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GOVERNMENT AWAITING MEDICAL REPORT ON NG
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THE GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR A MEDICAL REPORT ON NG AH-LUNG, WHO WAS FOUND INJURED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, IN ORDER TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM AND WHY HE SHOULD DO SUCH A THING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER TOURING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, SIR DAVID SAID NG WAS A NORMAL VISITOR TO HONG KONG WHO HAD INJURED HIMSELF DELIBERATELY AND WAS NOW IN HOSPITAL.

+I HAVEN'T HAD A REPORT ON HIM TODAY, BUT WE DID ISSUE A VERY FULL PRESS STATEMENT LAST NIGHT, AND IN THAT PRESS STATEMENT IT SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE MEDICAL ADVICE AND I HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED THAT MEDICAL ADVICE,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHY MEDICAL ADVICE WAS NECESSARY, HE SAID, +OBVIOUSLY IF SOMEONE HAS INJURED HIMSELF VERY BADLY AND HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO HOSPITAL, WE REALLY NEED THE BENEFIT OF DOCTORS TO TELL US EXACTLY WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM AND WHY HE SHOULD DO SUCH A THING.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK INTO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, +OBVIOUSLY IF HE MAKES A REQUEST, IT WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED INTO.+

ASKED WHETHER SUCH A REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE, SIR DAVID SAID, +BUT MANY PEOPLE COME TO HONG KONG AND MAKE THESE REQUESTS, SO OBVIOUSLY IT WILL HAVE TO BE TREATED AS ALL OTHER REQUESTS OF THE SAME NATURE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS CAUGHT IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE INCIDENT, SIR DAVID SAID, +NO, I DON'T THINK WE ARE IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION AT ALL.+

ON WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY CONTACT WITH THE U.S. CONSULATE OR THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES OVER THE CASE, SIR DAVID SAID, +NO, CERTAINLY NOT. THIS EMPLOYEE IS HERE ON A 15-DAY VISA AND HE HAS CUT HIMSELF, INJURED HIMSELF, AND HAS BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, AND HIS MEDICAL CONDITION IS NOW BEING EXAMINED.+

ASKED WHETHER THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED ANY VIEWS ON THE ISSUE, HE SAID, +NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR TIMOTHY RENTON AS FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER, SIR DAVID SAID, +I DON'T KNOW MR RENTON MYSELF, BUT I AM SURE THAT HE WILL CARRY ON IN THE GOOD TRADITION THAT MR LUCE HAS ESTABLISHED.+

HE ADDED THAT MR RENTON WAS A VERY ABLE MAN WITH A LOT OF EXPERIENCE, AND THAT HE WAS SURE HE WOULD FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH HIS RESPONSIBILITIES VERY QUICKLY.

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ASKED WHETHER MR RENTON WOULD TAKE OVER ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MR RICHARD LUCE, SIR DAVID SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW, MR RENTON'S NAME HAD BEEN MENTIONED, BUT THE POSITION AS TO HIS EXACT RESPONSIBILITIES HAD NOT YET BEEN CLARIFIED.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE FUTURE LEGISLATURE SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DISMISS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID ALL THESE MATTERS SHOULD BE LEFT NOW FOR A PERIOD OF REFLECTION.

AFTER THE ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVE TAKEN PLACE, THERE SHOULD BE A PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION AND REFLECTION BEFORE CONSIDERING THINGS WHICH NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE 1987 REVIEW, HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT MR ALAN SCOTT WOULD TAKE OVER SOME OF THE DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS NOT EXACTLY CORRECT.

+WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT IS THAT WE ARE EXAMINING THE SCHEDULES OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF SOME SECRETARIAT OFFICERS AND AS A RESULT THERE MAY BE SOME RESCHEDULING OF DUTIES.

+BUT THE PROCESS OF EXAMINING THAT IS NOT YET COMPLETE.

+WE WILL MAKE A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS,+ HE SAID.

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SIR DAVID PRAISES POST OFFICE STAFF FOR COURTESY

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED SOUVENIRS AND AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS OF THE POST OFFICE COURTESY DRIVE AND CONGRATULATED THEM FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM.

THE DRIVE, WHICH HAS BEEN PRAISED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE PUBLIC, IS PART OF AN OVERALL GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO IMPROVE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

AT THE PRESENTATION AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE TODAY, THE MONG KOK POST OFFICE RECEIVED THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMER'S AWARD WHILE THE CENTRAL, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, SHEK LEI, YUEN LONG, KOWLOON CITY AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES RECEIVED MERITORIOUS AWARDS. THIRTY POST OFFICES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE WORK AND COURTESY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME EACH RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

+SMALL SOUVENIRS ARE GIVEN OUT AS A FORM OF RECOGNITION, BUT THE REAL INCENTIVE LIES IN A HIGHER LEVEL OF JOB SATISFACTION AND STAFF TAKING PRIDE IN THEIR WORK ARISING FROM A POSITIVE PUBLIC RESPONSE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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+THE POST OFFICE HAS EARNED A FINE REPUTATION AT HOME AND ABROAD FOR AN EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE SERVICE. THE CURRENT COURTESY DRIVE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS CONTINUED EFFORT TO IMPROVE.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE EMPHASIS ON COURTESY WAS NOT A NEW INVENTION AND HAD ALWAYS BEEN AN IMPORTANT THEME IN THE TRAINING OF NEW STAFF.

HE SAID WHAT MADE THE EXERCISE DIFFERENT WAS THAT THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE COURTESY HAD INVOLVED FRONTLINE STAFF THEMSELVES IN ITS PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION, WITH THE MANAGEMENT STANDING BEHIND TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE.

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AIR SERVICES TALKS HELD IN BEIJING
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THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH AND CHINESE DELEGATIONS TO THE AIR SERVICES TALKS HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2 AND 5:

+REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM MET IN BEIJING FROM SEPTEMBER 2 TO 5 TO DISCUSS AIR SERVICES UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED IN THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT SIGNED IN LONDON IN NOVEMBER 1979. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN A FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

+THE TWO DELEGATIONS RECOGNISED THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL DEMAND FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN HONG KONG AND INLAND CITIES OF CHINA WHICH WOULD, THEY BELIEVED, CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG. THEY CONSIDERED HOW BEST SUCH DEMAND FOR TRAVEL COULD BE MET AND AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR SUCH AIR SERVICES WAS REQUIRED. THE BRITISH DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS SHOULD BE DESIGNATED TO OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BEIJING IN ADDITION TO ITS EXISTING SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI. THE CHINESE DELEGATION NOTED THIS WISH OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION.

+THE DELEGATIONS AGREED TO RESUME THEIR DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THEY COULD, THROUGH FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS, REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD FURNISH SERVICES TO MEET THE GROWING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR AIR TRAVEL.+

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PRICE, VOLUME CHANGES IN JUNE EXTERNAL TRADE
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COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 36 PER CENT, GIVING A NINE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY TWO PER CENT, FOUR PER CENT AND THREE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY SIX PER CENT.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE THIS YEAR WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1984, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY SEVEN PER CENT, EIGHT PER CENT AND SEVEN PER CENT RESPECTIVELY AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY TWO PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, ON AVERAGE, INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT AND 32 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT A 13 PER CENT WAS RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE COMPILED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JUNE AND FOR JANUARY-JUNE OF 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RANGING FROM FIVE PER CENT FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD AS WELL AS METAL MANUFACTURES TO 10 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES. DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE REGISTERED FOR COMMODITY GROUPS SUCH AS METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-21 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-NINE PER CENT), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-FIVE PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (-FOUR PER CENT) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-THREE PER CENT).

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THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-38 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-26 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-24 PER CENT); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-16 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (-16 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-12 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (-12 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+21 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+10 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE AND FOR JANUARY-JUNE OF 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF NEARLY ALL END-USE CATEGORIES DECREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RANGING FROM TWO PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS CAPITAL GOODS TO FIVE PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS AND FUELS. THE PRICES OF CONSUMER GOODS, HOWEVER, REMAINED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1984.

SOME OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING SWINE; WHEAT AND FLOUR; VEGETABLES; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS, OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; FRUIT AS WELL AS SUGAR. HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR LIVE POULTRY; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MANY CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS; HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES; PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AS WELL AS TOBACCO MANUFACTURES. HOWEVER, DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOME RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, AMONG WHICH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR AS WELL AS BASE METALS, EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL.

/MODERATE INCREASES

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MODERATE INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED FOR FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AS WELL AS SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; RAW COTTON; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; WOVEN COTTON FABRICS; YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS DECREASED RATHER SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

IMPORT VOLUME OF ALL CAPITAL GOODS ITEMS INCREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, THE MORE NOTABLE ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES; INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE AND FOR JANUARY-JUNE OF 1985 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL THE END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1985 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, RANGING FROM FIVE PER CENT FOR FOODSTUFFS TO 84 PER CENT FOR CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED FOR FUELS (-22 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 1985 ISSUE OF THE 'HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS', AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1985 AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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/Table 1 :

Table 1 : Changes in domestic exports by commodity group

<u>Commodity group</u>	<u>Comparing June 1985 with June 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Jun. 1985 with Jan.-Jun. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Clothing	-10	+ 2	-11	- 5	+ 8	-12
Textile fabrics	-19	- 6	-13	-17	- 1	-16
Textile yarn and thread	-35	+ 1	-36	-35	+ 5	-38
Textile made-ups and related articles	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	- 3	+10	-12
Radios of all kinds	-35	- 1	-34	-24	*	-24
Electronic components	-28	- 3	-26	-19	- 3	-16
Footwear	-11	- 7	- 5	- 4	- 4	*
Metal manufactures	-17	+ 3	-19	- 5	+ 5	-10
Metal ores and scrap	-40	-17	-28	- 4	-21	+21
Watches and clocks	*	- 9	+10	*	- 9	+10
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-28	+ 3	-30	-20	+ 9	-26
Domestic electrical appliances	-22	- 9	-14	- 7	- 5	- 2
All commodities	-11	*	-11	- 4	+ 2	- 6

* Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

Table 2 : Changes in imports by end-use category

<u>End-use category</u>	<u>Comparing June 1985 with June 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Jun. 1985 with Jan.-Jun. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Foodstuffs	- 9	- 7	- 2	- 5	- 5	*
Consumer goods	+ 7	- 2	+ 9	+18	*	+18
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	- 5	- 5	*	- 2	- 2	*
Fuels	-16	- 9	- 8	- 6	- 5	- 1
Capital goods	+31	- 3	+34	+29	- 2	+33
All commodities	+ 2	- 4	+ 7	+ 7	- 2	+ 9

Table 3 : Changes in re-exports by end-use category

<u>End-use category</u>	<u>Comparing June 1985 with June 1984</u>			<u>Comparing Jan.-Jun. 1985 with Jan.-Jun. 1984</u>		
	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %	<u>Value</u> %	<u>Unit value</u> %	<u>Volume</u> %
Foodstuffs	+ 8	*	+ 7	+ 7	+ 2	+ 5
Consumer goods	+20	- 1	+22	+39	+ 2	+36
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	+18	*	+18	+31	+ 4	+26
Fuels	-12	+ 5	-17	-18	+ 5	-22
Capital goods	+50	+ 3	+45	+95	+ 6	+84
All commodities	+23	*	+23	+41	+ 4	+36

* Insignificant, i.e. less than 0.5%

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SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES PAYMENTS FOR IMPORTS

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THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (ECIC) HAS LEARNT FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT PAYMENTS FOR IMPORTS INTO SOUTH AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO BE REMITTED, DESPITE THE RECENTLY IMPOSED MORATORIUM ON OUTFLOWS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

THE ECIC HAS ADVISED ITS POLICYHOLDERS WHO EXPORT ACTIVELY TO THIS MARKET THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MORATORIUM DOES NOT AFFECT PAYMENT FOR DEBTS OWING TO HONG KONG EXPORTERS BY THAT COUNTRY'S IMPORTERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

THE MORATORIUM DOES NOT AFFECT +AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY IMPORTERS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES INCLUDING PAYMENTS FOR FREIGHT, INSURANCE AND OTHER COSTS RELATING TO SUCH IMPORTS+.

THIS ADVICE WAS GIVEN TO POLICYHOLDERS IN CASE THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN BUYERS SHOULD TRY TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFAULT ON PAYMENTS OWING.

ONE OF THE MANY RISKS THAT THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ECIC PROTECTS HONG KONG EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS FROM IS THE BLOCKAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSFERS.

THE ECIC HAS A TOTAL CONTINGENT EXPOSURE OF HK\$37 MILLION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET. THE ECIC WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT COVER, UNLESS THE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA WORSENS.

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PRECIOUS METAL CERTIFICATE SCHEME

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IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT WEEK THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE WILL WRITE INDIVIDUALLY TO ALL FORMER CUSTOMERS OF DEAK PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED'S PRECIOUS METAL CERTIFICATE SCHEME INFORMING THEM OF THE AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO REDEEM THEIR PRECIOUS METAL CERTIFICATES.

LARK INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO ACT AS THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S AGENT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR REDEMPTION AND WILL ACCEPT AND COMMENCE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM CUSTOMERS AS FROM SEPTEMBER 16.

HE DID NOT REVEAL WHAT THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS WERE BUT SAID THEY WOULD BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE LETTERS WHICH WERE BEING SENT TO ALL FORMER PRECIOUS METAL CUSTOMERS.

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SIR JOHN SEES PRINTING WORK
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, WENT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEE THE OPERATION OF A PRINTING FACTORY IN QUARRY BAY IN THE COURSE OF REGULAR WEEKLY VISITS TO FACTORIES TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LOCAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

ON HIS VISIT TO THE TOPPAN PRINTING CO. (HK) LTD. AT WESTLANDS ROAD, QUARRY BAY, SIR JOHN WAS SHOWN AROUND BY THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, MR WALTER LEE.

THE COMPANY, ESTABLISHED IN 1963 BY JAPANESE INTERESTS, PRINTS PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES, TEXTBOOKS, BOOKS, CALENDARS, CATALOGUES, AND BROCHURES.

IN ADDITION TO SELLING TO THE LOCAL MARKET, THE COMPANY ALSO EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA, AFRICA AND CHINA.

SIR JOHN WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MRS STELLA HUNG.

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'BACK DOOR' PATROL STOPPING ILLEGAL SAMPAN TRADE
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SAMPANS FROM CHINA TRADING IN HONG KONG WATERS ARE NOT ALWAYS OPERATED BY INNOCENT FISHING PEOPLE. THE TRADE IN FISH THROUGH DEEP BAY TO YUEN LONG AND OTHER POINTS IN THE WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES IS ALSO A DISGUISE FOR THE TRADE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

IN THE DISEASE RIDDEN AND MURKY WATERS OF YUEN LONG CREEK SNAKE HEADS ARE AT WORK IN THEIR LUCRATIVE AND RUTHLESS BUSINESS OF SMUGGLING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, OFTEN YOUNG CHILDREN, INTO HONG KONG.

BUT TO DO SO THEY MUST FIRST EVADE THE ATTENTIONS OF THE EVER ALERT WEST DIVISION OF MARINE POLICE REGION.

SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR THE DIVISION HAS MOUNTED INTENSIFIED OPERATIONS IN SWEEPING YUEN LONG CREEK AND REDUCING THE VULNERABILITY OF THIS "BACK DOOR" ENTRY TO HONG KONG.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF SOLDIERS FROM THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, POLICE ARE STOPPING AND SEARCHING SAMPANS IN THE CREEK AND KEEPING WATCH TOO ON CHINESE FISHING VESSELS IN DEEP BAY.

HIGH SPEED SMALL CRAFT CAPABLE OF OPERATING IN SHALLOW WATERS ARE BEING USED TO COUNTER THE USE BY FISHERMEN AND OTHERS OF SAMPANS FITTED WITH SOMETIMES ILLEGAL OUTBOARD MOTORS.

/THE YUEN

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THE YUEN LONG CREEK OPERATIONS FOLLOW A RANDOM SAMPLE BY WEST DIVISION OF SAMPANS IN THE AREA, WHICH REVEALED THAT IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR OVER 50 CHINESE SAMPANS A DAY TO ENTER THE CREEK AND TRADE AT WANG CHAU OR VISIT RELATIVES IN THE AREA.

SAID MR RICHARD BELL, WEST DIVISIONAL COMMANDER: "AS THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ENTER HONG KONG AND CHILD ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WAS RIFE IN THE GENERAL AREA, THE OPERATION WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THIS AREA WAS IN FACT A WEAK POINT OR NOT."

DURING TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIFIED OPERATIONS 21 OF 61 VESSELS ENTERING THE CREEK HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE FROM CHINA. THEN THE FIGURE DROPPED RAPIDLY.

BUT IT WAS ALSO APPARENT THAT MANY HONG KONG VESSELS PLYING THE CREEK AND BELONGING TO PEOPLE LIVING ABOUT THE BANKS WERE ALSO POSSIBLE CARRIERS OF ILLEGALS AND POSSIBLY INVOLVED WITH THE IMPORTATION OF NARCOTICS.

ALTHOUGH FEWER VESSELS NOW ATTEMPT TO SNEAK PAST THE PATROLS, THE OPERATION CONTINUES WITH POLICE OFFICERS WORKING FROM A WATER JET BOAT MOORED AT TSIM BEI TSUI PIER AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CREEK AND FROM A POLICE VESSEL MOORED IN THE BAY.

THE SMALL BOATS - ZODIACS AND ARMY ASSAULT CRAFT - SWEEP THE CREEK IN SHIFTS FROM TSIM BEI TSUI. THE WORK IS UNCOMFORTABLE AND UNPLEASANT DUE TO THE FOUL WATER IN WHICH THEY WORK AND THE DUTIES ARE CHANGED DAILY.

SAID MR BELL: "THE MOST NOTABLE ASPECT OF THE CREEK IS ITS HORRIBLE AND PERVADING ODOUR WHICH IS PARTICULARLY PROMINENT DURING WARM WEATHER SPRING LOW TIDES. AN ACRID TASTE IS LEFT IN THE THROAT AND THE SMELL CLINGS TO HAIR AND UNIFORM FOR MANY HOURS.

"THE FLUID ON WHICH OUR VESSELS OPERATE IS AN ANOXIC MIXTURE OF WATER, EFFLUENT, INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND ANIMAL WASTE FROM FARMS. IF A MAN WERE TO FALL INTO IT HE WOULD REQUIRE IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE."

THE CREEK IS ALSO INFESTED WITH MOSQUITOES AND IS CLASSIFIED AS A SERIOUSLY INFESTED AREA. ALL OFFICERS TAKE TWO ANTI-MALARIA TABLETS WEEKLY.

NAVIGATING THE CREEK AT LOW TIDES BRINGS ADDITIONAL HAZARDS. MUD AND DEBRIS AND FLOATING ANIMAL CARCASSES CONSTANTLY THREATEN TO FOUL THE SMALL CRAFT.

ABOARD POLICE VESSEL TWO MOORED IN THE BAY WORK IS LESS UNPLEASANT BUT TEDIOUS. A FORMER DRILLING RIG, THE VESSEL HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY NAMED "BORING ONE" BY ITS PERSONNEL.

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RATHER THAN RUN THE RISK OF BEING STOPPED AND SEARCHED, TRADERS FROM CHINA NOW STOP VOLUNTARILY AT "BORING ONE" TO DECLARE THEIR INTENTIONS OF SELLING FISH IN HONG KONG. THEIR CREWS' PAPERS AND IDENTIFICATION ARE SURRENDERED AND RETURNED WHEN THE CATCH HAS BEEN SOLD AND THE VESSELS RETURN TO THEIR HOME WATERS.

THE CHINESE SAMPANS ARE CHECKED ON THEIR RETURN TO ENSURE THEY ARE NOT CARRYING CONTRABAND.

IT IS NOT SURPRISING, SAID MR BELL, THAT A POSTING TO YUEN LONG CREEK AND "BORING ONE" IS NOT SOUGHT AFTER BY WEST DIVISION OFFICERS. THEY ARE DETACHED FOR NOT MORE THAN A MONTH AT A TIME.

"DESPITE THE HORRIFIC CONDITIONS IN WHICH THESE MEN WORK," SAID MR BELL, "THEY PERFORM WITH ALACRITY."

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CULTURAL COMPLEX A MARRIAGE OF ARTS, TECHNOLOGY * * * * *

A NEW LANDMARK TAKING SHAPE ON THE SITE OF THE OLD KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION WILL BE A TRUE MARRIAGE OF THE ARTS AND THE LATEST ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, THE CHIEF BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEER OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR I.A.G. PHILLIS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON LUNCHEON, HE SAID THAT THE COMPLEX WOULD SERVE AS THE PREMIER THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL CENTRE FOR THE TERRITORY.

THE CENTRE IS BEING BUILT AS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AND WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+THE CENTRE WILL STRETCH FROM THE STAR FERRY TO THE REGENT HOTEL AND WILL INCLUDE THE EXISTING SPACE MUSEUM AND EVENTUALLY THE MUSEUM OF ART WHICH IS NOW IN THE INITIAL PLANNING STAGE,+ MR PHILLIS SAID.

+THE ENTIRE CENTRE, DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1989, WILL ALSO INCLUDE A CONCERT HALL TO SEAT 2 250, A 1 860-SEAT LYRIC THEATRE, A STUDIO THEATRE WITH 300 TO 500 SEATS, RESTAURANT AND CONFERENCE BLOCK AND LIBRARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BLOCK.

+AT PRESENT THE SUB-STRUCTURE IS STILL BEING WORKED ON BUT THE LOWER SUPERSTRUCTURES OF THE CONCERT HALL AND THEATRE ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE CONCERT HALL WHERE THE STAGING FOR THE LOWER SEATS IS OBVIOUS.+

WHERE THE MARRIAGE OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE MOST OBVIOUS WAS IN THE ROOF OF THE COMPLEX. THIS WOULD BE A HUGE WIRE-ROPE NET HANGING BETWEEN TWO HIGH POINTS AT THE LYRIC THEATRE FLYTOWER AND ONE END OF THE CONCERT HALL.

+THE NET WILL BE SUSPENDED LIKE A HUGE HAMMOCK FIXED TO THE PERIMETER WALLS AT ALL FOUR SIDES. OVER THE NET WILL BE PLACED ANODIZED ALUMINIUM SHEETS. THESE WILL BE CLAMPED FIRMLY TOGETHER, WEATHER-PROOFED AND SECURELY FIXED ON UNDERSIDE TO THE ROPE NETWORK,+ MR PHILLIS EXPLAINED.

THIS WOULD BE PART OF AN ARCHITECTURAL OUTLINE WHICH WOULD BE ANYTHING BUT THE CONVENTIONAL BOXSHAPE OF THE AVERAGE BUILDING IN HONG KONG.

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BOARD MEMBERS LEARN MORE ABOUT AREA
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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING WENT ON A TOUR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE YAU TONG AND SZE SHAN AREA.

AFTER A BRIEFING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND PROBLEMS OF THE AREA BY THE ASSISTANT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TAM, THE BOARD MEMBERS TOURED THE KO CHIU ROAD AND YAU TONG ESTATES, AND THE CHEUNG LUNG TIN SQUATTER VILLAGE.

AT THE VILLAGE, THEY WERE TOLD THAT SQUATTER STRUCTURES WOULD BE CLEARED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAM TIN SOUTH ESTATE.

AT LEI YUE MUN THEY HEARD DETAILS ABOUT THE SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENT STAGE IV, UNDER WHICH 1.6 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE RECLAIMED AND DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES INCLUDING A MARKET, A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, A PROMENADE AND AN OPEN SPACE.

BOARD MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THAT WORK WOULD START EARLY NEXT YEAR ON A PUBLIC TOILET AND BATHHOUSE ON A VACANT SITE NEAR THE LEI YUE MUN REST GARDEN.

AT CHA KWO LING, BOARD MEMBERS WERE SHOWN THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE SECOND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE LATEST SITUATION OF THE CHA KWO LING ROAD PROJECT.

THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR ON A TWO-STOREY PUBLIC TOILET AND BATHHOUSE ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT THE CHA KWO LING VILLAGE.

THE TOUR CONCLUDED WITH VISITS TO MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS ALONG CHA KWO LING ROAD AND FAN WAH STREET, THE FAN WAH STREET SQUATTER AREA, AND THE YAU SHING STREET AND CHA KWO LING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THE VISIT TO YAU TONG AND SZE SHAN AREA WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT TO ENHANCE BOARD MEMBERS' UNDERSTANDING OF INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF KWUN TONG. THE NEXT VISIT WILL BE TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

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KOWLOON CITY TOUR FOR DB MEMBERS
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TOURED THE KOWLOON CITY AND SAI TAU CONSTITUENCY THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE PARTY FIRST VISITED LION ROCK ROAD TO SEE THE SITUATION FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S HAWKER CLEARANCE EXERCISE.

MEMBERS LEARNED THAT MORE THAN 100 LICENSED HAWKERS WHO USED TO TRADE ON THE ROADSIDE, WERE RESITED TO THE NEARBY KOWLOON CITY TEMPORARY MARKET LAST OCTOBER AND LION ROCK ROAD WAS RESTORED TO A CLEAN THOROUGHFARE.

THEY THEN VISITED THE TEMPORARY MARKET WHERE SOME 600 FORMER ON-STREET HAWKERS IN THE VICINITY ARE NOW OPERATING IN THE COVERED AND WELL-MANAGED MARKET AREA.

AT CARPENTER ROAD, MEMBERS SAW THE SQUATTER AREA SCHEDULED TO BE CLEARED LATER THIS YEAR TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL CARPENTER PARK.

THEY CONCLUDED THEIR TOUR WITH A WALK ALONG HAU WONG ROAD WHERE THEY INSPECTED THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED KOWLOON CITY MARKET, BEFORE BEING BRIEFED ON HOW PAVEMENT RAILINGS WOULD BE RAISED AS AN ANTI-CRIME MEASURE.

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VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION ORGANISED FOR PUPILS
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AN URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN VEGETABLE GROWING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TAKE CARE OF PLANTS FOR BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE COMPETITION PROVIDES ANOTHER MEANS FOR URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN TO LEARN SCIENCE.

IT IS ALSO AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO LEARN THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION OF THE SHAPE, STRUCTURE AND GROWTH OF PLANTS.

THE COMPETITION, TO BE HELD IN JANUARY, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS — HONG KONG ISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND KOWLOON PENINSULA PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

/PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS CAN SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT POTS COMPRISING FIVE SPECIES AND POT PLANTING TIME IS BETWEEN MID SEPTEMBER AND LATE JANUARY.

TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH THE INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES ON VEGETABLES GROWING IN POTS, A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY FORM TO THE INSPECTOR (PRIMARY SCIENCE), SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9.

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YUEN LONG SOCCER LEAGUE STARTS SUNDAY
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THE SIXTH YUEN LONG DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AT A KICK-OFF CEREMONY IN THE YUEN LONG STADIUM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

A TOTAL OF 16 LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAMS WILL COMPETE EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER IN THE LEAGUE, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION. THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION CHARGES FOR ALL THE MATCHES.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR MA NING-HEI; TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MESSRS TANG NAI-MAN AND TANG CHI-LEUNG; THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR ALAN WONG; THE CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR TAI KUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHIU YUK-CHUEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH YUEN LONG DISTRICT LEAGUE TO BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8) AT 4 PM.

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GREECE JOINS SPEEDPOST NETWORK
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO GREECE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 9), BRINGING TO 34 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO ATHENS, PIRAEUS AND THESSALONIKI IN GREECE, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG ON MONDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEES IN GREECE ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY, WHILE THOSE POSTED ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY.

BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT PER ITEM IS 20 KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE:

ITEMS UNDER 250G	: \$75
ITEMS BETWEEN 250G AND 500G	: \$90
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500G	: \$25

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108, HE SAID.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING POOL
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THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9.45 A.M. AND 12 NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) DUE TO THE SUSPENSION OF POWER SUPPLY.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO USE THE NEARBY LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL AND SHAM SHUI PO PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

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JOIN COURSE TO STAY FIT
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THE 34TH SERIES OF THE POPULAR PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR WEIGHT-LIFTING AND BODY-BUILDING ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE SCHEME WHICH IS BEING RUN ON A MONTHLY BASIS, IS OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE AGED 16 AND ABOVE.

+UNDER THIS SERIES, A TOTAL OF NINE COURSES WILL BE HELD, EACH OF WHICH CONSISTS OF 12 SESSIONS,+ A COUNCIL SPOKEMAN SAID.

+THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY QUALIFIED COACHES AT GYMNASIUM III, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.+

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL'S SPORTS PROMOTION OFFICE AT THE STADIUM.

THE ENTRY FEE FOR EACH COURSE IS \$30 PER PERSON AND THE CLOSING DATE IS SEPTEMBER 15.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 5-756793 AND 5-8939725.

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