AGE AND THE VOTING SYSTEM, FOR GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES. NOW WE'VE DEALT WITH THE REMAINING MATTERS THIS WEEK. IT WAS A VIGOROUS DEBATE WHICH KEPT MOST OF US UP MOST OF THE NIGHT. BUT THAT IS BEHIND US NOW. I THINK WE NEED TO DRAW A LINE ON THE PAGE AND AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, TO MOVE ON TO DEAL WITH ALL THE OTHER ISSUES ON HONG KONG'S AGENDA. THIS WEEK WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR HONG KONG BUT WE'VE GOT OTHER MATTERS TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO WHICH HAVE IMPORTANCE FOR HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

SECONDLY, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT CALLED ON US AND OUR CHINESE COLLEAGUES TO STEP UP THE PACE OF WORK IN THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP. WE VERY MUCH SHARE THAT VIEW. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL FOR US TO DO IN THE NEXT THOUSAND OR SO DAYS BEFORE THE TRANSITION TO CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY. WE DO HAVE MORE WORK ON ISSUES LIKE THE LOCALISATION AND ADAPTATION OF LAWS, ON AGREEMENT ON THE GREAT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. BUT, I AM SURE, WE ARE ALL DELIGHTED THIS WEEK THAT AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF NEGOTIATION, WE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE DAY AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VOTED ON THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS BILL, ON DEFENCE LANDS. I THINK THAT IS A VERY GOOD DEAL FOR HONG KONG. IT'S THE RESULT OF A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORTS AND GOODWILL BY THE NEGOTIATORS ON BOTH SIDES AND I HOPE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL SHARE THAT VIEW WHEN THEY DISCUSS THE MATTER OVER THE COMING DAYS.

THIRDLY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS SET OUT ITS VIEWS ON MATTERS OF CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY AND, THERE IT HAS TO BE SAID, WE HAVEN'T AGREED WITH WHAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS SAID. LIKE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WE'VE BEEN PRESSING FOR FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR THE WIVES AND WIDOWS OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND THOUGH I WELCOME THE MOVE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON THAT ISSUE EARLIER THIS MONTH FROM THE EXTRA REASSURANCE THEY ARE PROVIDING, WE WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM TO HAVE GONE FURTHER. EQUALLY, WE'VE PRESSED THEM AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR THE ETHNIC MINORITIES. IT'S OBVIOUSLY AN ISSUE WHICH IS PICKING UP MUCH GREATER SUPPORT AT WESTMINSTER, NOT ONLY IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS BUT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AS WELL. AND WE WILL BE DOING OUR BIT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEBATE AT WESTMINSTER ON THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MATTER IS PROPERLY INFORMED. PEOPLE SHOULD BE IN NO DOUBT AT ALL WHAT THE VIEWS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ARE ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S MOVED A LITTLE WAY IN GIVING REASSURANCE TO THE ETHNIC MINORITIES BUT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THEY'D BEEN ABLE TO GO AS FAR AS THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ACTUALLY SUGGESTED.

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THE OTHER ISSUE WHICH IS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND CONCERN IN HONG KONG IS WHAT THE FAC HAD TO SAY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. AND THAT'S AN ISSUE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US. HENCE, THE PASSAGE NOT LONG AGO OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE. WE DEPEND IN HONG KONG FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE RULE OF LAW, ON AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY AND ON THAT BILL OF RIGHTS ORDINANCE OF WHICH I KNOW, IS WIDELY WELCOMED IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE TAKEN THE VIEW THAT IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT TO SET UP AN ELABORATE ADDITIONAL PIECE OF INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY IN THE SHAPE OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WE TAKE THE SAME VIEW AS, I THINK, MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT IF YOU HAVE A BILL OF RIGHTS, INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY AND THE RULE OF LAW, IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO DUPLICATE ALL THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS WELL. IN MOST COMMUNITIES, I THINK YOU KNOW, PEOPLE EITHER HAVE A BILL OF RIGHTS OR A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND VERY RARELY AND IN ONE OR TWO CASES DO THEY HAVE BOTH. BUT WE DO RECOGNISE THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC ISSUES AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS ON WHICH ACTION IS REQUIRED AND ON WHICH WE CAN TAKE ACTION STRAIGHT AWAY WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

FIRST OF ALL, WE ACCEPT UNEQUIVOCALLY THE CASE FOR DOING MORE IN THE AREA OF SEX DISCRIMINATION. THAT'S WHY WE'VE ASKED FOR THE APPLICATION OF CEDAW TO HONG KONG. IT'S WHY WE ARE PROPOSING TO SET UP AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION AND IT'S WHY WE ARE PROPOSING TO BRING FORWARD OUR OWN LEGISLATION LATER IN THE YEAR ON SEX DISCRIMINATION. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO COMPARE OUR PROPOSALS ON THAT SUBJECT WITH THOSE PUT FORWARD BY ANNA WU. I THINK THAT OUR APPROACH WOULD BE REGARDED AS ACCEPTABLE AND SENSIBLE BY THE COMMUNITY BUT THESE'RE DECISIONS WHICH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO TAKE IN DUE COURSE.

SECONDLY, WE'VE GOT NO DOUBT AT ALL ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATING ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM A DISABILITY. I THINK THAT EVERYONE IN HONG KONG RECOGNISES THAT IS ESSENTIAL AND WE SHALL BRING FORWARD LEGISLATION WITH THE HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE IT IN PLACE IN THE EARLY PART OF 1995.

THIRDLY, WE ARE PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES FOR THE COURTS IN ORDER TO SPEED UP TRIALS AND REDUCE WAITING TIME WHICH, I KNOW, ARE MATTERS OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO EVERYONE.

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FOURTHLY, WE ARE AWAITING THE REPORT OF THE LEGAL AID WORKING GROUP AND THAT WILL BE LOOKING AT TWO ISSUES ON WHICH THE FAC AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, I THINK, IN PARTICULAR PLACE A GOOD DEAL OF EMPHASIS. THE FIRST IS WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO TAKE BILL OF RIGHTS CASES INTO THE COURTS AND THE SECOND IS WHETHER THE LEGAL AID INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT OR NOT. FIFTHLY, WE ARE REVIEWING ALL OUR LEGISLATION TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS. WE'VE STILL GOT A GOOD DEAL MORE WORK TO DO ON THAT SCORE AND WE'RE ALSO GIVING THE COMMISSIONER WHO DEALS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, GREATER POWERS. WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION. WE ARE PROPOSING TO SPEND ABOUT \$20 MILLION ON THAT SUBJECT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. I THINK IT'S GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT, IT'S A POINT THAT'S BEEN MADE BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THAT THE QUALITY OF OUR MATERIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS AS GOOD AS THAT PROVIDED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS AS WIDELY AVAILABLE AS POSSIBLE. SO, WE WERE SETTING UP A TEAM, SPECIAL TEAM WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AND PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES FOR THAT WORK. SO, RIGHT ACROSS THE BOARD, WE HAVE A VIGOROUS ACTION PROGRAMME WHICH WE'LL BE IMPLEMENTING. IT INVOLVES LEGISLATION. IT INVOLVES ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND IT INVOLVES CASH AND IT'S STARTED NOW AND WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE WE, I REPEAT, FEEL AS STRONGLY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CEMENTING THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONG KONG AS ANYONE.

QUESTION: GOVERNOR, WHAT DO YOU ... IS THE PERCEPTION THAT THE REAL REASON THAT YOU DON'T WANT A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO ANGER CHINA, AND THAT THE REAL REASON WHY YOU'RE GETTING INTO AGREEMENTS NOW IS THAT YOU'RE BACKING DOWN AND ALLOWING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO GET ON?

GOVERNOR: I SAID EARLIER TODAY IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW THAT ONE OF THE BESETTING DISEASES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN HONG KONG IS CONSPIRACY THEORY AND I THINK THAT IT'S MORE SENSIBLE TO JUDGE BY WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS THAN TO INVENT NEW CONSPIRACY THEORIES. I'M DELIGHTED THAT THIS WEEK WE HAVE GOT OUR LEGISLATION ON ELECTORAL MATTERS THROUGH. I'M DELIGHTED THAT THIS WEEK WE'VE GOT AN AGREEMENT ON DEFENCE LANDS. I'M DELIGHTED THAT THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SET OUT IN TERMS THE WAY WE INTEND REACTING ON THE FAC REPORT.

QUESTION: BUT CHINA HAS ATTACKED YOUR PROPOSAL, WHAT'S YOUR COMMENT ON THE BEIJING ACCUSATION?

GOVERNOR: CHINA HAS ATTACKED QUITE A LOT OF PROPOSALS THAT WE'VE MADE. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE ANNOUNCED ANOTHER SET OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE SOME RELEVANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ANNOUNCED THE PROPOSALS ON INCREASING THE OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF GOVERNMENT. WE ANNOUNCED THE PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING A CODE OF PRACTICE WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT EVERY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT IS OPENED UP A GREAT DEAL MORE TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY. AND MANY OF YOU, WHEN I ANSWERED QUESTIONS LIKE THIS, SAID THIS IS SPINELESS, THIS ISN'T GOING FAR ENOUGH. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE PROPOSALS WERE ATTACKED BY SOME CHINESE SPOKEMEN AS GOING A GREAT DEAL TOO FAR. I THINK THAT ON THAT ISSUE AND ON THE MATTERS I HAVE SET OUT TODAY, THE ACTION THAT WE'VE TAKEN IS A SENSIBLE, MIDDLE ROAD FOR HONG KONG. I THINK IT'S IN THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG AND I THINK IT REPRESENTS THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF SECURING HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONG KONG.

QUESTION: MR GOODLAD IN THE INTERVIEW WITH OUR PAPER WEEKS AGO, HE ADMITTED THAT CHINA FACTOR IS THE CRUCIAL ONE IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SET UP A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION?

GOVERNOR: I DON'T THINK HE WOULD HAVE SAID ANY SUCH THING. I THINK HE WOULD HAVE SAID THAT THE CRUCIAL ISSUE ALWAYS IN ALL THESE MATTERS IS WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HONG KONG. ANY MORE?

QUESTION: WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, GOVERNOR, GIVEN YOU HAVE SUCH TREMENDOUS SUCCESS NOW. IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED MOST OF WHAT YOU CAME TO HONG KONG TO DO, AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET BORED NOW?

GOVERNOR: YOU MEAN, TAKE UP GOLF, IMPROVE MY BACK SWING.

QUESTION: I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION, WHO DO YOU SUPPORT IN THE WORLD CUP?

GOVERNOR: I'LL COME TO THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE IN A MOMENT. I'LL TELL YOU WHO I'LL SUPPORT IN THE WIMBLEDON AS WELL. THERE IS A HUGE AMOUNT TO DO OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TRANSITION TO CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY IS AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG CONTINUES TO GROW AND THRIVE AS A COMMUNITY. AND I THINK I WOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THREE DIFFERENT JOBS THAT I'VE GOT TO DO AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG. FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS A BIG SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA WHICH WE'VE GOT TO WORK THROUGH. I SET OUT MY PROPOSALS ON THAT, FIRST OF ALL, IN 1992. WE'VE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHERE WE STILL HAVEN'T ACHIEVED WHAT I WOULD HAVE LIKE. FOR EXAMPLE, I PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON OUR CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND WE'LL BE ANNOUNCING SHORTLY OUR PROPOSALS ON PENSIONS, AND ON A PENSION SCHEME. THEY WILL PRODUCE LIVELY DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE LIVELY DISCUSSION, I HOPE SUCCESSFULLY DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINA. I THINK WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING IS A VERY, VERY GOOD BARGAIN FOR HONG KONG, A PRUDENT BARGAIN, A DECENT DEAL FOR THE ELDERLY BUT THAT WILL BE A VERY BIG ISSUE FOR THE COMMUNITY INDEED AND THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE IT. IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE. SECONDLY, I'LL HAVE THE JOB IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS OF DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO BUILD AS GOOD A RELATIONSHIP AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA. AND THERE ARE ISSUES LIKE THE TRANSITION FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. THIRDLY, AND I EMPHASIZE THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT, THEY ARE PERHAPS MORE INTANGIBLE JOB, I'M ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE GAP THAT IS OPENED UP BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND PRO-DEMOCRACY POLITICIANS. I THINK THAT I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT JOB TO DO IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO RECOGNISE, FIRST OF ALL, THAT AS HONG KONG BECOMES MORE DEMOCRATIC, IT CAN ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE IN THE DECISION THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKES; AND SECOND, AND ALSO IMPORTANT, THAT THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN HAVING A MORE OPEN WAY OF GOVERNMENT AND HAVING A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY. THE WORLD, AND INDEED ASIA, IS FULL OF EXAMPLES OF EXECUTIVES WHICH ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO ELECTED LEGISLATURES, WHICH ARE ALSO EXTREMELY GOOD ECONOMIES. SO I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO, I THINK, IN RECONCILING SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN LEADERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND LEADERS OF OUR POLITICAL PARTIES. I WOULD LIKE BECKER TO WIN AT WIMBLEDON. I WOULD LIKE AN OUTSIDER TO WIN THE WORLD CUP BUT WHAT I REALLY MEAN IS I'D LIKE BRAZIL TO WIN. LAST QUESTION.

QUESTION: BUT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY DOES NOT SUPPORT YOUR POLITICAL REFORMS?

GOVERNOR: THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS REALISTIC. IT KNOWS THAT THOSE REFORMS HAVE BEEN CARRIED THROUGH. IT KNOWS THAT THE BILL WAS VOTED THROUGH BY A DECISIVE MAJORITY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THURSDAY MORNING, AND I THINK THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONVINCED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT THAT ISN'T BAD FOR BUISNESS IN HONG KONG BUT GOOD FOR HONG KONG AS A WHOLE BECAUSE IT WILL HELP TO GUARANTEE THE WAY OF LIFE OF HONG KONG WHICH HELPS TO MAKE IT SO PROSPEROUS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED.

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MORE SHIPPING LEGISLATION TO BE LOCALISED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INTRODUCING A BILL THAT SEEKS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA - THE HAIG-VISBY RULES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA BILL, TO BE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TOMORROW, IS INTENDED TO REPLACE UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION WHICH PRESENTLY APPLIES TO HONG KONG.

"THIS IS PART OF THE PROGRAMME OF LOCALISATION OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE HONG KONG WITH A FRAMEWORK OF SHIPPING LEGISLATION WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED BEYOND 1997," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF THE EXISTING SHIPPING PRACTICE AND TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY FOR THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WOULD ENHANCE HONG KONG'S POSITION AS A WORLD TRADING AND SHIPPING CENTRE," HE ADDED.

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GOVERNOR VISITS REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF HOW THE STAFF PROCESS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY UNDER WAY SINCE APRIL 1.

MR PATTEN MET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION, MR JUSTICE WOO KWOK-HING, AND THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, MRS CARRIE WILLIS, AT THE OFFICE IN HARBOUR CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

HE WAS UPDATED ON THE LATEST SITUATION OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

LATER, ACCOMPANIED BY MR JUSTICE WOO AND MRS WILLIS, MR PATTEN TOURED THE TEMPORARY REGISTRATION CENTRE AT WU CHUNG HOUSE AND OBSERVED HOW VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE PROCESSED.

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TRAINING COURSES APPROVED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR HAS APPROVED A NUMBER OF TRAINING COURSES PROVIDED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY (CITA) TO COPE WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATION 1994.

THE APPROVED TRAINING COURSES WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY). THEY INCLUDE :

ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME BASIC CRAFT COURSES ON :

- * BRICKLAYING, PLASTERING AND TILING
- * CARPENTRY AND JOINERY
- * PAINTING, DECORATING AND SIGN-WRITING
- * PLUMBING AND PIPE-FITTING
- * BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING
- * MARBLE LAYING AND STONE MASONRY
- * CONSTRUCTION PLANT MAINTENANCE
- * ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
- * METAL WORKS

ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR TRAINEE PROGRAMME

ON:

- * BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- * BUILDING SERVICES
- * CIVIL ENGINEERING

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE AMENDED CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATION, UNTRAINED YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 18 ARE PROHIBITED TO WORK IN CONSTRUCTION SITES.

HOWEVER, YOUNG PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE APPROVED CITA COURSES AND WISH TO ENGAGE IN RELATED DESIGNATED TRADES ARE STILL REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, THAT IS ONLY TO BE EMPLOYED UNDER A VALID CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF APPRENTICESHIP.

THESE DESIGNATED TRADES INCLUDE:

- * BRICKLAYER/PLASTER/TILER

/* CARPENTER/JOINER,

- * CARPENTER/JOINER, WOOD FURNITURE MAKER
- * PAINTER/DECORATOR/SIGN WRITER, PAINTER/DECORATOR (FURNITURE)
- * PLUMBER
- * BAMBOO SCAFFOLDER
- * CONSTRUCTION PLANT MECHANIC
- * ELECTRICIAN, ELECTRICAL FITTER

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

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FIGURES ON WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES,
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

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THE IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE; HOTELS (INCLUDING BOARDING HOUSES); AND RESTAURANTS REGISTERED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN 1992, EACH WITH TOTAL RECEIPTS INCREASED BY 19% WHEN COMPARED WITH 1991.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS OF THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADES ALSO WENT UP CONSIDERABLY, BY 16% AND 14% RESPECTIVELY.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR RESULTS OF THE 1992 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 1993 TO EARLY 1994.

ALL VALUE FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE CHANGES. CAUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN IN INTERPRETING THE RESULTS.

IN 1992, THERE WERE SOME 89,200 IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION, AN INCREASE OF 8% OVER 1991. TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERATED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$1,568.6 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19% OVER 1991.

THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE (COMPRISING COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND VALUE OF PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR SALE) INCURRED BY THE IMPORT/EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR 95.4% OF THE TOTAL RECEIPTS.

NET OF THE EXPENDITURE, THE GROSS SURPLUS AMOUNTED TO 4.6%, WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO THE FIGURE FOR 1991.

THE VALUE ADDED OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, WHICH IS A MEASURE OF THE INDUSTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, GREW BY 17% FROM \$107.8 BILLION IN 1991 TO \$126.2 BILLION IN 1992.

IT CONSTITUTED 8.0% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR 1991.

IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS, THERE WERE SOME 1,520 HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES IN OPERATION IN 1992, A DECREASE OF 8% COMPARED WITH 1991. THEY GENERATED TOTAL RECEIPTS OF \$15.6 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19% OVER 1991.

THE GROSS SURPLUS OF THE HOTEL INDUSTRY ACCOUNTED FOR 21.7% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, AN INCREASE OF 6.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER 1991. THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE MADE UP THE REMAINING 78.3%.

THE VALUE ADDED OF THE HOTEL INDUSTRY WAS \$8.9 BILLION IN 1992, AN INCREASE OF 25% OVER 1991. IT ACCOUNTED FOR 56.9% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, 2.8 PERCENTAGE POINTS HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE FOR 1991.

IN THE RESTAURANTS BUSINESS, THERE WERE SOME 10,200 RESTAURANTS IN OPERATION IN 1992. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED TOTAL RECEIPTS OF \$56.1 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19% OVER 1991.

THE GROSS SURPLUS AND THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF RESTAURANTS ACCOUNTED FOR 6.5% AND 93.5% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS RESPECTIVELY, BROADLY SIMILAR TO THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES OF 6.4% AND 93.6% IN 1991.

THE VALUE ADDED OF RESTAURANTS INCREASED BY 21% TO \$21.1 BILLION IN 1992. IT ACCOUNTED FOR 37.6% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, WHICH WAS 0.7 PERCENTAGE POINT HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE FOR 1991.

IN THE RETAIL TRADE, THERE WERE SOME 60,700 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1992, AN INCREASE OF 9% OVER 1991. TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERATED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AMOUNTED TO \$217.2 BILLION, 16% HIGHER THAN THAT IN 1991.

THE GROSS SURPLUS AND THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF THE RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 6.2% AND 93.8% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE OF 5.9% FOR 1991, THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF GROSS SURPLUS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINT.

THE VALUE ADDED OF THE RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS WAS \$28.4 BILLION IN 1992, AN INCREASE OF 16% OVER 1991. IT ACCOUNTED FOR 13.1% OF THE TOTAL RECEIPTS, BROADLY SIMILAR TO THE FIGURE OF 13.0% IN 1991.

IN THE WHOLESALE TRADE, THERE WERE SOME 23,200 ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION IN 1992, AN INCREASE OF 9% OVER 1991. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED TOTAL RECEIPTS OF \$159.5 BILLION IN 1992, AN INCREASE OF 14% OVER 1991.

THE GROSS SURPLUS AND THE TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE OF THE WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR 3.6% AND 96.4% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS RESPECTIVELY, SAME AS THOSE FOR 1991.

THE VALUE ADDED OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY 8% TO \$11.5 BILLION IN 1992. IT ACCOUNTED FOR 7.2% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS, A DECREASE OF 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINT FROM THE FIGURE FOR 1991.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE 1992 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE 1994 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS TOGETHER WITH THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN IN A FULL REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED AROUND AUGUST.

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND AT THE PUBLICATION OFFICE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 802 1248.

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Comparison of Selected Principal Statistics for all establishments in
the Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels Sector between 1991 and 1992

Major industry group		Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensa-	Operating expenses	Value of purchases of goods for sale	Gross surplus	Sales and other receipts	Value added
					tions of employees					
Wholesale trade	1992	23 160	84 446	60 959	5,351	8,391	139,940	5,816	159,498	11,519
	1991	21 298	85 498	61 830	5,166	11,460	118,496	5,027	140,149	10,649
	% change	+ 9	- 1	- 1	+ 4	- 27	+ 18	+ 16	+ 14	+ 8
Retail trade	1992	60 705	227 073	152 869	14,218	28,734	160,775	13,503	217,229	28,418
	1991	55 525	213 904	145 218	12,661	25,240	138,203	11,050	187,154	24,411
	% change	+ 9	+ 6	+ 5	+ 12	+ 14	+ 16	+ 22	+ 16	+ 16
Import/export trade	1992	89 154	428 927	378 241	53,111	111,166	1,332,744	71,538	1,568,560	126,173
	1991	82 468	434 764	380 783	45,184	127,867	1,081,187	58,727	1,312,965	107,781
	% change	+ 8	- 1	- 1	+ 18	- 13	+ 23	+ 22	+ 19	+ 17
Restaurants	1992	10 236	205 765	195 813	17,355	15,381	19,773	3,625	56,134	21,121
	1991	9 713	197 722	186 556	14,524	12,472	17,307	3,015	47,317	17,451
	% change	+ 5	+ 4	+ 5	+ 19	+ 23	+ 14	+ 20	+ 19	+ 21
Hotels/ boarding houses	1992	1 524	40 818	39 006	4,585	5,957	1,688	3,391	15,621	8,884
	1991	1 649	39 516	37 813	3,944	5,723	1,442	2,032	13,141	7,113
	% change	- 8	+ 3	+ 3	+ 16	+ 4	+ 17	+ 67	+ 19	+ 25
Total	1992	184 779	987 028	826 888	94,620	169,629	1,654,920	97,873	2,017,042	196,114
	1991	170 653	971 404	812 201	81,478	182,762	1,356,636	79,851	1,700,727	167,404
	% change	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2	+ 16	- 7	+ 22	+ 23	+ 19	+ 17

Note : (1) Individual items may not add up to the corresponding total due to rounding.

(2) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector/industry to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1992 Survey of Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels" Report.

(3) Percentage change figures are derived from unrounded figures.

REVIEW OF STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME STAGE II OPTIONS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS TODAY (FRIDAY) SIGNED A CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WITH PYPUN ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LIMITED TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR STAGE II OF THE STRATEGIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME (SSDS).

THE EXISTING STAGE II PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE USE OF A LONG OCEANIC OUTFALL FOR MARINE TREATMENT OF DISCHARGES FROM THE STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND MOUNT DAVIS PRIMARY TREATMENT WORKS.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING ADVANCES IN SEWAGE TREATMENT PROCESSES SINCE THE SSDS WAS PROPOSED IN 1989, HAVE BEEN SUCH AS TO MAKE THE ORIGINAL DECISION TO USE OCEANIC DISPOSAL OF PRIMARY TREATED EFFLUENT LESS DESIRABLE OR IN ANY WAY INAPPROPRIATE," SAID ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER MR DAVID HALL.

"THE STUDY WILL REVIEW ALL THE AVAILABLE TREATMENT PROCESSES AND THEIR FEASIBILITY, SUITABILITY AND COSTS.

"ON COMPLETION OF THE STUDY, A REVIEW REPORT WILL BE PREPARED TO OUTLINE THE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE ALTERNATIVES WITH THE DETAILED COSTINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS," MR HALL SAID.

IN LINE WITH THE STUDY, A PANEL OF THREE INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE WATER DISPOSAL FROM CHINA, EUROPE AND THE USA WILL PRESENT THEIR INDEPENDENT VIEWS ON THE ALTERNATIVES OF TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE CONSULTANT, TOGETHER WITH THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THE EXISTING SSDS.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$6.7 MILLION, WILL BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

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EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF MUSIC OFFICE STAFF A PRIME CONCERN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH TODAY (FRIDAY) SAID THE EFFECT OF THE TRANSFER ON THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND WELFARE OF THE EXISTING STAFF OF THE MUSIC OFFICE REMAINED ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE COMING TO A DECISION IN THE EXERCISE.

THE BRANCH IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING WITH THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR TAKING OVER THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT REMAINED AN OBJECTIVE OF THE BRANCH TO GO TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR A DECISION AS TO WHICH ORGANISATION SHOULD BE CHOSEN TO TAKE OVER THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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HE ADDED: "WE SHALL ALSO ENSURE THAT UPON TRANSFER THE LEVEL AND STANDARD OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED."

THE BRANCH HAS REPLIED TO A STATEMENT FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MUSIC OFFICER GRADE STAFF ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING A MEETING RECENTLY WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

DURING THE MEETING AN ANALOGY WAS MADE THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE WAS A "BRIDE WITH MANY ELIGIBLE SUITORS".

THE REMARK WAS MEANT TO BE A LIGHTEARTED WAY OF EXPLAINING THE SITUATION AND THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF UPSETTING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BRANCH FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE MEMBERS DURING THIS UNCERTAIN PERIOD AND WAS WORKING EARNESTLY TO BRING TO AN END THIS UNCERTAINTY.

THE URBAN COUNCIL JOINTLY WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR TAKING OVER THE WORK OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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END OF SERVICE AT STANLEY FORT

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THE DEPARTURE OF THE BLACK WATCH FROM STANLEY FORT ALSO SPELLS THE END OF THE GARRISON'S CHURCH, ST BARBARA'S.

AFTER ALMOST 60 YEARS OF CONSTANT SERVICE TO THE EVER-CHANGING COMMUNITY OF THE FORT, THE CLOSING SERVICE OF THE CHURCH, NAMED AFTER THE PATRON SAINT OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY, WILL BE HELD AT 6 PM ON SUNDAY (JULY 3) AND WILL CONCLUDE, APPROPRIATELY, WITH THE MILITARY CEREMONY OF "SUNSET".

MANY OF THE CHURCH'S FURNISHINGS WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HONG KONG AND MACAU, TO BE REDISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE OTHER CONGREGATIONS AROUND THE TERRITORY.

A NUMBER OF ITEMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH OVER THE YEARS BY PREVIOUS OCCUPANTS OF THE FORT, WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL DONORS.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FINAL SERVICE AT ST BARBARA'S CHURCH, STANLEY FORT. THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MAIN GATE, STANLEY FORT NO LATER THAN 5.30 PM.

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ROAD WORKS IN TSEUNG KWAN O PROPOSED

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO EXTEND ROAD P2 AND PO HONG ROAD IN PO LAM AREA, TSEUNG KWAN O TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

THE NORTHERN PART OF THE TOWN CENTRE COVERS AREA 59 AND PARTS OF AREAS 55, 56 AND 57.

A LINK ROAD WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO CONNECT PO HONG ROAD WITH THE EXTENSION OF ROAD P2 TO PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT TRANSPORT LINK BETWEEN PO LAM AREA AND THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL.

THE WORKS WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS, A ROAD BRIDGE, SUBWAYS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, AMENITY AREAS AND ASSOCIATED SLOPE WORKS IN THE AREAS.

THESE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN APRIL 1997, EXCEPT A PORTION OF THE LINK ROAD FOR ACCESS TO HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL AND THE EXTENSION OF ROAD P2, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 1996 AND DECEMBER 1996 RESPECTIVELY.

TRAFFIC ALONG THE EXISTING LOOP ROAD BETWEEN T1/P2 ROUNDABOUT AND PO HONG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY DIVERTED TO FACILITATE THE ROADWORKS.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PLANS AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN DURING OFFICE HOURS AT:

- * THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL;
- * THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG; AND
- * SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 30, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND MANNER IN WHICH HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN STUDY IN TSEUNG KWAN O

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED A STUDY TODAY (FRIDAY) TO INVESTIGATE THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS CAUSED BY DISCHARGES FROM RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS AND TO FORMULATE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE TSEUNG KWAN O AREA.

THE TSEUNG KWAN O SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN IS THE LAST IN THE SERIES OF 16 SEWERAGE MASTER PLANS COVERING THE ENTIRE TERRITORY.

THE AREAS TO BE STUDIED INCLUDE THE TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN AND THE UNSEWERED FRINGE AREAS.

AT PRESENT, THE MAJORITY OF THE WATERCOURSES WITHIN THE UNSEWERED AREA ARE POLLUTED BY THE DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR DAVID HALL, SAID THE STUDY WOULD ASSESS THE ADEQUACY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE FACILITIES AND WOULD RECOMMEND REMEDIAL WORKS.

THE ASSESSMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE EXISTING FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN.

"THE STUDY WILL CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO THE POPULATION CENTRES IN THE SURROUNDING RURAL AREAS," MR HALL SAID.

"A SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED AND A PRIORITISED PROGRAMME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING WORKS WILL BE PREPARED.

"EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO ACHIEVING EARLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATERCOURSES AND TO PROTECTING THE WATERS IN JUNK BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE," HE ADDED.

THE STUDY, AT A COST OF \$5.6 MILLION, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

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TWO LOTS IN TAI PO FOR AUCTION

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TWO LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION ON JULY 26 (TUESDAY), THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONCERT HALL OF HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ONE OF THE LOTS IS IN AREA 30, TAI PO, HAVING AN AREA OF ABOUT 23,800 SQUARE METRES FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE.

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THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 11,424 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

THE OTHER LOT, AT AREA 2, TAI PO KAU HUI, TAI PO, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2,114 SQUARE METRES FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES EXCLUDING GODOWN.

THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 7,600 SQUARE METRES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICES.

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

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CHUI REAPPOINTED PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, HAS BEEN EXTENDED UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1995.

MR CHUI HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION SINCE JUNE 1991.

THE COMMISSION ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MATTERS IN THE MIDDLE AND SENIOR RANKS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE MR PHILIP K H WONG, MR P J THOMPSON, MRS ELEANOR LING CHING-MAN, MR D G JEAFFRESON, MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG WAI-CHEE, MISS ELEANOR WONG BEI-LEE AND DR THOMAS LEUNG KWOK-FAI.

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KO SHAN THEATRE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR THE KO SHAN THEATRE IN HUNG HOM.

THE WORKS INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF A TWO-STOREY CONCOURSE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY BUILDING TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING FACILITIES SUCH AS CAFETERIA, REHEARSAL ROOMS, FOYER AND EXHIBITION AREA, AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE AUDITORIUM WITH ANCILLARY EXTERNAL WORKS.

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THE WORKS WILL START IN OCTOBER FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JULY 22.

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FOUR RURAL OUTLINE ZONING PLANS GAZETTED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GAZETTING OF FOUR DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZPS) FOR SHAP SZ HEUNG, LUNG YEUK TAU, KWAN TEI SOUTH, PING CHE, TA KWU LING, PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

"THESE RURAL OZPS REPLACE THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLANS COVERING THE SAME AREAS. THEY INDICATE DEFINITE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE ZONES TO GUIDE AND CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREAS.

"SIMILAR TO DPA PLANS, UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE OZPS ARE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

"THE FOUR OZPS AIM AT PRESERVING THE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CONSERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 480 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED "AGRICULTURAL" IN LUNG YEUK TAU, KWAN TEI SOUTH, PING CHE, TA KWU LING, PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI TO PRESERVE GOOD ARABLE LAND FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSE.

IN SHAP SZ HEUNG, PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI, "CONSERVATION AREA" ZONES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

ABOUT 23 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE ALSO BEEN ZONED "COASTAL PROTECTION AREA" TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL COASTAL FEATURES.

ON THE SHAP SZ HEUNG OZP, TWO SITES OF ABOUT 57 HECTARES HAVE BEEN ZONED "SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST".

ONE IS THE COASTAL AREA FORMED BY SEDIMENTARY ROCKS NEAR TSENG TAU AND THE OTHER IS THE MANGAL COMMUNITY AND MUDFLAT ALONG THE COASTAL AREA BETWEEN TSENG TAU SOUTH AND KEI LING HA LO WAI.

MEANWHILE, ON THE FOUR OZPS, SOME 340 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED "GREEN BELT" TO ACT AS BUFFER TO CONTAIN URBAN SPRAWL.

TO FACILITATE LOW-RISE LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENTS, ABOUT SEVEN HECTARES OF LAND IN PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI AND 11 HECTARES IN LUNG YEUK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)" USE.

IN PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI, DEVELOPMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO RANGING FROM 0.4 TO 0.6, SITE COVERAGE FROM 20 PER CENT TO 30 PER CENT AND HEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING NINE METRES WITH TWO STOREYS OVER ONE LEVEL OF CARPORT.

IN LUNG YUEK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH, DEVELOPMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.2, SITE COVERAGE OF 10 PER CENT AND BUILDING HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS OVER ONE STOREY OF CARPORT.

IN PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI, ABOUT 35 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE ALSO BEEN ZONED "RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)" TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS.

IN THIS ZONE, REPLACEMENT HOUSING IS RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA OF 37.2 SQ METRES AND A HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS.

EXCEPT NEW TERRITORIES EXEMPTED HOUSE, OTHER BUILDINGS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 0.2, SITE COVERAGE OF 20 PER CENT AND A HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS.

TO ENSURE CO-ORDINATED AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENTS, THREE SITES OF ABOUT 51 HECTARES IN SHAP SZ HEUNG AND ONE SITE OF ABOUT TWO HECTARES IN LUNG YUEK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH HAVE BEEN ZONED "COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA".

PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS ZONE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IN THE FORM OF A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN WITH ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD ASSESSMENT STUDIES.

TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL USE, SOME 53 HECTARES OF LAND IN PAK KONG, SHA KOK MEI, SHAP SZ HEUNG, LUNG YUEK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH HAVE BEEN ZONED "RECREATION".

IN PING CHE AND TA KWU LING, ABOUT 15 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR "INDUSTRIAL (GROUP D)" USE.

DEVELOPMENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF ONE, SITE COVERAGE OF 60 PER CENT AND HEIGHT OF TWO STOREYS. IN ADDITION, SOME 91 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN ZONED FOR OPEN STORAGE.

THERE ARE ALSO AREAS ZONED FOR "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT", "OPEN SPACE" AND "GOVERNMENT/INSTITUTION/COMMUNITY" USES IN THE FOUR PLANS, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1 FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

BESIDES, THE DRAFT SHAP SZ HEUNG OZP (NO. S/NE-SSH/1), LUNG YUEK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH OZP (NO. S/NE-LYT/1) AND PING CHE AND TA KWU LING OZP (NO. S/NE-TKL/1) CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * SHA TIN AND NORTH EAST DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD,
SHA TIN,
NEW TERRITORIES;

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- * TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE,
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
TING KOK ROAD,
TAI PO,
NEW TERRITORIES
(FOR SHAP SZ HEUNG OZP ONLY); AND
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
3 PIK FUNG ROAD,
FANLING,
NEW TERRITORIES.
(FOR LUNG YEUK TAU AND KWAN TEI SOUTH OZP AND PING CHE AND
TA KWU LING OZP ONLY).

THE PAK KONG AND SHA KOK MEI OZP (NO. S/SK-PK/1) IS ALSO
AVAILABLE AT:

- * SAI KUNG AND TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE,
SUITE 1209, 12TH FLOOR, CHINACHEM GOLDEN PLAZA,
MODY ROAD,
KOWLOON; AND
- * SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE,
SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
34, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG,
NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLANS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTION
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O
PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLANS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE SURVEY AND
MAPPING OFFICE, LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING AND
KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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62 EX-CHINA VIET ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SENT BACK

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A TOTAL OF 62 EX-CHINA VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS,
COMPRISING 30 MEN, 22 WOMEN, FIVE BOYS AND FIVE GIRLS, WERE RETURNED
TO NANNING, GUANGXI BY AIR THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ON THE
REPATRIATION OF THE 610 SUCH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS STILL REMAINING IN
HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,858	0930	-51
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,950	1000	-748
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-848
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-848	1200	-848
LAF TODAY	+940	1500	-848
		1600	-848
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER		TWI 123.2	*+0.1* 1.7.94

HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.13	17 MONTHS	2511	4.15	97.68	5.99
1 MONTH	4.18	23 MONTHS	2605	6.35	99.88	6.52
3 MONTHS	4.34	28 MONTHS	3610	4.20	94.48	6.92
6 MONTHS	4.75	31 MONTHS	3701	4.60	94.49	7.10
12 MONTHS	5.41	34 MONTHS	3704	6.15	97.57	7.24
TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 25,234 MN						
CLOSED 1 JULY 1994						

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