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FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY

FUTURE OF HONG KONG

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RTHK'S CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWS BULLETIN AT 1030 THIS MORNING CARRIED A REPORT ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WHICH INCLUDED ZHAO ZIYANG'S VIVAVOCE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE PUT TO HIM BY HONG KONG REPORTERS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THIS MORNING'S TALKS.

2. TRANSLATED TRANSCRIPT OF RELEVANT EXCHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

(REPORTERS) DO YOU THINK HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE ?.

(ZHAO) I THINK HONG KONG PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE

(REPORTERS) WHY ?.

(ZHAO) WHY WORRY ?



(REPORTERS) THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY.

(ZHAO) SOVEREIGNTY, CHINA OF COURSE HAS TO RESUME IT, BUT

I THINK THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY WILL NOT AT ALL AFFECT

HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY.

(REPORTERS) WHY ?.

(ZHAO) THIS IS BECAUSE IF CHINA RESUMES SOVEREIGNTY, IT WILL

CERTAINLY ADOPT MEASURES WHICH WILL GUARANTEE PROSPERITY

AND STABILITY TO HONG KONG.

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