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TRADE STATISTICS TO GO METRIC
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HONG KONG'S TRADE STATISTICS WILL SOON GO METRIC AND BE RECLASSIFIED TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH THOSE OF ITS MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE CHANGES WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1978.

+TO GIVE IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS TIME TO STUDY THE NEW REGULATIONS, A REVISED EDITION OF THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MID-DECEMBER,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW LIST WILL REPLACE THE JANUARY 1974 EDITION WHICH IS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISED 1.

THE NEW EDITION INVOLVES A CHANGEOVER TO THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION, REVISED 2, IN LINE WITH A UNITED NATIONS RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE ADOPTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY COUNTRIES COMPILING EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS.

THE CHANGE WILL ENHANCE THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S PUBLISHED TRADE STATISTICS BECAUSE FINER COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE REVISED COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION LIST OF THE NEW HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST.

THE UNITS OF QUANTITY USED IN TRADE DECLARATIONS AND PUBLISHED TRADE STATISTICS WILL ALSO BE CHANGED FROM THE EXISTING BRITISH SYSTEM TO THE METRIC SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE UNITS OF QUANTITY TO BE USED ARE SPECIFIED AGAINST EACH COMMODITY ITEM IN THE COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION LIST. +THIS CHANGEOVER TO THE METRIC SYSTEM WILL FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF TRADE STATISTICS.+

BECAUSE THE CHANGES IN COMMODITY CLASSIFICATIONS AND UNITS OF QUANTITY WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, THE REVISED COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION AND METRIC UNITS OF QUANTITY MUST BE FOLLOWED IN COMPLETING TRADE DECLARATIONS FOR ALL SHIPMENTS MADE ON AND AFTER THAT DATE.

+IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE URGED TO MAKE SURE THAT EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING TRADE DECLARATIONS FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE CHANGES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW REVISED EDITION OF THE HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST WILL BE PUT ON SALE AT GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRES LATER THIS MONTH.

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NEW AIRCRAFT GUIDING LIGHT SYSTEM

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A SEQUENCED STROBE LIGHTING SYSTEM HAS BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO IMPROVE VISUAL GUIDANCE OF AIRCRAFT LANDING AT NIGHT AND IN POOR VISIBILITY.

THE SYSTEM CONSISTING OF 12 STROBE LIGHTS WAS BROUGHT INTO USE AFTER EXTENSIVE TESTS RECENTLY BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

EACH OF THE STROBE LIGHTS HAS A LIGHTING INTENSITY OF 13,700 LUMENS AND IS INSTALLED IN SERIES ON ROOFTOPS OR HIGH GROUND. THE LIGHTS ARE ANGLED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY GIVE OPTIMUM LIGHT OUTPUT TO THE PILOTS BUT MINIMAL INTERFERENCE TO RESIDENTS.

THE FIRST OF THESE LIGHTS IS LOCATED AT TAT CHEE AVENUE IN YAU YAT CHUEN AND THE LAST IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AT A POINT OPPOSITE THE AIRPORT.

THESE LIGHTS FLASH TWICE A SECOND IN SEQUENCE, PROVIDING A DIRECTIONAL RIPPLING LIGHT EFFECT TOWARDS THE RUNWAY.

THIS WILL HELP PILOTS TO FLY THE CURVE ALONG THE APPROACH PATH WHERE THEY HAVE TO DEPEND ENTIRELY ON EYE SIGHT. BEFORE ENTERING THIS SECTOR, PILOTS CAN DEPEND ON THE INSTRUMENT GUIDANCE SYSTEM FOR APPROACH.

THE SYSTEM, BUILT AT A COST OF OVER \$500,000, IS TRIGGERED ON OR OFF BY RADIO SIGNALS FROM THE CONTROL TOWER AT THE AIRPORT.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE ACTIVATED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH EITHER THE LOW OR THE HIGH INTENSITY APPROACH LIGHTS TO RUNWAY 13.

THEY WILL SUPPLEMENT THE LOW INTENSITY OMNI-DIRECTIONAL RED LIGHTS OR THE HIGH INTENSITY UNI-DIRECTIONAL WHITE LIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR MANY YEARS AS VISUAL GUIDANCE FOR PILOTS FLYING THE RIGHT-TURN ONTO RUNWAY 13 IMMEDIATELY AFTER OVERFLYING KOWLOON CITY.

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ANTI-RABIES CAMPAIGN FOR BOAT PEOPLE

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WITH THE AID OF THE MARINE POLICE, WILL MOUNT A RABIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR THE FLOATING POPULATION BETWEEN DECEMBER 6 AND 16.

DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL TRAVEL ON MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES TO VARIOUS BOAT PEOPLE AREAS WITHIN THE HONG KONG WATERS TO PROVIDE DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING SERVICES.

POLICE LAUNCHES WILL ALSO VISIT EACH LOCATION THE DAY BEFORE THE VISIT TO CONVEY THE CAMPAIGN MESSAGE THROUGH A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE OBJECT OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE FLOATING POPULATION OF THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH RABIES AND TO ADVISE THEM OF THE NEED TO VACCINATE AND LICENSE THEIR DOGS.

+RABIES IS A VIRUS DISEASE AFFECTING THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM OF WARM BLOODED ANIMALS, INCLUDING MAN AND DOGS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THE DISEASE IS EXTREMELY PAINFUL AND CAN BE FATAL. ONCE SYMPTOMS DEVELOP, IN MAN OR ANIMALS, THERE IS NO SURE CURE,+ HE ADDED.

HE ADVISED THE FLOATING POPULATION TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE FORTHCOMING VISITS TO HAVE THEIR DOGS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES IN THE INTEREST OF THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR PETS.

THE DATES AND PLACES OF VISITS ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

DATE	PLACE
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DECEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	STANLEY, PO TOI, PO TOI O
DECEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	KAU SAI, LEUNG SHUEN WAN
DECEMBER 8 (THURSDAY)	TAI O
DECEMBER 9 (FRIDAY)	ABERDEEN
DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY)	TAP MUN
DECEMBER 13 (TUESDAY)	SAI KUNG
DECEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY)	KAT O
DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	MA WAN, CASTLE PEAK
DECEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	TAI PO, TAI MEI TUK

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE TO OPEN NEW BRANCH
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A NEW BRANCH OFFICE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A MORE READY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

THE BRANCH OFFICE, IN MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, IS MANNED BY STAFF WHO HAVE AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISTRICT AND THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE WORKING HOURS OF THE OFFICE ARE FROM 8.45 A.M. TO 5.15 P.M. FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ROBERT UPTON AND THE DESIGNATED SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. COLIN BOSHER, AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

MR. UPTON SAID TODAY THE BRANCH OFFICE WOULD FUNCTION ALONG THE LINES OF A CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WITH A PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE. +IT ALSO INCORPORATES A LABOUR DEPARTMENT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BRANCH, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

+AS THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME REHOUSING BLOCKS IN SAI KUNG TOWN, RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT NEED NOT GO TO AS FAR AS THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAN PO KONG TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AND AIR COMPLAINTS ON GOVERNMENT MATTERS, TO FIND A JOB OR EVEN TO SEEK ADVICE ON DOMESTIC PROBLEMS,+ MR. UPTON SAID.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BRANCH OFFICE WILL INCLUDE CONSULTATION, STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, REVENUE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PAMPHLETS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE AT 63, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN, AT 10.30 A.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2133, WILL LEAVE AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE.

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RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE
VISIT CAREERS EXHIBITION

MORE THAN 113,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS '78 EXHIBITION - A RECORD HIGH.

AND TO MARK THIS RECORD ACHIEVEMENT, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS WENT TO THE EXHIBITION SITE SPECIALLY TO GREET THE 100,000TH VISITOR -- A FORM 4 STUDENT FROM THE MU KUANG ENGLISH SCHOOL. THE COMMISSIONER'S WIFE, MRS. WILLIAMS, PRESENTED HIM WITH A PEN SET. LATER, MR. WILLIAMS PRESENTED EACH EXHIBITOR WITH A COMMEMORATIVE BANNER.

THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION WHICH WAS HELD AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM CLOSED AT 6.30 P.M. TODAY (SUNDAY).

COMMENTING ON THE ATTENDANCE FIGURE, MR. WILLIAMS SAID :
+THE RESPONSE IS OVERWHELMING. I THINK IT IS WORTH THE EFFORT AND MONEY SPENT ON THE PROJECT BY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED.

+OF COURSE IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE GREATEST CREDIT GOES TO THE MANY ORGANISATIONS WHICH TOOK PART. WITHOUT THEM THE EXHIBITION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.

+I AM GLAD THAT THIS YEAR WE HAD MORE PARTICIPANTS -- A TOTAL OF 26, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+THIS SHOWS THAT MORE AND MORE PRIVATE CONCERNS HAVE COME TO REALISE THE WORTHINESS OF THE PROJECT AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THE REPEATED SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT OVER THE YEARS REFLECTS ITS POPULARITY.

+OUR HOPE IS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ORGANISING THE EVENT AND MAKE IT BETTER AND EVEN MORE INFORMATIVE.+

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WESTERN AND
NGAU CHI WAN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

VEHICLES TRAVELLING WESTBOUND ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO WILMER STREET AND EASTERN STREET.

APART FROM FRANCHISED BUSES, VEHICLES TRAVELLING EASTBOUND ALONG DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL ALSO BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO EASTERN STREET.

ALSO STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE SECTION OF OLD CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN NGAU CHI WAN WHICH IS CURRENTLY ONE-WAY EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC AND ONLY CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE IT.

OTHER VEHICLES SHOULD USE THE NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WHICH WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO WAYS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP IN THESE TWO AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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