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SUBJECT: HONG KONG: LEGCO ELECTIONS: CHINESE COVERAGE

1. Chinese coverage of the LegCo elections on 17 September has so far been brief and factual. The People's Daily of 18 September did not cover the story, but the English-language China Daily reproduced a short, Hong Kong by-lined NCNA report. This noted that the elections were being held in accordance with the Governor's constitutional reforms package and that the CPG and NPC Standing Committee had previously made clear that the new LegCo and the current District Boards and municipal Councils would cease to function with the transfer of government in mid-1997.

2. More considered coverage and MFA comment is likely to follow later: we shall report further.

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PART ONE OF TWO

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Summary

LegCo elections successfully held. Record number of electors voted. Counting of votes completed: Democratic Party and other pro-democracy candidates won 30 seats. DAB defeated in a number of closely fought constituencies.

Detail

2. LegCo elections held as scheduled yesterday (17 September), under the supervision of the independent Boundary and Election Commission. The whole process went smoothly and in an orderly fashion, with few incidents. Polling started at 7.30 a.m. and closed at 10:30 p.m. (except for polling for the Election Committee which closed at 12:00 mid-night.)

3. Altogether a record 920,000 voters cast their votes in the geographical elections, which returned 20 members. In terms of absolute number, over 170,000 more voters voted this time round than in 1991, representing a growth of 22.7%. In percentage terms, the turnout rate this time was 35.8%. Whilst this was slightly lower than the 39.1% turnout rate in 1991, it has to be seen against a substantially broader franchise: 2.57 million this year as compared to 1.92 million in 1991. Indeed, the 35.8% turnout achieved yesterday was the highest amongst the three sets of elections in 1994/95 (33.1% for the September 1994 DB elections, 25.8% for the March 1995 MC elections).

4. The figures for functional elections which returned 30 members were very satisfactory as well. An all-time high of 460,000 electors voted, representing a 40.5% turnout rate. The nine new functional constituencies alone accounted for over 417,000 votes,

[REDACTED] (For background: the functional elections in 1991 had a voter turnout of 22,919, or 47%).

5. As for the Election Committee election which returned ten members, all but one of the 283 electors (who were themselves District Board members) voted.

6. Vote counting took place overnight and was completed shortly after 1:00 p.m. to-day. Overall, Democratic Party and their close allies won 30 seats, i.e. half of the total. In addition, two independents (Andrew Wong and Libby Wong) are likely to vote with the democrats on a number of issues. The pro-China camp (including DAB) secured 15 seats and the Liberal Party 10 seats, with the remaining 3 seats going to 'neutral' independents. One member will be elected as President. The list of winning candidates is as FOLLOWS:

I. Geographic Constituencies

HK Island Central	Christine Loh	Independent (Pro-democracy)
HK Island East	Martin Lee	DP
HK Island South	Yeung Sum	DP
HK Island West	Huang Chen-ya	DP
Kowloon Central	Bruce Liu	ADPL
Kowloon North-east	Chan Yuen-han	DAB
Kowloon East	Szeto Wah	DP
Kowloon South-east	Fred Li	DP
Kowloon South	Lau Chin-shek	DP
Kowloon South-west	James To	DP
Kowloon West	Frederick Fung	ADPL
NT Central	Albert Chan	DP

NT North-west	Wong Wai-yin	DP
NT North	Cheung Hon-chung	DAB
NT North-east	Allen Lee	LP
NT South-east	Andrew Wong	Independent (others)
NT East	Emily Lau	Independent (pro-democracy)
NT South	Sin Chung-kai	DP
NT South-west	Lee Wing-tat	DP
NT West	Albert Ho	DP

II Functional Constituencies

Commercial I	Paul Cheng	Independent (pro-China)
Commercial II	Philip Wong	New HK Alliance (pro-China)
Industrial I	James Tien	LP
Industrial II	Ngai Shiu-kit	LP
Finance	David Li	Independent (pro-China)
Financial Services	Chim Pui-chung	Independent (pro-China)
Labour	Lee Kai-ming	Independent (others)
	Cheng Yiu-tong	Independent (pro-China)
Social Welfare	Law Chi-kwong	DP
Medical	Leong Che-hung	Independent (pro-democracy)
Health Services	Michael Ho	DP
Education	Cheung Man-kwong	DP

Legal	Margaret Ng	Independent (pro-democracy)
Engineering	Samuel Wong	Independent (others)
Achitectural, Surveying & Planning	Edward Ho	LP
Accountancy	Eric Li	Independent (others)
Real Estate & Construction	Ronald Arculli	LP
Tourism	Howard Young	LP
Urban Council	Mok Ying-fan	ADPL
Regional Council	Ngan Kam-chuen	DAB
Rural	Lau Wong-fat	LP
Primary Production, Power & Construction	Tsang Kin-shing	DP
Textiles & Garments	Leung Yiu-chung	Independent (pro-democracy)
Manufacturing	Lee Cheuk-yan	Independent (pro-democracy)
Import & Export	Henry Tang	LP
Wholesale & Retail	Selina Chow	LP
Hotels & Catering	Chan Wing-chan	DAB
Transport & Communication	Miriam Lau	LP
Financing, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	Andrew Cheng	DP
Community, Social & Personal Services	ELizabeth Wong	Independent (others)

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