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MORE VIEWS ON HOUSING GREEN PAPER
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON HOUSING SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15).

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN WAN CHAI AT PRESENT, MEMBERS ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE OVERALL HOUSING POLICY.

A QUESTION WILL BE RAISED ON WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE WAN CHAI PRIORITY IF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DECIDE TO EXTEND THE +DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM+ SCHEME IN FUTURE.

THERE ARE MANY OLD BUILDINGS WHICH REQUIRE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

ANOTHER QUESTION WILL BE RAISED ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL ON ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS IN WAN CHAI, THE REVISED LAYOUT OF ACCESS TO THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION SEAFRONT ROAD FOOTBRIDGE, APPLICATIONS OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THE WAN CHAI FESTIVAL, AND THE VARIOUS REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, 8TH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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AUGUST EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY-AUGUST 1985, VALUED AT \$305 076 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, ACCORDING TO TRADE VALUE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY SIX PER CENT TO \$83 966 MILLION, WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 37 PER CENT TO \$70 362 MILLION AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$150 748 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT.

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ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR AUGUST 1985 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. DECREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 110 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 047 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$628 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$116 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT) AS WELL AS POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$36 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED RAPIDLY IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$832 MILLION OR 523 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$729 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$477 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$111 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (NOT INCLUDING UNMILLED CEREALS) (BY \$32 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$462 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$135 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$130 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$46 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AS WELL AS SANITARY, PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$918 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$200 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF TO JAPAN ALSO FELL (BY \$230 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT AND BY \$88 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY).

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HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$24 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF) (BY \$9 MILLION OR TWO PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM JAPAN INCREASED IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 347 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) - ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$992 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$687 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$671 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$631 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 437 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$339 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$333 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS) (BY \$537 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$326 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$977 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$465 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$364 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN INORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$300 MILLION OR 288 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$165 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

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MEANWHILE, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$1 024 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$358 MILLION OR 254 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR THE IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL (BY \$58 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT). AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$259 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$222 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$261 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1985 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 116 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 963 MILLION OR 280 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$2 406 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 184 MILLION OR 206 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS (BY \$47 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$45 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE MOSTLY OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS) (BY \$877 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$316 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$131 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$71 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$57 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$302 MILLION OR 693 PER CENT); TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$168 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT) AS WELL AS FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$87 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$79 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$61 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$348 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$75 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FELL (BY \$235 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), AS DID PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES; OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$52 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$128 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT) AND IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$86 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE AUGUST, 1985 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1985 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1985 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE (TEL. NO. : 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-444436).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	36 915	40 248	- 3 333	- 8
CHINA	10 416	6 481	+ 3 935	+ 61
U.K.	5 401	6 521	- 1 120	- 17
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 994	6 367	- 1 374	- 22
JAPAN	2 903	3 331	- 428	- 13
CANADA	2 807	2 998	- 191	- 6
AUSTRALIA	2 209	2 473	- 263	- 11
SINGAPORE	1 465	1 767	- 302	- 17
NETHERLANDS	1 345	1 584	- 239	- 15
FRANCE	1 109	1 234	- 125	- 10

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (+)/ DECREASE (-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	28 220	30 461	- 2 242	- 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	13 800	14 189	- 390	- 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT)	6 826	7 684	- 858	- 11
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6 691	6 553	+ 137	+ 2
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 998	6 964	- 966	- 14
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 888	5 853	- 965	- 16

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TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCE	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
JAPAN	36 110	33 438	+ 2 672	+ 8
CHINA	35 687	36 601	- 914	- 2
U.S.A.	14 909	15 637	- 728	- 5
TAIWAN	14 078	11 073	+ 3 005	+ 27
SINGAPORE	7 580	7 645	- 65	- 1
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5 791	4 690	+ 1 101	+ 23
U.K.	5 407	5 827	- 420	- 7
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 360	3 498	+ 862	+ 25
ITALY	2 291	1 914	+ 378	+ 20
AUSTRALIA	2 171	2 266	- 95	- 4

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+)/ DECREASE(-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	20 912	21 906	- 993	- 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	13 238	14 703	- 1 465	- 10
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT	8 570	5 841	+ 2 729	+ 47

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8 482	7 597	+ 885	+ 12
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7 701	7 258	+ 443	+ 6
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS AS WELL AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF)	7 307	6 119	+ 1 188	+ 19

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (+)/ DECREASE (-) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	32 326	14 953	+17 373	+116
U.S.A.	9 349	7 756	+ 1 593	+ 21
JAPAN	3 564	2 946	+ 617	+ 21
TAIWAN	2 900	3 242	- 342	- 11
SINGAPORE	2 731	3 084	- 353	- 11
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2 384	2 334	+ 51	+ 2
MACAU	1 808	1 552	+ 257	+ 17
INDONESIA	1 681	2 516	- 835	- 33
PHILIPPINES	938	914	+ 24	+ 3
SAUDI ARABIA	896	945	- 49	- 5

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TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN.-AUG. 1985 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1984 (\$ MN)	INCREASE(+) (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	10 172	7 903	+ 2 268	+ 29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	6 484	5 275	+ 1 209	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 233	2 136	+ 3 097	+145
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4 754	4 186	+ 568	+ 14
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	4 684	3 060	+ 1 624	+ 53
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3 756	3 205	+ 551	+ 17

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ZOO'S CONTINUING PRIORITY ON BREEDING, CONSERVATION

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HONG KONG'S SMALL BUT INTERNATIONALLY ESTEEMED ZOO, THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS, IS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE ANIMAL CONSERVATION ITS MAIN PRIORITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THIS IS MADE CLEAR IN THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1984/85, NEWLY PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE OF +INCOMPARABLE HONG KONG+.

THE SECTION ON THE ZOO, WHICH RECALLS THE GREAT SUCCESSES ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS IN REARING THE YOUNG OF THREATENED SPECIES, ADDS: +WITH NO SPACE FOR ANY MAJOR NEW EXHIBITS AVAILABLE, FUTURE EFFORTS WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON THE BREEDING OF RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS OVERSEAS.+

DURING THE YEAR, THE REPORT STATES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS IN THE BIRD COLLECTION WAS THE REARING OF 12 YOUNG WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK. IN ADDITION, THE BREEDING OF PALAWAN PEACOCK PHEASANTS CONTINUED.

+OVER 300 OF THESE RARE PHEASANTS HAVE NOW BEEN BRED IN THE GARDENS AND SENT TO 39 ZOOS AND BIRD COLLECTIONS IN 21 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT THE HONG KONG BIRDS ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING A VIABLE CAPTIVE POPULATIONS OF THIS VULNERABLE SPECIES,+ THE REPORT SAYS.

THESE BREEDING ACHIEVEMENTS ARE UNDERLINED BY A MEMORABLE PHOTOGRAPH IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SHOWING A BABY ORANG-UTAN, BORN DURING THE YEAR, IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS. THE PICTURE IS ONE OF MORE THAN 60 FULL-COLOUR PHOTOS IN THE NEW-STYLE REPORT.

ANOTHER EQUALLY STRIKING PICTURE USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE RECREATION AND SPORT PART OF THE REPORT IS ONE TAKEN AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM DURING A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF FIGURE SKATING ON ICE.

+INCOMPARABLE HONG KONG+, SUB-TITLED +A CITY WITH FAITH IN ITS FUTURE+, IS ON SALE AT LEADING BOOKSHOPS AND AT THE URBAN COUNCIL BOOKSHOPS IN THE CITY HALL AND THE KOWLOON CENTRAL LIBRARY AS WELL AS THE UC PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN ICE HOUSE STREET. IT IS PRICED AT \$15 -- A PRICE WHICH HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY KEPT LOW AS A MATTER OF COUNCIL POLICY.

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LOWER SHING MUN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROPOSED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF LOWER SHING MUN ROAD IN SHA TIN TO COPE WITH INCREASING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION OF LOWER SHING MUN ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE SHA TIN CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE NEW CAR PARK NEAR TAI WAI VILLAGE, AND WIDENING AND EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING ACCESS ROAD TO THE PROPOSED FU SHAN PUBLIC MORTUARY AND THE PROPOSED PO LEUNG KUK HOME FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

THE PROVISION OF FOOTWAYS AND LANDSCAPE AREAS ALONG THE ROADS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES; AND
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK OR THE USE, OR BOTH, MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY DECEMBER 10.

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NEW BLOCKS MARK COMPLETION OF POK HONG ESTATE

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THREE NEW RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS MARK THE COMPLETION OF POK HONG ESTATE IN EASTERN SHA TIN.

INTAKE IS NOW IN PROGRESS FOR THE 2 416 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS, RANGING FROM 32 SQUARE METRES TO 41.9 SQUARE METRES IN SIZE, IN THE NEWLY-COMPLETED 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS.

+THEY ARE THE FIRST RENTAL TRIDENT BLOCKS COMING ON STREAM IN THE NEW TOWN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY.

HE SAID ALSO COMPLETED IN THE LATEST AND LAST PHASE OF POK HONG WERE A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

+WHEN THE NEW BLOCKS ARE FULLY OCCUPIED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, THE ESTATE POPULATION WILL BE BOOSTED TO 26 000.+

OPENED IN EARLY 1983 AS THE SIXTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN, POK HONG HAS DEVELOPED INTO A SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY WITH WIDE RANGING FACILITIES.

IN THE PREVIOUS TWO PHASES, FIVE DOMESTIC BLOCKS IN SLAB AND DOUBLE-H FORM HAVE BEEN BUILT AND ARE NOW HOUSING ALTOGETHER 15 000 PEOPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SHOPPING CENTRE CONTAINING 35 SHOPS HAD BEEN OPENED TO SERVE THE TENANTS, WHILE SOME 62 STALLS IN A MARKET HAD ALSO BEEN IN BUSINESS.

+THE CHARACTERISTIC ARCH SKYLIGHT AND TERRACED INTERIOR LAYOUT OF THE SHOPPING CENTRE HAS MADE IT AN ATTRACTION OF THE ESTATE,+ HE SAID.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDED A NURSERY, TWO KINDERGARTENS, TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, A COMMUNITY HALL, A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE.

+AMPLE LANDSCAPED SITTING-OUT AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AND COURTS FOR VARIOUS BALL GAMES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

+A SITE IN THE ESTATE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED EDUCATION NEEDS IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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VACANT SITE TO BE DEVELOPED

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A VACANT SITE AT MODEL VILLAGE IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED INTO A RECREATIONAL AREA FOR RESIDENTS UNDER A PROPOSED PROJECT BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD.

THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (EIC) HAS APPROVED THE LEVELLING AND CLEARING OF THE 220-SQUARE-METRE SITE WHICH IS NOW COVERED WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH AND DEBRIS.

RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THE SITE HAD BECOME A BREEDING GROUND FOR MOSQUITOES AND INSECTS AND AN ILLEGAL REFUSE DUMPING AREA.

PENDING THE STABILISATION OF A NEARBY SLOPE, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER TURNING THE SITE INTO A SITTING-OUT AREA FOR RESIDENTS PROVIDING FACILITIES SUCH AS BENCHES, FLOWER BEDS AND CHILDREN'S PLAY FACILITIES.

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POSTER DESIGN SOUGHT FOR CIVIC EDUCATION DRIVE
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MONG KOK RESIDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION TO PUBLICISE THE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER.

THE +CIVIC EDUCATION 30+ PROJECT, SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, WILL DESIGNATE 30 DAYS IN THE DISTRICT TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG RESIDENTS.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DEBATES, PUBLIC FORUMS, EXHIBITIONS, TRAINING COURSES AND FUN FAIRS, HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' UNDESTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THEM.

THE BEST DESIGN POSTERS WILL BE PRINTED AND PUT ON DISPLAY IN PUBLIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

WINNERS OF THE TOP THREE DESIGNS WILL BE AWARDED GIFT CHEQUES.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 26 AND ENTRY FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE.

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YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL ATTRACTS THOUSANDS
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THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TAKING PART IN A YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL WHICH BEGAN TODAY, AND WILL CONTINUE NEXT SUNDAY IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

KNOWN AS THE STANDARD CHARTERED YOUTH SPORTS CARNIVAL, IT IS ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK.

SPEAKING THIS MORNING AT THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL IN SHA TIN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG SAID THAT THE CARNIVAL, BASED ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR SLOGAN +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE+, OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY.

THE CARNIVAL FEATURES BADMINTON, SQUASH, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, HANDBALL, FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL, CANOEING, DINGHY SAILING, WINDSURFING, FUN GAMES, ROAD RACING, ROWING, CYCLING AND A WATER SPORTS CARNIVAL TO BE HELD IN VARIOUS VENUES IN SHA TIN AND TAI PO TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY.

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ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS A TELEMATCH, IN WHICH WELL-KNOWN LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO PERSONALITIES, FOOTBALL STARS AND JOCKEYS TOOK PART.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND- A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 1985 IYY, MR LO KING-MAN AND A MANAGER OF THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, MR PATRICK WONG.

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KEEPING UP WITH THE LATEST
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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC'S) UNDERGO REGULAR BRIEFING SESSIONS TO KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES SO THAT THEY ARE WELL PREPARED TO ANSWER QUERIES FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE 65 PESC'S OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY PROVIDE NUMEROUS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

+MOST OF THE ENQUIRIES AT THE CENTRES ARE ANSWERED BY THE STAFF, EXCEPT WHERE AN ENQUIRY IS OF SUCH COMPLEX OR TECHNICAL NATURE THAT REFERRAL FOR EXPERT ADVICE IS NEEDED,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SET OF INFORMATION MANUALS CATEGORISED BY DEPARTMENTS AND COMPILED ACCORDING TO RELATED TOPICS SO THAT THE STAFF CAN EASILY OBTAIN INFORMATION WHEN ANSWERING QUERIES.

BRIEFING SESSIONS ARE HELD TWICE A MONTH AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL PESC STAFF WHERE OFFICERS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ARE INVITED TO GIVE TALKS ON POPULAR ENQUIRY SUBJECTS.

ONE OF THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE PESC'S IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

THE PESC'S ALSO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND EXPERT GUIDANCE ON RENTS, RATES, TENANCY MATTERS AND CONSUMER QUERIES.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY APPROACH ANY PESC IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, OR CALL ON CNTA HEADQUARTERS IN WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, KOWLOON (TEL: 3-692255) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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SAFETY REMINDER ON SPORTS MEETS
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SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEETS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY RISKS SO AS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SCHOOL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAWING UP THE SPORTS PROGRAMMES HAD FIRST TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THE STUDENTS HAD THE EXPERIENCE AND SKILL TO TAKE PART IN THE PARTICULAR EVENTS.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN MORE THAN THREE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ON ANY DAY OF AN ATHLETIC MEET AND SHOULD BE ADVISED TO THOROUGHLY WARM-UP BEFORE EACH EVENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SAFETY RULES OUTLINED IN THE 1985 EDITION OF THE BOOKLET ON +SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR HONG KONG SCHOOLS+, SHOULD BE OBSERVED BY ALL CONCERNED, HE SAID.

AND PARENTS SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENTS IN ATHLETIC EVENTS WAS VOLUNTARY.

IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SCHOOLS INVITE QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS FROM THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE OR THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES TO ATTEND THE ATHLETIC MEET.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN NORTH POINT
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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 15) TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, BUSES ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD HEADING FOR NORTH POINT FERRY PIER WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND SHU KUK STREET. BUSES HEADING FOR QUARRY BAY AND AREAS FURTHER EAST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT ROAD, JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD.

THE MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED ON OCTOBER 16 -- FROM 10 PM UNTIL 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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CENTRAL TRAFFIC CHANGES
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 16), TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * GLENEALY SECTION BETWEEN ALBANY ROAD AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD SECTION BETWEEN ICE HOUSE STREET AND GLENEALY WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE COTTON TREE DRIVE AND UPPER ALBERT ROAD TO REGAIN ACCESS TO GLENEALY.
- * GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTES 8, 11, 22 AND 28 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA COTTON TREE DRIVE, UPPER ALBERT ROAD AND CAINE ROAD ON THEIR WESTBOUND JOURNEYS.

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