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GOVERNOR PLEASSED BY WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING DECISION

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FOLLOWING THE DECISION ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, HONG KONG COULD NOW GET AHEAD WITH THE LEGISLATION SO THAT THE WORK COULD COMMENCE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASSED BY THE DECISION ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WHICH FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ACP PROGRAMME.

"IT'S IN HONG KONG'S LONG-TERM INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF OUR MUTUAL ECONOMY," HE SAID.

"I AM ALSO PLEASSED THAT GOOD PROGRESS WAS, I THINK, MADE TODAY IN DISCUSSING THE FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY."

NOTING THAT THERE WAS STILL MORE WORK TO DO, HE SAID BOTH SIDES AROUND THE TABLE TODAY DID A GOOD DAY'S WORK FOR HONG KONG.

ON THE APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING FOR THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT AND USEFUL DECISION.

"I AM SURE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WILL WANT TO SEE US MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS ON ALL THESE MATTERS SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THIS GREAT COMMUNITY THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH IT NEEDS AND DESERVES," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON, MR PATTEN SAID: "I AM GOING BACK TO REVIEW THE POSITION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, CABINET COMMITTEE, OTHER MINISTERS AND, OF COURSE, SIR ROBIN MCLAREN WHO HAS BEEN LEADING OUR TEAM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PEKING.

"WE WILL WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WHICH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLED FOR IN HIS REMARKS A FEW DAYS AGO. BUT IT'S THE SORT OF MEETING WHICH I THINK YOU WOULD EXPECT US TO BE HAVING AT THIS SORT OF TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GIVE THE DISCUSSIONS AND GIVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY A STEER IF IT NEEDS IT.

"WE WANT A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE TALKS AND WE WANT THAT AS SWIFTLY AS IT CAN BE MANAGED BUT WE RECOGNISE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME BIG ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE RESOLVED."

ON PRESS REPORTS THAT A DEADLINE HAD BEEN SET FOR THE TALKS, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "WHAT I'VE SAID AND WHAT IS EVIDENT TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS THAT, WHILE ON THE ONE HAND WE WANT TO GIVE THESE TALKS EVERY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, WE DO HAVE TO PUT ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS AND WE DO HAVE TO GET THROUGH THE PROCESS OF LEGISLATION AND WE CAN'T HANG ABOUT.

"WE DON'T HAVE AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME BUT I HOPE WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TIME TO GET A GOOD SETTLEMENT."

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WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING FRANCHISE

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COMMENTING ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING FRANCHISE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY): "WE WELCOME THE AGREEMENT IN THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE ON THE FRANCHISE FOR THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING."

"THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME, AND WE NOW NEED TO PRESS AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE CROSSING CAN BE COMPLETED ON TIME BY THE PROPOSED FRANCHISEE, THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LTD.

"THE NEXT STEP IS TO PUT A DRAFT BILL TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THEN TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE AWARD OF THE FRANCHISE."

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NEW REGULATION TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM NOISE

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A REGULATION THAT PROVIDES EMPLOYEES WITH MORE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AGAINST NOISE HAZARDS IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WILL COME INTO FORCE ON JULY 15 (THURSDAY).

CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (NOISE AT WORK) REGULATION WAS APPROVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN MID-JULY LAST YEAR.

THE COMMENCEMENT NOTICE OF THE REGULATION ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE REGULATION, INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING PROPRIETORS ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT NOISE LEVEL ASSESSMENTS AND DEMARCATATE AREAS AFFECTED BY EXCESSIVE NOISE AS EAR PROTECTION ZONES.

WHERE DEMARCATATION IS IMPRACTICABLE, FOR EXAMPLE ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE WHERE NOISY MACHINES ARE BEING MOVED AROUND QUITE FREQUENTLY, THE REGULATION REQUIRES PROPRIETORS TO LABEL THE NOISY MACHINES INDICATING THE DISTANCE WITHIN WHICH EAR PROTECTORS MUST BE WORN.

"DEMARCATION AND LABELLING WILL MAKE PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND WILL ALSO SERVE AS WARNINGS TO VISITORS WHO MIGHT WISH TO ENTER THE NOISY ZONE.

"THE NEW REGULATION DIVIDES NOISE HAZARDS INTO THREE DIFFERENT ACTION LEVELS IN LINE WITH SIMILAR CLASSIFICATIONS USED IN THE NOISE AT WORK REGULATIONS 1989 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM," HE ADDED.

IT ALSO SPELLS OUT THE DUTIES OF PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES AT THE RESPECTIVE ACTION LEVELS.

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THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- * AT THE FIRST ACTION LEVEL, A PROPRIETOR HAS TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE APPROVED EAR PROTECTOR TO AN EMPLOYEE UPON REQUEST, EXCEPT WHERE THE WEARING OF EAR PROTECTORS WOULD BE LIKELY TO CAUSE A RISK TO THE SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON;
- * AT THE SECOND ACTION LEVEL OR ABOVE, OR AT THE PEAK ACTION LEVEL, PROPRIETORS MUST PROVIDE AND EMPLOYEES MUST WEAR APPROVED EAR PROTECTORS, AND THE AREA IN ANY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING THUS AFFECTED MUST BE DEMARCATED AS AN EAR PROTECTION ZONE; AND
- * WHERE DEMARCATION IS IMPRACTICABLE, AS IN THE CASE OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE, ALL NOISY MACHINES MUST BE LABELLED. EMPLOYEES ATTENDING TO THESE NOISY MACHINES MUST WEAR EAR PROTECTORS.

"THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IS EMPOWERED TO MAKE EXEMPTION WHERE, DESPITE ACTION BY A PROPRIETOR, IT HAD NOT BEEN PRACTICABLE FOR HIM TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS."

"CONTRAVENTION OF THE NEW REGULATION WILL INCUR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$30,000 FOR EMPLOYERS AND \$10,000 FOR EMPLOYEES," HE ADDED.

SINCE THE APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS HAD LAUNCHED A FOUR-MONTH INDUSTRY-BASED HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAMME AMONG WORKERS IN FACTORIES, CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TRADE UNIONS TO PUBLICISE THE NEW LAW.

THEY CONDUCTED HEARING TESTS BETWEEN LAST DECEMBER AND APRIL THIS YEAR FOR 860 WORKERS TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WERE SUFFERING FROM HEAVY IMPAIRMENT CAUSED BY NOISE GENERATED FROM MACHINES.

SEVENTEEN FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, AS WELL AS SEVEN LABOUR UNIONS HAVE BEEN VISITED.

MEANWHILE, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE ALSO DELIVERED FOUR TALKS ON THE NEW REGULATION FOR ABOUT 800 PARTICIPANTS FROM MAJOR COMPANIES AND AT GATHERINGS OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

ABOUT 120 PERSONS HAVE ATTENDED FIVE 'CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IN WORKPLACE NOISE ASSESSMENT' COURSES JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL.

AS PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PRINTED 15,000 COPIES OF A LEAFLET, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ON THE REGULATION WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION.

MORE PUBLICATIONS ON THE NEW REGULATION WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN DUE COURSE. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 606 5552.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY VISITS LONDON

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TONIGHT (FRIDAY) FOR A DUTY VISIT.

HE WILL BE MEETING SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND THE TREASURY. THEY INCLUDE THE MINISTER OF STATE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, MR ALASTAIR GOODLAD AND THE ECONOMIC SECRETARY, MR ANTHONY NELSON.

MR MACLEOD WILL ALSO BE MEETING PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN AND FINANCIERS AT A LUNCH TO BE HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR JOHN YAXLEY.

ON JUNE 23, HE WILL ADDRESS A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES FACED BY HONG KONG DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

MR MACLEOD'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, SIR ANDREW HUGH SMITH AND THE GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ENGLAND, THE RT HON LORD ROBIN LEIGH-PEMBERTON AND THE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE, MR EDDIE GEORGE, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

HE WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA AND VISIT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON.

MR MACLEOD WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JUNE 26. DURING HIS ABSENCE, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR DONALD TSANG, WILL BE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

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FOOD SUPPLY REGULARLY INSPECTED

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TO ENSURE THAT FOOD SUPPLIED TO RESIDENTS IS WHOLESOME AND PROPERLY LABELLED, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULARLY CARRIES OUT A FOOD SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME AND TAKES FOOD SAMPLES FOR TESTS.

DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THE HYGIENE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT TOOK 6,563 FOOD SAMPLES FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

REPORTS REVEALED THAT 6,514 SAMPLES WERE SATISFACTORY WHILE 49 WERE UNSATISFACTORY, THIS CONSTITUTED 0.75 PER CENT, MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE DUE TO COLOURING MATTER, PRESERVATIVES AND METALLIC CONTAMINATION.

AS FOR THE RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION, OUT OF THE 2,302 SAMPLES TAKEN, 2,204 WERE SATISFACTORY WHILE 98 WERE UNSATISFACTORY WITH A PERCENTAGE OF 4.26, MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE SHELLFISH, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS.

THE DIVISION CARRIED OUT 39 PROSECUTIONS AND ISSUED 30 WARNING LETTERS.

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AS FOR THE CHECKING OF LABELS FOR PREPACKAGED FOOD, THE DIVISION CHECKED 3,450 LABELS, ISSUED 85 WARNING LETTERS AND EXECUTED 10 PROSECUTIONS.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE DIVISION INSPECTED MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF IMPORTED MEAT AND ABOUT 3.3 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF IMPORTED POULTRY IN 665 INSPECTIONS.

A TOTAL OF 114,511 KILOGRAMS OF FOOD WAS FOUND UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND DESTROYED.

SEVENTEEN INCIDENTS OF FOOD POISONING WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD WITH 125 PERSONS AFFECTED.

INVESTIGATIONS SHOWED THAT 15 WERE DOMESTIC OUTBREAKS AND TWO WERE FOOD-PREMISES OUTBREAKS.

THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS WERE PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED VEGETABLES, CONTAMINATION BY FOOD-HANDLER, IMPROPER STORAGE AND INADEQUATE COOKING.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND OF MANUFACTURERS IN APRIL

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THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 1% IN APRIL THIS YEAR OVER A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THAT MANUFACTURERS WILL REQUIRE TO COMPLETE THE ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, ORDERS IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY INCREASED MODERATELY BY 5%.

ORDERS POSITION REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY AND THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO. HOWEVER, ORDERS IN THE TEXTILES AND THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES DECREASED BY 2% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, ORDERS FOR ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE.

ORDERS POSITION IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES INCREASED BY 2% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ORDERS POSITION SHOWED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. AS FOR THE TEXTILES AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, ORDERS DECREASED BY 3% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF ORDERS-ON-HAND COVERS A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERED ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE FULLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

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

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1993 AT \$5.50 A COPY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND:

INDUSTRY -----	AS AT THE END OF	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH	
	APRIL 1993 ----- (MONTHS)	MARCH 1993 ----- (%)	APRIL 1992 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED	4.54	*	+1
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WEARING APPAREL	4.88	+1	*
TEXTILES	2.40	-3	-2
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.95	+2	-1
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.41	*	*
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.82	-1	+5
OTHERS	3.86	-1	-2

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR PEAK

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT A NEW PEAK POST OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 28).

IT IS LOCATED AT SHOP UG2 OF THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS, 122 PEAK ROAD.

THE OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM STATION BUILDING WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AFTER 1 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 26).

BUSINESS HOURS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE EXISTING OFFICE.

LOCAL PHILATELISTS WILL WISH TO NOTE THAT A SPECIAL HANDBACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PEAK POST OFFICE ON JUNE 28.

UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "FIRST DAY COVERS" PREPARED PRIVATELY, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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FOUR DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS ANNOUNCED

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION OF FOUR NEW DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA (DPA) PLANS FOR LAM TEI AND YICK YUEN, SO KWUN WAT IN TUEN MUN, TONG YAN SAN TSUEN AND PING SHAN IN YUEN LONG.

THE PLANS COVER ABOUT 2,260 HECTARES OF RURAL AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR ZONING THEM AS DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS IS TO PREVENT FURTHER UNPLANNED PROLIFERATION OF UNDESIRABLE DEVELOPMENTS AND USES WHICH HAVE CAUSED DEGRADATION OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

IT IS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PLANS WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING AND FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREAS DURING THE PERIOD REQUIRED FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LAND USE PATTERN, STUDY OF INFRASTRUCTURAL PROVISIONS AND EXAMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS BEFORE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS ARE FORMULATED.

ONE MAIN FEATURE OF THE DPA PLANS, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE OUTLINE ZONING PLANS ADOPTED FOR THE URBAN AND NEW TOWNS, IS THE DESIGNATION OF AREAS AS "UNSPECIFIED USE" AREAS WITHIN WHICH ALL DEVELOPMENTS, EXCEPT THOSE USES WHICH ARE ALWAYS PERMITTED IN TERMS OF THE NOTES OF THE PLANS, WILL REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

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THE PLANNING INTENTIONS ARE GIVEN IN THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF THE PLANS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE APPROPRIATE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND USES.

THE PLANS ALSO RECOGNISE THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF RECOGNISED VILLAGES ARE ZONED "VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT".

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DPA WILL BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

THE NEW DRAFT DPA PLANS TOGETHER WITH THEIR NOTES AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL AUGUST 18, 1993 AT:

- * PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, LEVEL 11, METROPLAZA TOWER 1, 223 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE PLANS MAY SEND HIS WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 18.

COPIES OF THE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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CARGO WORKING AREAS REMAIN OPEN ON TUEN NG HOLIDAY

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT ALL PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS WILL STAY OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM ON JUNE 24 (THURSDAY) - THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL HOLIDAY.

THE PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT, SHEUNG WAN, WAN CHAI, CHAI WAN, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG, CHA KWO LING, TSUEN WAN AND RAMBLER CHANNEL.

"THE TUEN MUN WATERFRONT WILL ALSO BE OPEN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 PM ON THAT DAY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE MACAU FERRY TERMINAL WILL REMAIN OPEN ROUND THE CLOCK, AND THE CHINA FERRY TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL BETWEEN 6 AM AND 10 PM.

MEANWHILE, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL TAKE PLACE OFF THE WESTERN DISTRICT WATERFRONT BETWEEN THE CHINA MERCHANT WHARF AND THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT PIER FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM ON JUNE 24.

"ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY DURING THE RACES SHOULD MOVE WITH CAUTION, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO THE ATHLETES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL RACES WILL TAKE PLACE OFF THE TSIM SHA TSUI WATERFRONT BETWEEN HUNG HOM RAILWAY PIER AND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE ON JULY 3 (SATURDAY) FROM NOON TO 7 PM AND ON JULY 4 (SUNDAY) FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM.

MOORING BUOYS MARKING THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE RACE AREA WILL BE LAID ABOUT 325 METRES SOUTH OF THE SEAWALL ON JUNE 21 (MONDAY) AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL JULY 7 (WEDNESDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THROUGHOUT THE EVENT, LIGHTERS, FERRIES AND LAUNCHES WILL BE FASTENED TO THE BUOYS TO ENCLOSE THE RACE AREA."

"OTHER THAN PARTICIPATING CRAFT, NO VESSEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE RACE AREA. DRAGON BOATS MAY PRACTISE WITHIN THE AREA DURING DAYTIME UNTIL JULY 3."

HE ADVISED VESSELS NAVIGATING IN THE VICINITY TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

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BOOKLET TO PROMOTE FAMILY RELATIONS PUBLISHED
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THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS PRODUCED A BOOKLET TO PROMOTE GOOD FAMILY RELATIONS.

ENTITLED "THE ROLE OF A MODERN FATHER", IT ILLUSTRATES WITH CARTOONS WHAT A GOOD MODERN FATHER SHOULD DO AT HOME.

THE BOOKLET, PRODUCED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, IS ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

"IT IS A COLLABORATION WORK OF SEVERAL EXPERIENCED EDUCATIONALISTS ON FAMILY LIFE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR TIK CHI-YUEN AND A SOCCER COACH, MR KWOK KAR-MING, ALSO CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES FOR THE BOOKLET.

"I HOPE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY A GOOD FAMILY LIFE AFTER READING IT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX FOR WESTERN RESIDENTS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NINE-STOREY URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX AT SMITHFIELD, WESTERN.

THE BUILDING WILL HOUSE A MARKET, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, A LIBRARY, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN SEPTEMBER FOR COMPLETION IN JUNE 1995.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 9.

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

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,960
REVERSAL OF LAF	+840
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-140
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,660
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.3 *+0.1* 18.6.1993	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.11 PCT	14 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.50	3.96
1 MONTH	3.06 PCT	17 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.57	4.24
3 MONTHS	3.10 PCT	20 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.56	4.44
6 MONTHS	3.40 PCT	23 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.52	4.62
12 MONTHS	3.77 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 18,032 MN

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