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9,687 SECONDARY 6 PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

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STAGE I OF THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE, WHICH ENDED AT 3.30 PM TODAY, RESULTED IN 13,513 SECONDARY 5 LEAVERS BEING SUCCESSFUL IN ACQUIRING SECONDARY 6 PLACES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THERE WILL STILL BE 9,687 SECONDARY 6 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR STAGE II DUE TO BEGIN TOMORROW.

HE SAID A LIST OF SCHOOLS WITH VACANCIES WOULD BE DISPLAYED AT ALL DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES FROM 9 AM TOMORROW.

HE REMINDED STUDENTS WITH 14 POINTS OR MORE WISHING TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY 6 PLACES IN THESE SCHOOLS TO DO SO FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM TOMORROW.

ON DAY THREE (THURSDAY), THE NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE POSTED AT THE SCHOOLS FROM 9 AM AND THOSE ON THE LIST SHOULD REGISTER WITH ONLY ONE SCHOOL BEFORE 3.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT'S 24-HOUR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE SERVED MORE THAN 1,400 CALLERS ON MONDAY - ONE DAY BEFORE THE START OF STAGE I OF THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

THE NUMBER OF CALLERS SEEKING INFORMATION ON TOMORROW'S STAGE II PROCEDURE TOTALLED 1,019 AT 5 PM TODAY.

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ED HANDLES STUDENTS WITH HKCEE ENQUIRIES

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UP TO 5.30 PM TODAY (TUESDAY), THE CAREERS AND GUIDANCE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED 413 VISITORS AND HANDLED 349 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE RELEASE OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE AT ROOM 206 OF THE MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK, PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH MATERIALS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES AND TRAINING, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PROFESSIONS.

THE CENTRE WILL EXTEND ITS OPENING HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.30 PM UNTIL FRIDAY (AUGUST 13).

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INMATES DO WELL IN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR 35 INMATES FROM SIX CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED FAIRY GOOD RESULTS IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE).

THE INMATES, AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 37, TOOK 118 PAPERS IN EIGHT SUBJECTS WITH A PASS RATE OF 81.35 PER CENT.

A TOTAL OF ONE DISTINCTION, 20 CREDITS AND 75 PASSES WERE OBTAINED. THEY PERFORMED BEST IN THE SUBJECT OF PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AND DID WELL IN CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, COMMERCE, ECONOMICS, GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

MOST OF THEM ARE FROM PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION. ONE FEMALE INMATE IS FROM THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND THE REST FROM STANLEY PRISON, CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE AND SHEK PIK PRISON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: "IT IS ALWAYS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE AND TO ASSIST INMATES SITTING FOR THE HKCEE AND OTHER PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS."

"SINCE 1985, SOME 186 INMATES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO SIT FOR THE HKCEE AND THE PASS RATE IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGING ALTHOUGH IT VARIES EVERY YEAR. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF INMATES WHO SAT FOR THIS YEAR'S HKCEE IS A RECORD HIGH," HE ADDED.

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SPECIAL LEVY TO BE SUSPENDED

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THE SPECIAL LEVY WILL BE SUSPENDED AFTER CLOSE OF TRADING OF THE STOCK AND FUTURES MARKET THIS FRIDAY (AUGUST 13), THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES MR MICHAEL CARTLAND ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SPECIAL LEVY WAS INTRODUCED IN 1987 AFTER THE MARKET CRASH TO REPAY PART OF THE LIFEBOAT LOAN MADE TO ENABLE THE HONG KONG FUTURES GUARANTEE CORPORATION TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS.

THE LOAN IS ALSO REPAID BY RECOVERIES FROM THOSE WHO DEFAULTED IN THE INDEX FUTURES MARKET AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH, IN PARTICULAR FROM A MAJOR DEFaulTER WHO HAD ENTERED INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR QUARTERLY REPAYMENTS UP TO FEBRUARY 1996.

THE EXCHANGES (SPECIAL LEVY) ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED IN JULY THIS YEAR TO EMPOWER THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES TO REDUCE OR SUSPEND THE SPECIAL LEVY WHEN THE PORTION OF THE LOAN TO BE RECOVERED FROM SPECIAL LEVY PROCEEDS HAS BEEN FULLY REPAID AND AFTER PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR THE INTEREST AND OTHER COSTS ON THE REMAINING LOAN BALANCE.

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"DUE TO THE ROBUST TURNOVER IN THE PAST FEW TRADING DAYS, WE ARE QUICKLY MOVING TOWARDS THE CIRCUMSTANCES CALLING FOR A SUSPENSION OF THE SPECIAL LEVY.

"THE CURRENT FORECAST SHOWS THAT AFTER A FEW TRADING DAYS, THE SPECIAL LEVY WILL HAVE COME TO THE END OF ITS USEFUL LIFE," MR CARTLAND SAID.

THE EXISTING RATE OF THE SPECIAL LEVY IS 0.03% FOR EACH SALE OR PURCHASE OF SECURITIES RECORDED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LTD AND \$5 PER LEVIABLE TRANSACTION IN THE INDEX MARKETS OF THE HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LTD.

THESE WILL CEASE TO BE PAYABLE AFTER THE CLOSE OF TRADING IN THE TWO EXCHANGES THIS FRIDAY, ON WHICH DAY A SUSPENSION ORDER TO THIS EFFECT MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE. THE OUTSTANDING LOAN WILL THEN BE REPAID BY RECOVERIES FROM DEFAULTERS.

"THE SUSPENSION IS REQUIRED TO AVOID A SUBSTANTIAL AND UNNECESSARY SURPLUS UPON THE FULL REPAYMENT OF THE LIFEBOAT LOAN IF THE SPECIAL LEVY IS MAINTAINED," MR CARTLAND SAID.

"THE SUSPENSION OF SPECIAL LEVY CLEARS UP THE LAST OUTSTANDING ISSUE LEFT OVER FROM THE 1987 MARKET CRASH WHICH CAN FINALLY BE REGARDED AS A MATTER OF HISTORY," MR CARTLAND ADDED.

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LOAN SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED OR DIED AT WORK

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A SCHEME TO PROVIDE INTEREST-FREE LOANS NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000 IN EACH CASE TO EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK AND DEPENDANTS OF EMPLOYEES WHO DIE AS A RESULT OF WORK-RELATED ACCIDENTS HAS NOW COME INTO OPERATION.

THE LOAN SCHEME, WHICH IS FUNDED BY A GOVERNMENT ALLOCATION OF \$10 MILLION AND ADMINISTERED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AIMS AT PROVIDING TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF WORK-RELATED ACCIDENTS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK AND DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM THE EMPLOYERS, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE MAY FACE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WHILE THEY ARE WAITING FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

TO APPLY FOR THE LOAN, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE OR A DEPENDANT OF A DECEASED EMPLOYEE SHOULD APPROACH THE RESPECTIVE BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION DIVISION (ECD) WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF THE EMPLOYER'S REFUSAL TO PAY PERIODICAL PAYMENT OR OF THE DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE, AS THE CASE MIGHT BE, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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THE APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT THE ACCIDENT CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH IS ONE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT, HE SAID.

FOR A NON-FATAL CASE, THE INJURED EMPLOYEE SHOULD HAVE ALSO BEEN OWED PERIODICAL PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS' SICK LEAVE OR ABOVE BY HIS EMPLOYER, HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LOAN, ONCE APPROVED, WILL BE CREDITED TO A BANK ACCOUNT DESIGNATED BY THE APPLICANT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LOAN SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE ECD BRANCH OFFICES OR ON TEL 733 2338.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN MAY

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IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1993, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1.6% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 24%, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 19%. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 18% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE ABOUT THE SAME WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 0.5%. IMPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 1.0%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.6% IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1993 AS COMPARED WITH SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TAKING MAY 1993 ALONE AND COMPARING WITH MAY 1992, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6.4% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 17%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 12%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 12%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS DECREASED BY 0.3%. THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

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COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+11%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-44%); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-30%); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-27%); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-26%); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-25%).

AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, THE PRICE OF FOOTWEAR RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 6.8%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-8.8%); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (-6.4%).

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

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.0% IN MAY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1992.

CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RICE; LIVE POULTRY; AND ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VEGETABLES.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 20%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. HOWEVER, DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS NOTED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SHOWED LITTLE CHANGES IN MAY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1992.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR IRON AND STEEL; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; AND CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; AND RAW COTTON.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 27% IN VOLUME IN MAY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1992.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 28%. NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 2.7% AND 4.8% RESPECTIVELY.

THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 2.9%. THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED MARGINALLY BY 0.5% AND 0.4% RESPECTIVELY.

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

COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 91% AND 35% RESPECTIVELY. THAT OF CONSUMER GOODS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS REGISTERED INCREASES OF 18%, 7% AND 4% RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS; FUELS AND CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 2.7%, 2.5% AND 1.0% RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 3.4% AND 1.0% RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND AUGUST 12 AT HK\$8.5 A COPY AT EITHER THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL. NO.: 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1993 WITH JAN-MAY 1992		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
CLOTHING	-7.4	1.8	-9.0	-8.1	2.4	-10.2
TEXTILE FABRICS	-11.3	-6.4	-5.3	0.7	-3.1	3.9
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-28.6	-4.7	-25.0	-9.1	-5.8	-3.5
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-30.2	0.4	-30.4	-27.5	1.6	-28.5
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-48.9	-8.8	-44.0	-23.6	-9.2	-15.8

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ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	9.8	-0.9	10.8	19.2	-2.1	21.7
FOOTWEAR	-19.8	6.8	-24.8	-38.7	6.9	-42.7
METAL MANUFACTURES	-1.7	-1.9	0.2	2.2	-3.0	5.4
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-17.6	-1.5	-16.2	6.4	-2.9	9.7
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-24.2	2.1	-25.8	-12.6	0.5	-13.0
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-29.0	-2.6	-27.0	-29.4	-2.4	-27.7
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-20.9	-3.7	-17.9	-21.9	-3.6	-18.9
ALL COMMODITIES	-6.5	*	-6.4	-1.3	0.2	-1.6

* LESS THAN 0.05%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1993 WITH JAN-MAY 1992		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	1.5	-0.5	2.0	-2.5	-0.4	-2.1
CONSUMER GOODS	19.6	-0.4	20.2	19.8	-0.5	20.3
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	-2.9	-2.9	-0.1	7.3	-3.7	11.5
FUELS	-24.9	2.7	-26.8	20.4	4.5	15.2
CAPITAL GOODS	34.4	4.8	28.2	34.8	3.3	30.5
ALL COMMODITIES	11.3	-0.3	11.7	16.6	-1.0	17.8

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TABLE 3 : CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING MAY 1993 WITH MAY 1992			COMPARING JAN-MAY 1993 WITH JAN-MAY 1992		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
FOODSTUFFS	3.1	-1.0	4.1	-2.9	-1.5	-1.3
CONSUMER GOODS	18.8	1.0	17.6	22.0	0.3	21.5
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	3.4	-3.4	6.9	14.3	-3.5	18.4
FUELS	95.5	2.5	90.7	57.2	1.7	54.5
CAPITAL GOODS	39.0	2.7	35.3	49.1	2.0	46.1
ALL COMMODITIES	17.1	*	17.1	23.4	-0.5	24.1

* LESS THAN 0.05%

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IMPORTED FOOD SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION

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ALL SAMPLES OF VEGETABLES COMING FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER SINCE THE BLAST INCIDENT IN SHENZHEN HAVE SO FAR SHOWN NO EVIDENCE OF CONTAMINATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP MONITORING OF FOOD, INCLUDING VEGETABLES, AT BORDER CHECK POINTS SINCE THE INCIDENT AND SO FAR 299 LORRY-LOADS OF VEGETABLES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND 87 SAMPLES TAKEN FOR TESTING.

OF THESE, 60 INSPECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED TODAY WITH 20 VEGETABLE SAMPLES TAKEN.

AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CONTAMINATION RESULTING FROM THE BLAST, THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY WORRIED ABOUT THE IMPORTED VEGETABLES AS LONG AS THEY OBSERVE GOOD HYGIENIC PRACTICE BY WASHING THE VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY AND COOK THEM WELL BEFORE CONSUMPTION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE & PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE APPOINTED

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THE JUDICIARY TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENTS OF A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AND A PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE.

MR BRIAN DE SOUZA WAS APPOINTED A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

MR DE SOUZA WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1948.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AND HONG KONG UNIVERSITY WHERE HE OBTAINED A LLB DEGREE IN 1972.

HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR IN ENGLAND IN 1975, IN HONG KONG IN 1977 AND IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA IN 1985.

HE WORKED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS MAGISTRATE IN OCTOBER 1985. HE WAS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ANTHONY TO KWAI-FUNG AS A PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE TOOK EFFECT FROM TODAY.

MR TO WAS BORN IN 1946 IN HONG KONG.

IN 1969 HE OBTAINED A B.SC AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, IN 1978 A LLB AND IN 1979 HE PASSED THE PCLL.

HE WAS ADMITTED AS A SOLICITOR IN HONG KONG IN 1981 AND IN ENGLAND IN 1984. HE OBTAINED THE DEGREE OF LLM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN 1988.

AFTER QUALIFYING AS A SOLICITOR, HE JOINED THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN 1981 AS CROWN COUNSEL. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL IN 1987, IN WHICH YEAR HE WAS APPOINTED MAGISTRATE AND IN 1988 PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL.

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CLOSURE OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES ON HONG KONG ISLAND SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

SIXTEEN OF THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED ON A REAR LANE AT 2-52 MARBLE ROAD, NORTH POINT. THEY ARE MAINLY USED FOR STORAGE.

NOTICES WERE POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (TUESDAY) STATING THAT CLOSURE ORDERS WILL BE APPLIED FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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MEANWHILE, A SIMILAR NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON AN UNAUTHORISED SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES ON THE ROOF OF 64-70 STONE NULLAH LANE IN WAN CHAI.

DEMOLITION OF THE UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES WILL START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE ISSUED.

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FARM ROAD INOCULATION CENTRE ON MOVE

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE FARM ROAD INOCULATION CENTRE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TO KWA WAN WILL MOVE TO TSIM SHA TSUI ON AUGUST 17 (TUESDAY).

THE NEW ADDRESS IS 13TH FLOOR, GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 136-138 AUSTIN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRY IS 314 7630.

DURING THE DAY OF MOVE ON AUGUST 16 (MONDAY), SCHOOL CHILDREN MAY GO TO THE KOWLOON REGIONAL HEALTH OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING, OR NEARBY GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, FOR INOCULATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	10 AUGUST 93	10 AUGUST 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q332	Y392
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD4,020 MN	HKD2,460 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD1,000 MN	HKD300 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.15 PCT	3.76 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.15 PCT	3.77 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 73 PCT	ABOUT 50 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.18 PCT	3.82 PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 16 AUGUST 1993 -

TENDER DATE	17 AUGUST 93	17 AUGUST 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q333	H371
ISSUE DATE	18 AUGUST 93	18 AUGUST 93
MATURITY DATE	17 NOVEMBER 93	16 FEBRUARY 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD1,000 + 200 MN	HKD400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,890
REVERSAL OF LAF	+110
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-500
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.3 *+0.1* 10.8.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.86 PCT	12 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.66	3.74
1 MONTH	2.85 PCT	15 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.92	3.91
3 MONTHS	3.12 PCT	18 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.96	4.13
6 MONTHS	3.31 PCT	21 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.96	4.41
12 MONTHS	3.74 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 29,445 MN

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