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SEPTEMBER PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE
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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY TWO PER CENT AND THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE MARGINALLY IN SEPTEMBER 1982 AS COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1981, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX TO THE IMPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX) ROSE BY ONE PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DROPPED BY SEVEN PER CENT WHEREAS THAT FOR IMPORTS IMPROVED BY ONE PER CENT. THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT, WITH THE VOLUME DOWN BY NINE PER CENT, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY THREE PER CENT BUT THE VOLUME DECREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT.

FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO SEPTEMBER 1982, AS COMPARED WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 1981, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY EIGHT PER CENT, EIGHT PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS EXPANDED BY ONE PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS BY TWO PER CENT, GIVING A ONE PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS AS AGAINST A ONE PER CENT DROP IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. 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 PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS ARE SHOWN BELOW :

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1982

WITH SEPTEMBER 1981

| | <u>EXPORT VALUE</u> | <u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u> | <u>EXPORT VOLUME</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR) | - 11 | + 5 | - 16 |
| TEXTILE FABRICS | - 19 | + 2 | - 21 |
| TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD | + 1 | - 9 | + 11 |
| TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES | - 34 | + 2 | - 35 |
| ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS | - 9 | - 10 | + 1 |
| FOOTWEAR | - 31 | + 11 | - 38 |

/METAL MANUFACTURES

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| METAL MANUFACTURES | - 5 | + 9 | - 13 |
| METAL ORES AND SCRAP | - 49 | - 1 | - 49 |
| WATCHES AND CLOCKS | + 7 | - 22 | + 37 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | - 6 | + 2 | - 7 |

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM TWO PER CENT FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND TEXTILE FABRICS TO 11 PER CENT FOR FOOTWEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-ONE PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-NINE PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-10 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-22 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR MOST COMMODITY GROUPS, INCLUDING TEXTILE FABRICS (-21 PER CENT), TEXTILE MADE-UPS (-35 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (-38 PER CENT) AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-49 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+37 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW :

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1982

WITH SEPTEMBER 1981

| | <u>IMPORT VALUE</u> | <u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u> | <u>IMPORT VOLUME</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FOODSTUFFS | + 16 | + 4 | + 11 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | + 2 | + 2 | INSIGNIFICANT |
| FUELS | + 28 | - 8 | + 40 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | - 9 | - 1 | - 8 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | + 4 | + 5 | INSIGNIFICANT |
| ALL COMMODITIES | + 1 | INSIGNIFICANT | + 1 |

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY EIGHT PER CENT, THE CHANGES IN PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY WERE MODERATE, RANGING FROM A ONE PER CENT DROP FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO A FIVE PER CENT INCREASE FOR CAPITAL GOODS.

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MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SUGAR, SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD AND FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE DROPPED.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR FOOTWEAR AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THESE INCREASES WERE, HOWEVER, OFFSET BY DECLINES IN THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS AS WELL AS TEXTILE MADE-UPS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 40 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECLINED. AMONG THEM LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS, YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES AS WELL AS WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY. THE IMPORT VOLUMES OF YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AS WELL AS CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS ROSE CONSIDERABLY.

MOST OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED CAPITAL GOODS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF OFFICE MACHINES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN BELOW :

PERCENTAGE CHANGES COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1982

WITH SEPTEMBER 1981

| | RE-EXPORT VALUE | RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE | RE-EXPORT VOLUME |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| FOODSTUFFS | + 31 | + 14 | + 14 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | - 6 | + 5 | - 11 |
| FUELS | + 7 | + 5 | + 2 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | - 9 | + 4 | - 13 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | + 13 | + 12 | + 1 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | - 3 | + 6 | - 9 |

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED, RANGING FROM A 13 PER CENT DECREASE FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO A 14 PER CENT INCREASE FOR FOODSTUFFS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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NEW ELECTRONIC 'INTELPOST' SERVICE LAUNCHED

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THE POST OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD, TODAY (MONDAY) LAUNCHED A NEW ELECTRONIC +INTELPOST+ SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW.

EXPLAINING THE NEW +INTELPOST+ SERVICE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE SAID IT WAS +A MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE TRADITIONAL POSTAL SYSTEM AND THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION MEDIA.+

+IT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE HIGH SPEED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, ETC. BETWEEN HONG KONG AND 60 CENTRES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THIS SERVICE, FACSIMILE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS, ETC. ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WILL BE DELIVERED WITHIN A FEW HOURS BY SPECIAL MESSENGER DIRECT TO THE ADDRESSEE IN THE TOWN AREAS SERVED BY THESE 60 CENTRES.

IF THE ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THESE 60 TOWN AREAS, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THE DOCUMENTS TO BE COLLECTED AT THE NEAREST INTELPOST OFFICE OR DELIVERED BY FIRST CLASS MAIL.

THE INTELPOST CENTRES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE BEEN SELECTED WITH THE TWIN AIMS OF PROVIDING WIDESPREAD GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE MAIN COMMERCIAL CENTRES WHERE THE GREATEST DEMAND FOR THE NEW SERVICE WILL BE EXPECTED.

MR HEATHCOTE POINTED OUT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF GOOD COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG AND THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM WILL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE EXISTING SERVICES OFFERED BY THE POST OFFICE.

HE SAID THAT EVENTUALLY ALL POST OFFICES WILL HAVE TO MOVE INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE AND FORECAST THAT INTELPOST, WHICH WAS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE ONLY IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, WOULD BECOME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT SERVICE.

HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE SERVICE WAS NOT RESTRICTED TO DOCUMENTS BUT COULD ALSO BE USED TO SEND DRAWINGS AND EVEN LETTERS OR GREETINGS IN MANUSCRIPT TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE COST OF THE INTELPOST SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (DECEMBER 7) WILL BE \$50 FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF A DOCUMENT OF A4 SIZE (210 MM X 297 MM OR 8.2 IN X 11.6 IN) AND \$25 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT SIDE BEING SENT AT THE SAME TIME TO THE SAME ADDRESSEE.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO PROCEEDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE INTELPOST SERVICE TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE INTELPOST SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR P.C. LUK ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-2671202.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT CONDITIONS BEING REVISED
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THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE 1977 EDITION OF THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT, NOW IN USE FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, IS BEING REVISED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES INGENIEURS CONSEILS (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS) SEMINAR ON CONTRACTING FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS, HE SAID THE REVISION FOLLOWS THE INCREASED INCIDENCE OF TECHNICAL CLAIMS BASED ON INTERPRETATIONS GIVEN BY LEGAL COMMENTATORS ON CERTAIN CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS.

+THE OPPORTUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO CLARIFY CERTAIN OTHER CLAUSES. REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE NEW FORM WILL STILL FOLLOW THE ICE FORM OF CONTRACT, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT IN CERTAIN CONDITIONS,+ MR MCDONALD SAID.

A JOINT DISCUSSION GROUP ON THE STANDARD FORM OF CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS HAS, SINCE SEPTEMBER 1981, BEEN CONSIDERING SUCH TOPICS AS CONTRACTORS' ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS, FIXED TIME LIMITS, INSURANCE, THE PRESENTATION OF GEOTECHNICAL DATA TO CONTRACTORS, MEDIATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ARBITRATION, AND AN EXPANDED METHOD OF MEASUREMENT TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGE IN GEOTECHNICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, HE ADDED.

THE GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF HONG KONG.

REFERRING TO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG, MR MCDONALD POINTED OUT THAT EXPENDITURE ON NEW PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ROSE FROM \$1 368 MILLION IN 1977-78 TO \$5 041 MILLION IN 1981-82 -- AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 55 PER CENT WHEN ADJUSTED TO CURRENT PRICES.

+THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING AND LAND ACQUISITION, IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE REGION OF \$8 500 MILLION.

+IT IS LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT NEXT YEAR, AND THE COMPLETION OF PROJECTS FOR THAT PART OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME FOR WHICH ESTIMATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED WILL ENTAIL THE EXPENDITURE OF A FURTHER \$12 600 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

MR MCDONALD STRESSED THAT THESE FIGURES DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, NOR OF PLANS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AT LEI YUE MUN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIN SHUI WAI AREA.

THE HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, MR MCDONALD SAID, HAD ATTRACTED MUCH OVERSEAS INTEREST AND THERE WERE NOW SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING ENGINEER ORGANISATIONS PRACTISING IN HONG KONG.

+THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A LARGE INCREASE IN THE PRESENCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS, WHO NOW FORM SOME 35 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS ELIGIBLE TO TENDER FOR PUBLIC WORKS OF UNLIMITED VALUE,+ HE SAID.

+I AM THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE OF US ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY,+ MR MCDONALD ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY STRESSED

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ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY PRECIPITATING A MASSIVE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL READJUSTMENT WITH CONSEQUENCES THAT COULD NOW ONLY BE GUESSED AT, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR BILL DORWARD TOLD MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS (IEEE) TODAY (MONDAY).

OPENING THE INSTITUTE'S CONFERENCE, TENCON '82, AT THE FURAMA HOTEL, MR DORWARD SAID:

+BUT THESE ARE PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE FACED, FOR THE TIDE OF PROGRESS UNLEASHED BY THE MICROCHIP CANNOT BE TURNED BACK. IT IS PARTICULARLY FITTING THAT TENCON '82 IS BEING HELD HERE IN HONG KONG IN THE MIDST OF A DYNAMIC REGION WHERE THE FOUNDATIONS ARE ALREADY LAID FOR THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER NECESSARY TO HARNESS THAT TIDE OF PROGRESS.+

MR DORWARD SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND SAID THERE WAS A LOT MORE THAN TECHNOLOGY AT STAKE.

+YOUR WORK IS TAKING US INTO A NEW SOCIETY WHERE MANY OLD CUSTOMS AND CONVENTIONS WILL GO BY THE BOARD. ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE COMPLEX AND SOMETIMES PAINFUL, BUT THEY MUST BE MADE.

+IN MANY INDUSTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE JOB LOSS OF RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN FAR MORE THE RESULT OF PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS THAN ECONOMIC RECESSION OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

+WITH MORE AND MORE APPLICATION OF MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY, THAT PROCESS MUST INEVITABLY ACCELERATE AND SOCIETIES WHICH DEPEND ON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO ADJUST TO A DECLINING DEMAND FOR LABOUR.

+COMING GENERATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE EDUCATED FOR LEISURE TO A DEGREE HITHERTO UNDREAMED OF AND THERE WILL BE A CORRESPONDING BOOST IN THE SERVICE SECTOR,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

WELCOMING THE IEEE, WHICH HAS OVER 200 000 MEMBERS, TO ITS FIRST-EVER CONFERENCE IN THE REGION, AT WHICH SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS ARE TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE ART AND FUTURE TRENDS IN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY, MR DORWARD SAID:

/+YOURS IS

+YOURS IS AN ARCANE WORLD, IT IS ONE OF THE GREAT IRONIES OF OUR AGE THAT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY CHANGED OUR LIVES, AND WHICH WILL CERTAINLY SHAPE OUR FUTURES THROUGH WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS 'THE SECOND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION' ARE SO LITTLE UNDERSTOOD BY OTHERWISE WELL-INFORMED PEOPLE.

+THIS IS A MEASURE, OF COURSE, OF THE SPEED OF DEVELOPMENT; AND THE DEGREE OF IGNORANCE SEEMS TO INCREASE IN RATIO TO AGE. I WATCH WITH WONDER AND NOT A LITTLE DISCOMFORT AT THE EASE WITH WHICH THE YOUNG ADAPT TO THE MICROCHIP IN ITS VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS.

+IT IS NOT ALL THAT LONG AGO THAT THE SCHOOL CHILDREN EQUIVALENT TO THOSE NOW CASUALLY USING MICRO COMPUTERS WERE USING SLATES ON WHICH TO WRITE THEIR ARITHMETIC AND SPELLING.

+IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO TALK OF 'THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY', FOR THE APPLICATION OF ITS TECHNOLOGY SEEMS TO KNOW NO BOUNDS AND PERMEATES VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF INDUSTRY, INDEED ALL ASPECTS OF SOCIETY.

+THE ONLY LIMITATIONS APPEAR TO BE IN WHAT PRACTITIONERS OF THE ART CALL NOT THE HARDWARE OR THE SOFTWARE, BUT RATHER THE 'WETWARE', THAT IS TO SAY THE BRAINS, THE INGENUITY AND THE COMPETENCE OF THE USERS.

+I SEE FROM YOUR PROGRAMME THAT PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUCH DIVERSE APPLICATIONS AS ROBOTICS, SPEECH SYNTHESIS, MEDICAL CARE, OFFICE AUTOMATION AND CHINESE LANGUAGE PROCESSING.

+I DO NOT NEED TO STRESS TO THE HONG KONG MEMBERS OF THIS AUDIENCE JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY HAS BECOME FOR US, AND HOW MUCH WE SHALL BE DEPENDENT IN FUTURE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS INSPIRED AND CREATED BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CONFERENCE. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS WITH TENCON '82+, MR DORWARD SAID.

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MORE PARKING SPACES IN COMING YEARS
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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, TODAY (MONDAY) ASSURED MOTORISTS THAT MORE PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

HE SAID THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICE MIGHT BE EXPECTED WHEN THE FACILITIES ARE TAKEN OVER BY PRIVATE CONCERNS.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THE COSTS OF THIS SERVICE ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE, THOUGH IT WILL NOT BE BEYOND THE REACH OF THE AVERAGE MOTORIST.

SPEAKING AT A ROTARY LUNCH MEETING, MR SO STRESSED THAT THE LEVEL OF CHARGES WILL BE DETERMINED BY MARKET FORCES AND THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF PRIVATE MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT PRICE THEMSELVES OUT OF THE MARKET.

/MR SO

MR SO REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPOINTED A WORKING PARTY TO LOOK INTO PARKING PROBLEMS AND AT THE SAME TIME HAD EMBARKED ON A POLICY TO PROVIDE MORE OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES.

HE SAID TWO ADDITIONAL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, ONE IN KWAI FONG AND THE OTHER IN TSUEN WAN, ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED AND WILL BE READY IN 1983 PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 1 000 PARKING SPACES.

IN ADDITION, 88 SITES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT IN THE HONG KONG OUTLINE PLAN, OF WHICH 24 HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR AN EARLY START.

MR SO POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PROJECTS CANNOT COMPETE WITH ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS SUCH AS HOSPITALS, CLINICS, POLICE STATIONS, SCHOOLS AND HIGHWAYS.

+IN VIEW OF THIS, THE WORKING PARTY ON PARKING SUGGESTED ENTRUSTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. THIS WAS ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN AUGUST THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY'S PROPOSAL HAS TWO FACETS:

- * TO ENTRUST THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SITES RESERVED ON THE HONG KONG OUTLINE PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CAR PARKS TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
- * TO TURN OVER ALL PUBLIC MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, BOTH EXISTING AND FUTURE ONES, TO PRIVATE MANAGEMENT.

MR SO SAID THE BASIC ARGUMENTS FOR ENTRUSTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE THREE-FOLD:

- * THEY CAN BE DEVELOPED MUCH MORE QUICKLY.
- * THEIR DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RATHER CUMBERSOME AND SOMETIMES TEDIOUS PROCEDURES WHICH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW.
- * THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND MORE READILY TO MARKET FORCES.

MR SO EXPLAINED THAT AT PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL. THEY ARE:

- * SELLING ALL EXISTING CAR PARKS BY PUBLIC TENDER TO PRIVATE FIRMS.
- * LEASING THEM TO PRIVATE FIRMS BY PUBLIC TENDER IN RETURN FOR A MONTHLY OR ANNUAL RENTAL.
- * TENDERING OUT THE MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKS TO PRIVATE FIRMS ON A CONTRACT BASIS IN RETURN FOR A PREMIUM, A PREMIUM PLUS A RENTAL, OR ON A REVENUE SHARING BASIS.

+THESE OPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND ONCE A DECISION IS REACHED, PUBLIC TENDER WILL BE CALLED,+ HE SAID.

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UK PRISON CHIEF VISITS INSTITUTIONS

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THE VISITING DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN ENGLAND AND WALES, MR DENNIS TREVELYAN, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED SEVERAL CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

MR TREVELYAN FIRST WENT TO LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE FOR THE CUSTODY OF ADULTS ON REMAND, ONE OF THE FEW HIGH-RISE PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY AND LOOKED OVER THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

LATER, HE VISITED THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON AND SAW THE VARIOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE EXTENSIVE INDUSTRIES SECTION WHERE ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS IN HONG KONG ARE MADE.

OTHER INDUSTRIES PROVIDED BY THE SECTION INCLUDE SHOE MAKING, TAILORING, PRINTING, ENVELOPE MAKING AS WELL AS TELEVISION AND RADIO REPAIRING.

MR TREVELYAN IS ON AN EIGHT-DAY VISIT, AND WILL BE TOURING OTHER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS

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MR N. LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT AIR SERVICES TALKS TO BE HELD IN LONDON FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE TALKS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO REVIEW THE AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

AFTER THE TALKS IN LONDON, MR LATHAM WILL PROCEED TO BERNE FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE SWISS AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

THE TALKS, STARTING ON DECEMBER 13, WILL BE A CONTINUATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN LONDON LAST MONTH TO REVIEW, AMONG OTHER CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, AIR SERVICES BETWEEN EUROPE AND HONG KONG.

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SHA TIN TOWN BUILDING UNEQUALLED
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN MOVING RESIDENTS INTO THE NEW TOWNS.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE IN SHA TIN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID IN 1970, 20 000 PEOPLE WERE LIVING IN SOME 40 RURAL VILLAGES IN SHA TIN.

+WE HAVE NOW CONSTRUCTED A MODERN TOWN IN WHICH 200 000 PEOPLE HAVE MADE THEIR HOMES.

+NOW, EVERY MONTH SHA TIN WELCOMES 7 000 NEW RESIDENTS AND IN TWO YEARS TIME SHA TIN WILL HOUSE NEARLY HALF A MILLION PEOPLE.

+THIS MASS MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WHICH, IN TOWN BUILDING TERMS, HAS NO EQUAL IN THE WORLD, CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY CAREFUL CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS WAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE POPULARITY OF SHA TIN AMONG ITS RESIDENTS.

+THE TOWN PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES. IT HOUSES A UNIVERSITY, A SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, A MODERN HOSPITAL AND ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST EQUIPPED SPORTS TRAINING CENTRES.

+THERE ARE 26 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND 80 MORE ARE IN THE WORKS PROGRAMME, BUT IT IS PERHAPS A PITY THAT THERE IS NO PRIVATE NON-PROFIT MAKING OR PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL IN SHA TIN.+

HE ADDED THAT RECENTLY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HAD LENT ITS SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH PRIVATE NON-PROFIT MAKING SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE COMMUNITY IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO INTRODUCE A DIVERSITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS CHILDREN, AND I CERTAINLY FAVOUR AS MUCH VARIETY AS POSSIBLE IN THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL MAKE UP OF THE TOWN IN ORDER TO CREATE A LIVELY ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

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LORD BELSTEAD ARRIVES
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LORD BELSTEAD, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WAS GREETED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WHEN HE ARRIVED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT. ALSO PRESENT WAS THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNOR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR PAUL CROFT.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, LORD BELSTEAD WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR AND SENIOR OFFICIALS, MEET WITH MEMBERS OF UMELCO, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK, GO ON A HELICOPTER TOUR TO SEE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TOUR A TRANSIT CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND VISIT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

LORD BELSTEAD WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY IN THE GIS THEATRE BEFORE LEAVING FOR BRUNEI THE SAME EVENING.

LORD BELSTEAD WILL THEN TRAVEL TO BANGKOK TO ATTEND A MEETING OF HEADS OF UK MISSIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PASSING-OUT PARADE
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUITS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8).

ON PARADE WILL BE 11 OFFICERS AND 157 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF BASIC TRAINING AT THE INSTITUTE.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN ENGLAND AND WALES, MR D.J. TREVELYAN, WILL BE THE INSPECTING OFFICER AND WILL PRESENT SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 168 RECRUITS OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 10.15 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9.30 AM. SHARP.

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SAN PO KONG WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN FACTORIES AND PREMISES IN THE SAN PO KONG AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9) FOR A WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AFFECTED FACTORIES AND PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TAI YAU STREET, CHOI HUNG ROAD AND TSEUK LUK STREET.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 78.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 455.506 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 270.162 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 46.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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