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**COUNTRY AND COMMODITY BREAKDOWN FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S
EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1983**

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1983, VALUED AT \$63 921 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1982.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY SIX PER CENT TO \$18 629 MILLION, IMPORTS BY TWO PER CENT TO \$34 140 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY FIVE PER CENT TO \$11 152 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY THE RELEVANT SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 19 PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$532 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$261 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$199 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$141 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$25 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$34 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$24 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$10 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT.

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$154 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$30 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP INCREASED BY \$143 MILLION OR 724 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$118 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$48 MILLION OR 1 212 PER CENT)- AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$33 MILLION OR 151 PER CENT).

CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$253 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$48 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$38 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$34 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

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AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$231 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$144 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$62 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$45 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$156 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$114 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$99 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$9 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT), AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$4 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$230 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$508 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$7 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT)- AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$44 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$255 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$149 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$115 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$102 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), VIETNAM (BY \$88 MILLION OR 180 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$80 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (BY \$42 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), AND MACAU (BY \$36 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$335 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$104 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$275 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$170 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS) (BY \$94 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$93 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$418 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$177 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$71 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

THE MARCH 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MARCH 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JUNE 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375).

Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

<u>Major markets</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change</u> <u>(%)</u>
U.S.A.	7,133	6,018	+1,115	+19
F. R. of Germany	1,554	1,487	+ 68	+ 5
U.K.	1,476	1,553	- 77	- 5
China	1,063	928	+ 135	+15
Japan	714	631	+ 83	+13
Canada	626	510	+ 116	+23
Australia	525	671	- 146	-22
Singapore	444	426	+ 18	+ 4
Netherlands	411	403	+ 8	+ 2
Switzerland	328	298	+ 29	+10

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity divisions

<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,164	5,843	+321	+ 5
Miscellaneous manu- factured articles (mainly plastic toys and dolls)	2,750	3,024	-274	- 9
Photographic apparatus, equipment, supplies and optical goods, watches and clocks	1,891	1,730	+161	+ 9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances (mainly transistors and diodes and household type appliances)	1,533	1,394	+139	+10

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<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1,343	1,165	+178	+15
Telecommunications and sound record- ing and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,322	1,299	+ 23	+ 2

Table 3 : Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major sources</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
China	8,070	7,471	+599	+ 8
Japan	7,728	7,101	+627	+ 9
U.S.A.	3,670	3,485	+185	+ 5
Taiwan	2,325	2,542	-217	- 9
Singapore	2,124	2,538	-414	-16
U.K.	1,632	1,683	- 51	- 3
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	951	1,176	-225	-19
F.R. of Germany	914	807	+107	+13
Switzerland	642	643	- 1	insignificant
Thailand	498	442	+ 56	+13

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Table 4 : Imports by commodity sections

<u>Commodity sections</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (mainly textile products, diamonds, iron and steel, and paper)	8,903	9,768	-865	- 9
Machinery and trans- port equipment	7,754	7,481	+273	+ 4
Miscellaneous manu- factured articles (mainly watches and clocks, articles of apparel)	6,054	5,315	+738	+14
Food and live animals chiefly for food	4,005	3,626	+379	+10
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,681	2,810	-129	- 5
Chemicals and related products	2,462	2,184	+278	+13

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ROLE OF DISTRICT OFFICE OUTLINED

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THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS TO CO-ORDINATE LOCAL AFFAIRS AND THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT IS DEVELOPED INTO A BALANCED COMMUNITY, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE, SHE DESCRIBED THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

MISS CHUNG SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXPLAINING TO THE RESIDENTS THE WORK OF ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND OF GATHERING PUBLIC OPINION ON NEW POLICIES TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS.

+WE ARE NOT A PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT, BUT HAVE THE WIDEST CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC AND ARE THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT.

+SUGGESTIONS AND VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND LOCAL PROBLEMS ARE REFLECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES,+ SHE SAID.

MISS CHUNG SAID THAT THE ADDITION OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO DISTRICT BOARDS HAD PUSHED THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM ONE BIG STEP FORWARD.

+THROUGH VIEWS REFLECTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND AREA COMMITTEES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS WHEN IMPLEMENTING NEW POLICIES,+ SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THERE WERE NOW THREE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE AND ONE IN SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP RESIDENTS SET UP SUCH COMMITTEES TO ENCOURAGE MORE CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE COMMUNITY-BUILDING WORK.

MISS CHUNG SAID THAT THROUGHOUT TSUEN WAN, THERE WERE ALREADY NINE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES, ONE MINI CENTRE AND ONE MOBILE CENTRE IN SHAM TSENG.

+HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN CHEUNG SHAN AND SHEK WAI KOK ESTATES NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THIS NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE IS SET UP TO SERVE THE 50 000-ODD RESIDENTS.

+SERVICES PROVIDED AT THIS CENTRE INCLUDE A GENERAL ENQUIRY SERVICE, DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PAMPHLETS, REFERRAL OF RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, AND REFERRAL OF CASES TO THE LEGAL ADVICE AND RENT OFFICER SCHEMES,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN LAU-FONG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR CHAN KOON-SHING AND MR CHEUNG SAU-CHING; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANKIE LUI, AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, MR LI KING-CHI.

HONG KONG YOUTH PRAISED
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HONG KONG HAS A YOUTH POPULATION THAT IS INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, WELL MOTIVATED AND ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THE TERRITORY WILL FACE AS IT MOVES TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY, MR DREW RENNIE, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"WE ARE NOW EMBARKING ON WHAT IS, WITHOUT DOUBT, THE MOST VITALLY CHALLENGING ERA IN OUR HISTORY AND IT IS THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY WHO WILL HAVE TO CARRY THE BURDEN OF ENSURING THAT WE EMERGE FROM IT INTACT, IN GOOD HEART AND IN GOOD SHAPE.

"FROM MY EXPERIENCE, I WOULD SAY WE HAVE LITTLE TO WORRY ABOUT. COMPARED TO SIMILAR SOCIETIES THROUGHOUT THE CIVILISED WORLD WE HAVE AN INORDINATELY HIGH YOUTH POPULATION -- ABOUT TWO MILLION, OR 37 PER CENT OF OUR INHABITANTS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 -- AND THAT, IN MY VIEW, CAN ONLY BE GOOD FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE," SAID MR RENNIE AT THE BAYVIEW LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING.

THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER SAID THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE YOUTH CRIME SITUATION JUSTIFIED HIS VIEW.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1974 OF JPC, WHICH NOW HAS 350 000 MEMBERS AND 12 000 LEADERS AND IS RECOGNISED AS A WORLD LEADER IN POLICE-YOUTH RELATIONSHIPS, SOME 13 000 DIFFERENT JPC ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE EACH YEAR. AND, THE MEMBERS NOW WERE MORE ASSERTIVE AND DEMANDING THAN THEIR RETICENT FELLOW-MEMBERS A DECADE AGO, HE ADDED.

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE REFRESHING OR ENCOURAGING THAN TO LISTEN TO THE VIEW AND SHARE THE ASPIRATIONS AND INSPIRATIONS OF THOSE KEEN AND EAGER YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT; THEY ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK THEIR MIND; THEY ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN DOING SOMETHING USEFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY; AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO WORK INDIVIDUALLY, OR COLLECTIVELY, TO ACHIEVE THEIR AMBITIONS. THAT CAN ONLY AUGUR WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. SURELY, IT IS HEARTENING TO KNOW THAT THOSE WHO WILL INHERIT OUR FOOTSTEPS WILL DO SO WITH KNOWLEDGE, ABILITY, DIRECTNESS AND CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

"APART FROM ADOPTING HOSPITALS AND HOMES FOR THE AGED HELPING TO MAKE LIFE MORE BEARABLE FOR THE HANDICAPPED; PROMOTING CAMPAIGNS TO FURTHER THE CAUSES OF ROAD SAFETY; CRIME PREVENTION AND ANTI-DRUGS; JPC MEMBERS TURN OUT REGULARLY TO SELL FLAGS AND RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL CHARITIES.

"IT IS NOT UNCOMMON ANY SATURDAY FOR HUNDREDS, SOMETIMES THOUSANDS, OF JPC MEMBERS TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS ENCOURAGING YOU AND ME TO BUY A FLAG FOR THE ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT, OR SOME OTHER DESERVING CHARITY," MR RENNIE SAID.

TURNING TO YOUTH CRIME, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER SAID THAT SINCE JPC HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN APRIL 1981 TO SPEARHEAD THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN AIMED AT YOUTH AGED 16 AND UNDER, JUVENILE CRIME RATE WAS ON THE DECLINE.

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"IT WAS, AND STILL IS, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS EVER LAUNCHED BY GOVERNMENT. WITHIN THREE MONTHS THE UPSURGE HAD BEEN HALTED AND SINCE JULY 1981 THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES PROSECUTED FOR CRIME HAS CONTINUED TO FALL STEADILY.

"SO MUCH SO, THAT THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOW A 35 PER CENT DECREASE WHEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1981 -- THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"THIS YEAR WE ARE CONTINUING THE CAMPAIGNS -- WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME IN THE SLIGHTLY OLDER GROUP -- THE 16 TO 20 YEAR OLDS. AND, ONCE AGAIN, IT WILL BE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES WHO WILL BE GIVEN THE TASK OF DEVISING WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH THEY CAN ENCOURAGE OTHER YOUNGSTERS TO STEER CLEAR OF THE PATH THAT LEADS TO CRIME AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, TO MISERY AND RUINED LIFE," MR RENNIE SAID.

HE REVEALED THAT IN 1982, A TOTAL OF 9 930 PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 WERE PROSECUTED FOR CRIME. THIS REPRESENTS 0.5 PER CENT (OR 1 IN EVERY 150) OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WITHIN THAT AGE GROUP.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE AUTHORITIES IN AREAS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND POPULATION DENSITY WOULD WELCOME SUCH FIGURES AND CONSIDER THEM A SUCCESS. NONETHELESS, IT IS RIGHT THAT HERE IN HONG KONG WE SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH SUCH RESULTS AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO REDUCE YOUTH CRIME TO MINIMAL PROPORTIONS," HE SAID.

MR RENNIE ALSO REFUTED COMPLAINTS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE NOW WERE RECALCITRANT, AVARICIOUS AND TOO MATERIALISTIC. HE OPINED THAT THE SITUATION WAS MAINLY CAUSED BY ADULTS WHO OPTED OUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO TEACH AND EDUCATE IN THE RIGHT WAYS.

"YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN ANY SOCIETY -- AFTER ALL THEY ARE THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW -- AND I BELIEVE THIS TO BE EVEN MORE SO IN THE CASE OF HONG KONG," HE CONCLUDED.

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SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF SENIOR DIRECTORATE APPOINTMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN EFFECT SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN NOVEMBER AND JANUARY, WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATES IN BRACKETS:

- * SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY -
MR E.P. HO (FEBRUARY 7, 83)
- * SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE -
MR HENRY CHING (MAY 2, 83)
- * SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER -
MR KENNETH TOPLEY (FEBRUARY 1, 83)

/* COMMISSIONER FOR

- * COMMISSIONER FOR HONGKONG COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS
IN THE UNITED STATES -
MR BILL DORWARD (APRIL 1, 83)
- * DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE -
MR JOHN CHAMBERS (MARCH 1, 83)
- * DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY -
MR SELWYN ALLEYNE (APRIL 23, 83)
- * REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) -
MR LAWRENCE MILLS (MAY 10, 83)
- * DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES -
MR PETER TSAO (FEBRUARY 1, 83)
- * SECRETARY-GENERAL, STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE
SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE -
MR ALAN BRISTOW (MARCH 1, 83)
- * COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING -
MR ROBERT SUN (MARCH 6, 83)
- * DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES -
MR CHUI KAM (FEBRUARY 21, 83)
- * DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY -
MR JOHN YAXLEY (JANUARY 25, 83)
- * DIRECTOR OF TRADE -
MR HAMISH MACLEOD (FEBRUARY 7, 83)
- * DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE -
MR CHRISTOPHER WONG (FEBRUARY 1, 83)
- * POLICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER -
MR RICHARD BUTLER (JANUARY 17, 83)
- * DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH -
MR ALEC PURVES (MARCH 7, 83)
- * DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) -
MR HAIDER BARMA (JANUARY 10, 83)
- * DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, TSUEN WAN -
MR ADOLF HSU (MARCH 28, 83)
- * DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (GENERAL) -
MRS ELIZABETH WONG (FEBRUARY 1, 83)
- * DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY -
MR PAUL WONG (DECEMBER 8, 82)
- * DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE -
MR JOHN CHAN (APRIL 15, 83)

NEW MAP HELPS WITH CHOICE OF CAMP SITES

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CAMPERS AND HIKERS TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL FIND THE CHOOSING OF CAMPSITES AND ROUTES MUCH EASIER WITH THE HELP OF A NEW COUNTRYSIDE MAP.

ENTITLED +NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES+ THE NEW MAP IS THE FIFTH IN THE POPULAR COUNTRYSIDE SERIES PRODUCED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY DIVISION TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.

THE OTHER FOUR MAPS -- +HONG KONG ISLAND+, +NEW TERRITORIES - WEST+, +LANTAU AND ISLANDS+ AND +SAI KUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY+ -- WERE SO POPULAR THAT NEW EDITIONS HAD TO BE PRINTED TO MEET DEMAND.

MR HAL EMPSON, SENIOR CARTOGRAPHER OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT AS THE AREAS COVERED BY THE NEW MAP ARE FASCINATING AREAS FOR EXPLORATION BY NATURE LOVERS, +THIS NEW ADDITION TO THE SERIES NO DOUBT WILL ALSO BE ON OUR BEST-SELLERS LIST.+

+TO CATER FOR THE DIVERSITY OF PURSUITS WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN, THE VARIOUS COUNTRYSIDE FEATURES ARE DENOTED BY ILLUSTRATIVE SIGNS FOR QUICK AND EASY REFERENCE,+ HE ADDED.

FOOTPATHS AND TRAILS ARE SHOWN ON THE MAP IN DIFFERENT LINE PATTERNS TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY ARE PAVED AND FREQUENTLY USED OR NOT. THE PAT SIN RANGE WHICH HAS PROVED EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR AMONG HIKERS IS SHOWN DISTINCTIVELY ON THE MAP FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION.

+THERE IS ALSO A CROSS-SECTION OF THE NATURAL FOOTPATH ROUTE FROM HOK TAU WAI TO TAI MEI TUK,+ MR EMPSON SAID.

+WITH THIS MAP IN HAND, FAMILY PARTIES CAN EASILY SELECT BARBECUE AND PICNIC SPOTS WHILE EXPERIENCED TREKKERS CAN TAKE TO RUGGED TERRAIN ALONG THE MORE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING ROUTE.+

THE MAP, WHICH HAS BEEN DRAWN TO A SCALE OF 1:25 000, INCLUDES A GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, OF INTERESTING AREAS TO VISIT SUCH AS THE VERY SCENIC PAT SIN RANGE AND PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE NEW MAP WHICH FITS SNUGLY IN A PLASTIC HOLDER IS NOW ON SALE AT \$10 AT THE MAP SALES COUNTER OF THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE MAP SALES CENTRE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON (ADJACENT TO THE ASTOR THEATRE); AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN GENERAL POST OFFICE.

REFEREES' TRAINING COURSES FOR YOUTHS
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A LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INSTRUCTORS' TRAINING COURSE AND A BASKETBALL REFEREES' TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTHS WILL START IN JUNE.

THE COURSES ARE ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE H.K. AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION. EACH COURSE CONSISTS OF THREE SESSIONS, AND IS OPEN TO YOUTHS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS ARE DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS. A BASEBALL DEMONSTRATION GAME WILL BE HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ON JUNE 5.

THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE COURSES WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTISE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT IN ELEMENTARY BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD FROM JULY TO AUGUST.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED FOR SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE.

THE FEE FOR EACH COURSE IS \$20. FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-458511.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI
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THE NORTHBOUND GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN GLOUCESTER ROAD AND HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 6.30 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20) FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON GLOUCESTER ROAD HEADING FOR HARBOUR ROAD OR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FENWICK STREET OR TONNOCHY ROAD.

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NO ENTRY FOR PLB
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 20), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING WAI KING STREET IN TO KWA WAN UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

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