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LARGEST DRUG SEIZURE EVER MADE IN H.K. NETS 420 KILOS OF HEROIN

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NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS YESTERDAY (MONDAY) SEIZED ABOUT 420 KILOGRAMS OF SUSPECTED NO. 4 HEROIN IN SAI KUNG --- THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF NO. 4 HEROIN EVER MADE IN HONG KONG.

THE SEIZURE CAN BE CONVERTED INTO 7.5 TONNES OF NO. 3 HEROIN AND HAS A LOCAL RETAIL VALUE OF HK\$227 MILLION.

THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE DRUG INDICATED THAT IT WAS LIKELY TO BE DESTINED FOR MARKETS IN AUSTRALIA AND USA, WHERE THEY WOULD FETCH US\$420 MILLION (OR HK\$3,276 MILLION) AT THE RETAIL MARKET.

AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS RAIDED A TWO-STORY VILLAGE HOUSE IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD YESTERDAY.

INSIDE THE PREMISES, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS DISCOVERED AND SEIZED 30 TRAVELLING BAGS WHICH CONTAINED ABOUT 420 KILOGRAMS OF SUSPECTED NO. 4 HEROIN.

IN THE SAME WARDROBE WHERE THE DRUGS WERE FOUND, TWO AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, ONE LOADED WITH EIGHT ROUNDS AND THE OTHER LOADED WITH FIVE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, WERE ALSO SEIZED.

TWO RADIO SCANNERS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR INTERCEPTING POLICE MESSAGES WERE ALSO FOUND ON THE PREMISES.

NO PERSON WAS ARRESTED AT THE LOCATION.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCOVERY, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS RAIDED NINE ADDRESSES IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ARRESTED TWO MEN, AGED 29 AND 35, AND TWO WOMEN, AGED 24 AND 39, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SEIZURE.

THE SEIZURE IS BELIEVED TO BE A COMPLETE CONSIGNMENT OF DRUGS ORIGINATED FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA AND SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG VIA THAILAND.

NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING.

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A YEAR OF RELENTLESS ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS

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THE YEAR 1988 WAS ANOTHER ONE OF RELENTLESS ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS, AND ONE WHICH SAW SOME REMARKABLE SUCCESSES.

FOR THE FIFTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR, THE ENCOURAGING DOWNWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NEWLY REPORTED TO THE GOVERNMENT COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE CONTINUED IN 1988. 2,139. OR 10.9 PER CENT FEWER THAN 1987.

EVEN MORE ENCOURAGING WAS THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEWLY-REPORTED DRUG ABUSERS AGED UNDER 21, FROM 717 IN 1987 TO 679 IN 1988.

THESE FIGURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE JUST RELEASED HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT FOR 1988 PUBLISHED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN, DR GERALD CHOA, HOWEVER, NOTED IN THE FOREWORD TO THE REPORT THAT THERE WERE SOME SIGNS OF AN INCREASE IN THE ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

"ALTHOUGH THE ABUSE OF MANDRAX HAS BEEN CURBED, MORE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SEEM TO BE EXPERIMENTING WITH CANNABIS," HE SAID.

"BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN WITH THE APPARENT TREND TOWARDS PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ABUSE, A LARGE SCALE SURVEY WAS MADE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

"THE RESULT ARE FAIRLY RE-ASSURING AND CONFIRMED THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT SCHOOL WHO ABUSE SUCH DRUGS IS STILL VERY SMALL," HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY OF OVER 100,000 STUDENTS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN JUNE 1988, SHOWED THAT 1.1 PER CENT OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND 2.8 PER CENT OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS HAD ABUSED PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, MAINLY MANDRAX, CANNABIS AND SECONAL.

"THIS CONCLUSION HAS BEEN BORNE OUT BY THE EXPERIENCE OF A NEW COUNSELLING CENTRE SET UP BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND HELP FOR USERS OF SUCH DRUGS," DR CHOA SAID.

PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES DISSEMINATING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE IN 1988 WERE NUMEROUS AS HIGH PRIORITY WAS ACCORDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"ACTION TO WARN THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO REGULAR TALKS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS WERE HELD AND WERE WELL SUPPORTED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS, DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS THE ANTI-DRUG WEEK IN OCTOBER FEATURING A MIXED AND BALANCED PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDED A FAMILY CAMP, EXHIBITIONS AND RUN-THE-STAIRS COMPETITION.

ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SIDE, THE CHAIRMAN WAS PLEASED BY THE OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS, WITNESSING SEVERAL RECORD SEIZURES AND MORE PROSECUTIONS OF MORE SERIOUS CASES THAN EVER BEFORE.

A TOTAL OF 11,560 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED FOR ALL DRUG OFFENCES IN 1988, A SLIGHT 2.7 PER CENT INCREASE COMPARED WITH 1987.

OF THE PERSONS PROSECUTED, 782 PERSONS WERE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, AGAINST 772 IN 1987.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 29.3 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENCES, FROM 5,839 TO 7,547, WHILE PROSECUTIONS FOR MINOR OFFENCES DECREASED FROM 5,413 TO 4,013.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, THE REPORT SAID THAT AS INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER DRUG ABUSE AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING INCREASED, HONG KONG'S SUCCESSES IN COMBATTING THIS INCREASE CONTINUED TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS.

DURING THE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 99 FOREIGN VISITORS CAME TO HONG KONG FOR TRAINING ATTACHMENTS, FAMILIARISATION VISITS AND COURSES IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FIELD.

THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MADE ITS 14TH ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$110,000 IN 1988 TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN SUPPORT OF ITS WORLDWIDE CONTROL MEASURES.

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ENHANCED COMPETITION ADDS TO HK'S ATTRACTIVENESS: SES
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OPENING UP TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITION IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS BEEN IMPLEMENTING A POLICY THAT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DECISION IN FAVOUR OF A SECOND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR CABLE TELEVISION AND NON-FRANCHISED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WAS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF A QUIET REVOLUTION IN THE HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCENE WHICH HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE SINCE THE EARLY 1980'S.

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"THE SECOND NETWORK WILL BE AN ALTERNATIVE DATA AND FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION FACILITY. AS SUCH IT WILL GREATLY ENHANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION IN THE VITAL FIELD OF DATA COMMUNICATION, ON WHICH THE BUSINESS WORLD IS INCREASINGLY RELIANT.

"WITH A SECOND NETWORK, THE SUPPLY AND DIVERSITY OF NON-FRANCHISED SERVICES WILL BE INCREASED AND PRICING WILL BE MORE MARKET-ORIENTATED.

"ENHANCED COMPETITION IN DATA SERVICES WILL IN TURN IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OPERATING IN HONG KONG, AND CAN ONLY ADD TO HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE," SHE SAID.

TAKING STOCK OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, MRS CHAN SAID EVENTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE HAD BEEN A SOBERING EXPERIENCE FOR US ALL.

"OUR CONFIDENCE HAS TAKEN A VERY SEVERE KNOCK AND IT IS NATURAL AND RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD LOOK TO THE TWO SOVEREIGN POWERS, THAT IS TO THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS, TO RESTORE OUR CONFIDENCE AND TO DEMONSTRATE IN MORE TANGIBLE WAYS THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG.

"AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK WE CAN TAKE SOME COMFORT FROM THE FACT THAT ON THE WHOLE WE HAVE COME OUT OF THIS CRISIS RATHER BETTER THAN MOST OF US WOULD HAVE EXPECTED," SHE SAID.

HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN STRONG AND ITS PROSPECTS OVER THE LONGER TERM WERE GOOD, MRS CHAN NOTED.

"WE ARE NEARER TO A CONSENSUS ON THE PACE OF OUR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT THAN WE HAVE EVER BEEN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST.

"OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ARE ON A SOUNDER FOOTING AND INDEED HELD TOGETHER VERY WELL IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF EVENTS IN CHINA," SHE ADDED.

MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WERE CONTINUING IN A VARIETY OF WAYS AND WERE LIKELY TO STRENGTHEN.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM SOME TEMPORARY DISRUPTIONS IN THE EARLY PART OF JUNE, HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA, INCLUDING OUTWARD PROCESSING TRADE, FULLY RESUMED BY THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH.

"IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE WITH CHINA WAS VALUED AT \$192.8 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988.

"TRADE IN JUNE AND JULY THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$60 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTHS LAST YEAR," SHE SAID.

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MRS CHAN SAID THAT AMONG ALL PROVINCES IN CHINA, GUANGDONG AND ITS SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES HAD THE CLOSEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH HONG KONG.

"OFFICIALS THERE HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASISED THAT BUSINESS CONTACTS AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES ARE CARRYING ON AS USUAL, AND THAT GUANGDONG WILL REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE OPEN DOOR POLICY.

"WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE SO FAR TO THE CONTRARY," SHE SAID.

SPEAKING OF THE LONGER TERM, MRS CHAN SAID CHINA WAS LIKELY TO CONCENTRATE ON AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHILE HONG KONG WOULD INCREASE ITS SPECIALISATION AS A REGIONAL TRADING AND SERVICE CENTRE, BUT WITH MANUFACTURING REMAINING AS A MAJOR SECTOR OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

"AS A FREE AND OPEN ECONOMY AND WITH OUR STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION, WE ARE WELL POISED TO EXPLOIT TO THE FULL THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL ARISE FROM CONTINUED GROWTH IN THIS REGION," SHE SAID.

"HONG KONG'S SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY TO GENERATE WEALTH, NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES BUT ALSO FOR CHINA. IN THIS LIES OUR BEST GUARANTEE FOR THE FUTURE."

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PUBLIC URGED TO COMMENT ON DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO FORWARD THEIR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN AS THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL END ON SEPTEMBER 18.

THE DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN IS A STATUTORY DOCUMENT WHICH DESCRIBES PROPOSED AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID AND SEMI-SOLID WASTES.

THESE INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD, CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES, CHEMICAL WASTES AND SEWAGE SLUDGES.

"THE DRAFT PLAN PROPOSES A PROGRAMME WHICH WILL ENSURE HONG KONG HAS THE CAPABILITY, WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY, OF DISPOSING OF ALL ITS WASTES," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (TUESDAY).

"IT INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANDFILLS, REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS, CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT AND LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL," HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 4, ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PLAN SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR COMMENTS REACH THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS (FORMERLY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS) BY SEPTEMBER 18.

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HALF-YEAR ANALYSIS OF HK'S RE-EXPORT TRADE
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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO \$161,096 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989, A GROWTH OF 37 PER CENT IN VALUE AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY STATISTICS ON HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 ANALYSED BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

CHINA AND THE USA, THE TWO LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, ACCOUNTED FOR 33 PER CENT AND 18 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. THE SHARES OF JAPAN, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WERE 6 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1988, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO ALL MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED, WITH THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES RECORDED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (+63 PER CENT), ITALY (+56 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+50 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (+50 PER CENT), THE USA (+45 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (+40 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO INCREASED, BY 35 PER CENT, 28 PER CENT, 25 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE LARGEST MARKET, INCREASED BY \$13,512 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 AS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1988.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$2,633 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1,500 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,211 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$352 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$174 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

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RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA, THE SECOND LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS, INCREASED BY \$9.295 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$2,218 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1,548 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1,523 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$111 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$38 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY \$2,927 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1.097 MILLION OR 102 PER CENT) AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$310 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$100 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN RECORDED AN INCREASE OF \$1.643 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$400 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$333 MILLION OR 191 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$65 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GREW BY \$1,074 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$648 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$144 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$319 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

RE-EXPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

GOODS FROM CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE USA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTED 51 PER CENT, 13 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY TO THE TOTAL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, ALL THE MAJOR ORIGIN COUNTRIES SUPPLIED MORE IN VALUE TERMS TO HONG KONG FOR RE-EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY SINGAPORE (+69 PER CENT), TAIWAN (+54 PER CENT), CHINA (+50 PER CENT), FRANCE (+47 PER CENT) AND THE USA (+31 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ALSO INCREASED, BOTH BY 29 PER CENT.

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CHINA CONTINUED TO BE THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. A GROWTH OF 50 PER CENT IN VALUE OR \$27.162 MILLION OVER THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 WAS RECORDED IN THE RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$5,206 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$5,032 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,402 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$570 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT); AND RAW HIDES, SKINS AND FURSKINS (BY \$89 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

JAPAN REMAINED THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF \$4,578 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN JAPAN.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$937 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$692 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$429 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$20 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$13 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN INCREASED BY \$4,690 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989. PARTICULARLY THOSE OF TEXTILES (BY \$896 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$768 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PRODUCTS AND PREPARATIONS (BY \$22 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE USA INCREASED BY \$2,633 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT. COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$769 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$516 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$422 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY \$781 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$292 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$91 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$51 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE RE-EXPORT STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1989" NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$17.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8234915.

TABLE 1: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN)	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN)	INCREASE (HKD MN)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	52,556	39,044	+ 13,512	+ 35
USA	29,787	20,492	+ 9,295	+ 45
JAPAN	10,221	7,294	+ 2,927	+ 40
TAIWAN	8,159	6,516	+ 1,643	+ 25
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,760	5,686	+ 1,074	+ 19
F.R. OF GERMANY	5,723	3,509	+ 2,214	+ 63
SINGAPORE	5,029	3,930	+ 1,098	+ 28
UK	3,891	2,586	+ 1,305	+ 50
AUSTRALIA	2,563	1,712	+ 852	+ 50
ITALY	2,340	1,496	+ 845	+ 56

TABLE 2: RE-EXPORTS BY 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JAN-JUN 1989 (HKD MN)	JAN-JUN 1988 (HKD MN)	INCREASE (HKD MN)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (%)
CHINA	81,989	54,826	+ 27,162	+ 50
JAPAN	20,322	15,744	+ 4,578	+ 29
TAIWAN	13,413	8,723	+ 4,690	+ 54
USA	11,069	8,436	+ 2,633	+ 31
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6,187	5,406	+ 781	+ 14

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F.R. OF GERMANY	2.443	1,893	+	549	+ 29
SINGAPORE	1.949	1.153	+	796	+ 69
FRANCE	1.914	1,306	+	608	+ 47
SWITZERLAND	1,901	1,533	+	368	+ 24
UK	1,812	1,538	+	274	+ 18

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SHA TIN, HEUNG YEE KUK
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT SHA TIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO SEE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR DAVID WILL VISIT CITY ONE SHATIN, A PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE, BEFORE TOURING HENG ON ESTATE, A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN. IN BOTH ESTATES, HE WILL SEE THE FACILITIES AND VISIT A FAMILY.

SIR DAVID WILL THEN ATTEND A TEA RECEPTION AT THE HENG ON ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEET DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GOVERNOR, BEFORE GOING TO SHA TIN, WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK OFFICE IN KOWLOON TONG TO MEET KUK MEMBERS AND SEE AN EXHIBITION OF KUK PHOTOGRAPHS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND SHA TIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). SIR DAVID WILL ARRIVE AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK, 47 CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON, AT 2.30 PM.

THE GOVERNOR'S FIRST STOP IN SHA TIN WILL BE BLOCK 36, CITY ONE SHATIN, AND HE WILL ARRIVE AT AROUND 3.15 PM.

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES TAKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 1.45 PM.

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FISHERMEN URGED TO KEEP WATCH OVER CHILDREN ON BOATS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS APPEALED TO FISHERMEN TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH OVER THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON BOARD THEIR VESSELS.

LAST YEAR NINE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF NINE WERE DROWNED AFTER FALLING OVERBOARD FROM THEIR VESSELS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID:

"THESE ACCIDENTS HAPPENED DUE TO AN APPARENT LACK OF PARENTAL CARE OR SUPERVISION OF THE CHILDREN COUPLED WITH AN ABSENCE OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST FALLING OVERBOARD.

"THE PARENTS CONCERNED SHOULD NOTE THAT THEIR CHILDREN FACE GREAT RISK AT SEA AND CLOSE ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THEM IN ORDER TO GUARD AGAINST FALLING OVERBOARD."

THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 5,000 FISHING VESSELS WHICH ALSO DOUBLE AS HOME FOR FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISK AND PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH TRAGEDIES, SOME GUIDELINES ARE RECOMMENDED:-

- * FISHER PARENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN DO NOT PLAY OR GO NEAR AREAS OF A VESSEL WHERE THEY MAY EASILY FALL OVERBOARD.
- * PARENTS SHOULD RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN TO WITHIN SIGHT OF AN ADULT, FOR EXAMPLE, INSIDE THE STEERING CABIN, IF OTHER PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN WORK.
- * THAT WHILST TYING YOUNG CHILDREN TO FIXTURES OF A FISHING BOAT, WHICH IS COMMON PRACTICE AMONG FISHERMAN FAMILIES, IS EFFICIENT IN RESTRICTING THE CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT, IT IS TO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, THERE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO RELEASE THEM.
- * CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR LIFE-JACKETS WHILE ON BOARD VESSELS. THE DEVICE CAN SUPPORT A CHILD IN THE WATER SHOULD HE FALL OVERBOARD AND WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN A SUCCESSFUL RESCUE. MOREOVER, THE CONSPICUOUS COLOURS OF A LIFE-JACKET MAKE THE JOB OF LOCATING THE CHILD IN DANGER MUCH FASTER, AND EASIER.
- * TO TRY TO LEAVE THE CHILDREN ON SHORE WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IN THE CARE OF A NURSERY OR A CHILD-CARE CENTRE OR WITH RELATIVES.

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NEW SCHOOL FOR SHEK WU HUI
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SHEK WU HUI, SHEUNG SHUI.

THE BUILDING SITE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,645 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT AREA 28A.

THE SCHOOL WILL COMPRISE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE 26 CLASSROOMS, A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS TO HOUSE FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, A COVERED PLAY AREA, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT AND PLANTING AREAS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY DECEMBER AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 29.

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YUEN LONG DB TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT GREEN PAPER
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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON TRANSPORT POLICY IN HONG KONG AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRANSPORT BRANCH WILL EXPLAIN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT AND COLLECT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

MEANWHILE, A PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONSULT THE BOARD ON THE DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG.

TWO MEMBERS WILL ASK WHAT MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE TO TACKLE THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM AND WHETHER THERE ARE PLANS TO INCREASE THE INTAKE OF VBP AT THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE.

A QUESTION CONCERNING THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR KAM TIN WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DRAFT 1990-91 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL UPDATE MEMBERS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR STAGE III PROJECT CONNECTING SHAU KEI WAN WITH CHAI WAN.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED LAU SIN STREET FLYOVER PROJECT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON KORNHILL ROAD, A PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S TAIKOO STATION, AND THE GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE IN CHAI WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7).

ALSO, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC HOLDINGS LIMITED WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE DETAILS OF AN ELECTRIC LIGHT SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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FIRE DESTROYS MAIL IN POST BOX

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THE POST OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AS A RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE POSTING BOX LOCATED AT THE TZE WAN SHAN POST OFFICE AT 10.30 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), ALL MAIL ITEMS DEPOSITED IN THE BOX BETWEEN 5 PM AND 10.30 PM THAT DAY WERE DESTROYED.

THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY CONTACT MR S.L. CHEUNG, CONTROLLER OF POSTS (KOWLOON), ON TEL. 3-661135.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 9) AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL. THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 60 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WIL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING.

THEY ARE :

(I) FROM 10 AM TO 10.45 AM

EC8863	EC1448	ED6023	AK872	BB8428
EC240	AC325	ED1312	AC1130	ED246
EC6357	AX9285	EC216	EC812	EC8642
EC324	CK557	EC2005	EC5160	EE1392
EC9692	EC803	EC506	EE5251	AR4228
BB2248	EC715	EC3177	AL1786	EC3887

(II) FROM 11 AM TO 11.45 AM

EC6188	EE564	EC521	EC1004	AC944
AC3251	ED8768	ED1127	EC3733	EC4376
EE426	EC8161	EC680	ED127	BR4428
EB9608	AW156	AA596	EC3298	CY1219
ED2468	EC802	EC7111	AS7262	CA5888
EC8290	AK8722	ED5251	EC8186	EC3002

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF A BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 141ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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