



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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JUNE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST MONTH FELL BY \$198 MILLION OR 9.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES ISSUED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EXPORTS FOR JUNE WAS \$1,877 MILLION IN VALUE AS AGAINST \$2,074 MILLION IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FELL BY 16.6 PER CENT TO \$2,635 MILLION AS AGAINST \$3,157 MILLION IN JUNE 1974 AND RE-EXPORTS DROPPED BY 9.7 TO \$547 MILLION COMPARED WITH \$606 MILLION IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR SHOWED DECREASES BY VALUE OF 14.5 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 16.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 13.1 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, AS AGAINST THE SAME PERIOD IN 1974.

DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1974 AND JUNE 1975, THERE WERE DECREASES OF 6.7 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 9.8 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 13.7 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES AN EASY GUIDE TO THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES :-

DOMESTIC EXPORTS : \$1,877 MILLION  
 IMPORTS : \$2,635 MILLION  
 RE-EXPORTS : \$ 547 MILLION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	JUNE	JUNE	INCREASE OR	
	1975	1974	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	1,877 (77.4%)	2,074 (77.4%)	- 198	- 9.5
IMPORTS	2,635	3,157	- 523	- 16.6
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	547 (22.6%)	606 (22.6%)	- 59	- 9.7

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	<u>APR-JUNE</u> <u>1975</u>	<u>APR-JUNE</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	5,275	6,199	- 924	- 14.9
IMPORTS	7,825	9,774	-1,949	- 19.9
RE-EXPORTS	1,655	1,894	- 239	- 12.6

	<u>JAN-JUNE</u> <u>1975</u>	<u>JAN-JUNE</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	9,804 (75.3%)	11,472 (75.6%)	-1,668	- 14.5
IMPORTS	14,819	17,839	-3,020	- 16.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,213 (24.7%)	3,698 (24.4%)	- 485	- 13.1

	<u>JULY 1974</u> <u>TO</u> <u>JUNE 1975</u>	<u>JULY 1973</u> <u>TO</u> <u>JUNE 1974</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	21,243	22,769	-1,526	- 6.7
IMPORTS	31,100	34,480	-3,380	- 9.8
RE-EXPORTS	6,639	7,697	-1,057	- 13.7

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NEW APPLICATION FORMS FOR VEHICLE LICENCES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED VEHICLE OWNERS THAT THEY SHOULD USE NEW APPLICATION FORMS FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES AND FOR RENEWAL OF VEHICLE LICENCES.

THE NEW FORMS WERE INTRODUCED LAST WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE COMPUTERISATION OF ALL VEHICLE LICENSING RECORDS, AND COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG OR KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICES, OR FROM MAJOR POST OFFICES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS PRESENTED ON THE OLD FORMS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL FUTURE LICENSING INFORMATION CAN BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED TO THE COMPUTER DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM, HE ADDED.

BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, HE SAID, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO IMPLEMENT THE SECOND STAGE OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM WHEREBY VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSING WILL BE PROCESSED "ON-LINE" BY COMPUTER AT THE COUNTERS.

HE SAID GUIDANCE NOTES WERE PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE NEW FORMS EXPLAINING HOW THEY ARE TO BE COMPLETED, AND SPECIMENS OF COMPLETED FORMS ARE ALSO POSTED IN BOTH LICENSING OFFICES TO ASSIST APPLICANTS.

+IN ADDITION, APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE FORM-FILLING SERVICE PROVIDED FREE BY THE DEPARTMENT AT ITS LICENSING OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL OF A VEHICLE LICENCE, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT THEY MUST PRODUCE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS OR AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE IDENTITY DOCUMENT IF THEY ARE A PRIVATE OWNER, OR A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IF THE VEHICLE OWNERS ARE A LIMITED COMPANY.

RENEWAL APPLICATION FORMS MUST ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK AND A THIRD PARTY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OF COVER NOTE VALID ON THE DATE WHEN THE NEW LICENCE IS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, HE ADDED.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 2) STARTING AT 1 A.M. TO ENABLE A LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE 1-13B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, INCLUDING BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 2-10 AND 5-9 ICE HOUSE STREET, 1A-3 AND 2A-8 DES VOUEX ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, BLAKE PIER, STAR FERRY PIER, THE CITY HALL, THE CITY HALL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, 1-10A CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, AND ALL PREMISES IN CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD.

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LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE, PRAISED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, PRAISED THE LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR ITS FORESIGHT IN ESTABLISHING THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE TO PROVIDE LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE WITH INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINING.

SPEAKING AT THE CENTRE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY GRADUATION CEREMONY, HE SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMY DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND TO MAINTAIN THE DEVELOPMENT, THERE WAS A NEED FOR SKILLED WORKERS AND TRAINED COMMERCIAL STAFF.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HE NOTED, WAS THE MOST DIRECT FORM OF EDUCATION BECAUSE IT PREPARED YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDED THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS WITH THE NECESSARY WORK FORCE. FULLY REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING, THE LWS ESTABLISHED THE CENTRE IN THE SPRING OF 1965.

THE FACT THAT ENROLMENT HAD INCREASED EACH YEAR AND ITS GRADUATES VERY MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY LOCAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WAS PROOF OF THE HIGH REPUTATION THE CENTRE HAD ESTABLISHED FOR ITSELF THROUGH SOUND MANAGEMENT AND GOOD TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

MRS. LEE PRESENTED PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES TO THE GRADUATES.

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SWD FIELD UNITS MOVE

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TWO SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS WILL BE RELOCATED NEXT MONTH IN PREMISES WITHIN THEIR OPERATIONAL AREAS TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 2), THE KOWLOON CITY FIELD UNIT WILL MOVE FROM THE 1ST FLOOR OF FOOK TAO MANSION AT 8-12 SUNG WONG TOI ROAD TO ROOMS 401-404, BLOCK 6, 3RD FLOOR, MEI TUNG ESTATE IN TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-384321.

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (AUGUST 9), THE TO KWA WAN FIELD UNIT WILL MOVE FROM THE 17TH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, TO THE OFFICES IN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD VACATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY FIELD UNIT. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 3-024386.

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RACE ROUND CHAI WAN  
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ABOUT 700 BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 10 AND 18 WILL PARTICIPATE IN A RACE ROUND THE CHAI WAN DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 3).

THE RACE WILL START AT 10 A.M. FROM THE BASKETBALL COURT OF THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHAI WAN ROAD. THE ROUTE WILL BE ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD TO AN UPHILL FOOTPATH TAKING THEM TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD, WAN TSUI ROAD BACK TO CHAI WAN ROAD AND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MR. HUNG CHARN-YAN, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, WILL BE THE STARTER. PRIZES FOR WINNERS HAVE BEEN DONATED BY MR. SHING TING-DONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAI WAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

THE RACE IS SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE-ACTION COUNCIL, THE H.K. FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, THE H.K. PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE (EASTERN).

A SIMILAR RACE LAST YEAR ATTRACTED 500 PARTICIPANTS, MANY OF WHOM REQUESTED ANOTHER ONE BE ORGANISED THIS YEAR.

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SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS CLOSES TOMORROW  
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TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE FIFTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR.

SALE OF TICKETS WILL CLOSE AT 9 P.M. AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB BOOTHS. DURING THE DAY, TICKETS MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE HEAD AND BRANCH OFFICES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

UP TO 5 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 596,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 2) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES - MISS TERESA WONG SHIU-FUNG, MISS LOUISA CHAN YEE-NOR, MR. CHU PUI-HING AND MR. RAYMOND NG SHEK-FAI.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DRAW.

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