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TIME WELL SPENT  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID HE WAS SURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDED ITS FOUR OPEN MEETINGS AS TIME WELL SPENT.

SIR PHILIP WAS SPEAKING AT THE END OF THE LAST OF THE FOUR MEETINGS TODAY (MONDAY). HE SAID THAT 41 CONTROLLING OFFICERS HAD APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER 265 NOTIFIED QUESTIONS AND THEY ALSO REPLIED TO SUPPLEMENTARIES. IN ADDITION 185 WRITTEN REPLIES HAD BEEN GIVEN. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS IN SESSION FOR OVER 16 HOURS.

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TAC CONSIDERS PROPOSALS ON TAXIS  
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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AT ITS MEETING TODAY, CONSIDERED VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 1983 TAXI REVIEW.

THESE PROPOSALS, TOGETHER WITH THE REVIEW, WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, TAXI ASSOCIATIONS AND THE FINANCE HOUSES ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, WHOSE MEMBERS PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE MAJORITY OF TAXIS, TO OBTAIN THEIR COMMENTS.

IT IS ALSO INTENDED THAT THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY SHOULD INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON TAXI USAGE. ADDITIONALLY, PUBLIC OPINION AS REFLECTED IN THE MEDIA, WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED.

THIS PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY. PUBLIC RESPONSE, TOGETHER WITH THE RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS SURVEYS, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAC AND, AFTERWARDS, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ANY LEGISLATION REQUIRED WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO AND DEBATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF ITS CURRENT SESSION IN JULY.

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ELECTRICAL GENERATING CAPACITY TO DOUBLE  
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ELECTRICAL GENERATING CAPACITY IN HONG KONG SHOULD DOUBLE BY THE EARLY 1990'S, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR OSBORNE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF +ELENEX 84+, THE FIRST HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING SHOW.

IT IS BEING HELD AT THE HONG KONG EXHIBITION CENTRE UNTIL THURSDAY AND HAS ATTRACTED PRODUCTS FROM OVER 60 PARTICIPANTS.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID HONG KONG'S TOTAL GENERATING CAPACITY IN 1945 WAS 100 MEGAWATTS, AND THIS INCREASED TO 400 MEGAWATTS 20 YEARS LATER.

+BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S WHEN, FUELED BY A POPULATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, HONG KONG'S ELECTRICAL GENERATING CAPACITY BEGAN ITS PHENOMENAL EXPANSION.

+ALTHOUGH THIS WAS LED BY INDUSTRY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECALL THAT DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY GREW IN AN EQUALLY DRAMATIC FASHION, REFLECTING INCREASING LIVING STANDARDS,+ HE SAID.

BY 1968, CAPACITY HAD INCREASED TO ABOUT 800 MEGAWATTS AND, WAS NOW JUST OVER 5 000 MEGAWATTS.

+THE GROWTH OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND THE TENDENCY TO MAXIMISE LAND USE IN HONG KONG WERE THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THIS GROWTH IN DEMAND,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING FOR DECORATION AND ILLUMINATION, THE INSTALLATION OF ESCALATORS AND LIFTS IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (INCLUDING STANDBY GENERATORS), THE GROWTH OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND SECURITY SYSTEMS AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THE WIDE-SPREAD INTRODUCTION OF AIR-CONDITIONING HAD ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REMARKABLE GROWTH.

WHAT WAS FREQUENTLY OVERLOOKED, HOWEVER, WAS THE INCREASING DEMAND FROM RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ISOLATED FOOTBALL PITCHES OF THE PAST, WHICH COULD BE USED ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, HAD GIVEN WAY TO LARGE, MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES, WHICH CATERED FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR THRIVING, METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNMENT NOW PROVIDED FOOTBALL PITCHES, BASKET-BALL, TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS AND SWIMMING FACILITIES TO THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

THESE INVOLVED FLOODLIGHTING, COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARDS AND TELE-VISUAL FACILITIES, AND, TAKEN TOGETHER, PLACED AN INCREASING DEMAND ON OUR POWER SUPPLY - AS WELL AS ON OUR CAPACITY FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.

FINALLY, COMPUTERISATION IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, AUTOMATION IN MANUFACTURING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO MODERN, HIGH-SPEED, ELECTRIC RAIL SYSTEMS, WERE AMONG THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO HAVE PLACED FURTHER DEMANDS ON THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

OVERALL, THE ANNUAL CONSUMPTION OF UNITS OF ELECTRICITY PER PERSON IN HONG KONG HAD INCREASED BY OVER 50 PER CENT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

THIS CONSUMPTION WAS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF SINGAPORE, BUT WAS ONLY 60 PER CENT OF THE PER-CAPITA CONSUMPTION IN JAPAN, SO IT COULD NOT BE SAID THAT WE WERE EXTRAVAGANT IN OUR USE OF ELECTRICITY.

+NOR CAN IT BE SAID THAT THE INCREASE IN DEMAND AND PER-CAPITA CONSUMPTION HAS TAKEN PLACE AT ANY SACRIFICE IN COST,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

IN MAY, 1983, A SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE LOCAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRIES SHOWED THAT HONG KONG HAD THE LOWEST COMMERCIAL CHARGE FOR ELECTRICITY IN THE REGION.

IT ALSO SHOWED THAT IT HAD THE SECOND LOWEST INDUSTRIAL CHARGE IN THE REGION, BEHIND TAIWAN, BUT WAS CHEAPER THAN JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

DOMESTIC CONSUMERS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND TO PAY THE THIRD LOWEST RATE IN THE REGION, BEHIND ONLY THAILAND AND TAIWAN.

+THEREFORE, I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT THE GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S GENERATING CAPACITY HAS BEEN BOTH SWIFT AND PRUDENT,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

HE SAID ALMOST 40 PER CENT OF THE PRESENT GENERATING CAPACITY OF 5 000 MEGAWATTS WAS COMPLETED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AT A COST OF \$12 BILLION.

IN THE COMING YEAR, TWO NEW 350 MEGAWATT COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNITS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED AT A TOTAL COST OF SOME \$6 BILLION.

THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR 660 MEGAWATT COAL-FIRED UNITS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$18 BILLION.

+BY THE EARLY 1990'S, THE GENERATING CAPACITY IN HONG KONG SHOULD AGAIN HAVE DOUBLED, TO ABOUT 10 000 MEGAWATTS,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

+THIS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WILL ENSURE THAT HONG KONG IS ABLE TO MEET THE GROWING DEMANDS OF ITS DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

HE SAID SOME HAD QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO ANY COMMUNITY WAS A USEFUL INDEX OF ITS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

+GIVEN THE RELATIVE POSITION OF HONG KONG IN THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION TABLE FOR THE REGION, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO POWER COMPANIES, IS CONTINUING TO PLAN FOR SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO EXPLOIT ITS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL TO THE FULL AND IN THIS RESPECT I ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY MEMBERS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION IN ENSURING THE ELECTRICITY, AS PROVIDED BY THE POWER COMPANIES, REACHES THE CONSUMER IN A SAFE AND PROPER MANNER.+

THE EXHIBITION, HE SAID, WAS ONE INDICATION THAT HONG KONG REMAINED AT THE FOREFRONT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION. BESIDES HONG KONG, THERE ARE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, DENMARK AND BULGARIA.

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JANUARY MERCHANDISE TRADE RISES SHARPLY  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY 1984, VALUED AT \$32 666 MILLION, INCREASED BY 51 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JANUARY 1983, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 68 PER CENT TO \$10 791 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 38 PER CENT TO \$15 899 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 61 PER CENT TO \$5 976 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 65 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THESE COMPARATIVE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE BEGINNING MONTHS OF THE YEAR ARE, AS USUAL, INFLUENCED BY THE TIMING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME OF THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1984 REFLECTED INCREASED SHIPMENTS PRIOR TO THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

+THIS POINT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN INTERPRETING SUCH STATISTICS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AT THE END OF THIS PRESS RELEASE.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ROSE BY 87 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$976 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$232 MILLION OR 121 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$226 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$15 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$8 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING CLOTHING (BY \$229 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$24 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$22 MILLION OR 226 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$133 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$72 MILLION OR 1 403 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$31 MILLION OR 153 PER CENT, AND TEXTILES (BY \$26 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$71 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$55 MILLION OR 137 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$69 MILLION OR 130 PER CENT).

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

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

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$575 MILLION OR 119 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$289 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$76 MILLION OR 160 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$63 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$56 MILLION OR 189 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$153 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$114 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$17 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT), AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$4 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$213 MILLION OR 159 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$58 MILLION OR 523 PER CENT), AND TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$42 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$ 15 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$14 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$7 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$4 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$153 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$105 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

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

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 021 MILLION OR 169 PER CENT), UNITED STATES (BY \$440 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$171 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$130 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$112 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$49 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$47 MILLION OR 328 PER CENT) AND CANADA (BY \$41 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$86 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY 65 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT). THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$452 MILLION OR 105 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$300 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$244 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$141 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$22 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$11 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$11 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT). THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE JANUARY 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY APRIL 1984, AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

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

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
U. S. A.	4 753	2 536	+2 217	+87
F. R. OF GERMANY	889	548	+ 341	+62
U. K.	791	437	+ 353	+81
CHINA	670	352	+ 317	+90
JAPAN	369	230	+ 139	+60
AUSTRALIA	359	188	+ 171	+91

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CANADA	344	219	+ 125	+57
SINGAPORE	233	161	+ 72	+45
NETHERLANDS	211	136	+ 75	+55
SWITZERLAND	181	118	+ 63	+53

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3 989	2 261	+1 728	+76
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	1 525	938	+ 586	+62
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	846	523	+ 323	+62
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	842	430	+ 411	+96
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE- UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	722	418	+ 304	+73
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	721	628	+ 93	+15

TABLES 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
CHINA	4 508	2 964	+1 544	+52
JAPAN	3 048	2 340	+ 708	+30

U.S.A.	1 628	1 206	+ 422	+35
TAIWAN	1 242	858	+ 384	+45
SINGAPORE	946	723	+ 222	+31
U.K.	728	565	+ 163	+29
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	459	296	+ 163	+55
F.R. OF GERMANY	401	311	+ 89	+29
AUSTRALIA	283	178	+ 105	+59
SWITZERLAND	249	206	+ 43	+21

TABLES 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

<u>COMMODITY SECTIONS</u>	<u>JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	4 513	2 910	+1 603	+55
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3 643	2 507	+1 137	+45
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	2 616	1 999	+ 617	+31
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	1 808	1 514	+ 294	+19
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	1 182	868	+ 314	+36
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	948	938	+ 10	+ 1

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TABLES 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET S	JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
CHINA	1 623	602	+1 021	+169
U. S. A.	959	519	+ 440	+85
SINGAPORE	400	351	+ 49	+14
TAIWAN	358	187	+ 171	+91
INDONESIA	342	427	- 86	-20
JAPAN	315	185	+ 130	+70
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	251	139	+ 112	+80
MACAU	163	138	+ 25	+18
AUSTRALIA	124	51	+ 74	+145
THAILAND	119	83	+ 35	+42

TABLES 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ( % )
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	881	429	+ 452	+105
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	572	272	+ 300	+111
ARTICLES OF APPAREAL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	546	302	+ 244	+81
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	324	183	+ 141	+77
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	293	274	+ 18	+ 7
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	280	150	+ 131	+87

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1984

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MOBILE SERVICE FOR ID CARD SCHEME

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A MOBILE SERVICE FOR APPLICANTS OF NEW I.D. CARDS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SAI KUNG, MUI WO, LAMMA AND CHEUNG CHAU.

MEN BORN IN 1948, 1949 AND 1965 WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THESE AREAS MAY USE THE SERVICE BETWEEN MARCH 26 AND APRIL 7.

THOSE BORN BETWEEN 1950 AND 1959 WHO HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED THEIR NEW CARDS MAY ALSO USE THE SERVICE.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE SERVICE IS TO SAVE RESIDENTS IN REMOTE AREAS THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO GET THEIR NEW CARDS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WHEN THE SERVICE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED LAST OCTOBER, IT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MOBILE TEAMS WILL OPERATE FROM FOUR LOCATIONS AT DIFFERENT PERIODS:

MARCH 26 - APRIL 1	MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE, SOUTH LANTAO ROAD, MUI WO
APRIL 2 - APRIL 7	NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET, NORTH LAMMA
MARCH 26 - APRIL 6	CHEUNG CHAU FIELD OFFICE, KWAN YAM WAN ROAD, CHEUNG CHAU
MARCH 26 - APRIL 6	SAI KUNG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO VOTE

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CHAI WAN RESIDENTS WERE URGED TODAY (MONDAY) TO TURN OUT TO REGISTER AS VOTERS IN AUGUST, SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MAKING THE CALL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID LOCAL PEOPLE SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE NEEDS OF THEIR DISTRICTS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A DENTAL CLINIC RUN BY PROJECT CONCERN HONG KONG AT HING MAN ESTATE.

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THE LOW COST DENTAL CARE PROVIDED BY THE NEW CLINIC, HE SAID, WAS A WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING.

+A COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR CHAI WAN WHICH IS UNDER RAPID DEVELOPMENT,+ HE ADDED.

LOCATED AT ROOM 408 IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF HING MAN ESTATE, THIS IS THE SEVENTH CLINIC SET UP BY PROJECT CONCERN IN HONG KONG, OFFERING LOW-COST DENTAL SERVICE TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

DURING ITS INITIAL STAGE OF OPERATION, THE CLINIC WILL OFFER FREE DENTAL SERVICE TO ABOUT 200 CHILDREN IN CHAI WAN.

IT WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 7 PM TO 9.30 PM DURING WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED

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FROM THURSDAY (MARCH 15), THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO QATAR AND LUXEMBOURG, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS NOW MEANS THAT 25 COUNTRIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS ARE FOR TRANSMISSION TO ALL AREAS IN QATAR AND LUXEMBOURG.

+ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY. BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE+, HE SAID.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 15 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>QATAR</u>	<u>LUXEMBOURG</u>
ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G	\$60	\$72
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G	\$71	\$90
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$15	\$23

+THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS. CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ HE SAID.

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MUSIC OFFICE TO STAGE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA  
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THE 1984 ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MARCH 18) AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

THE DEAN OF MUSIC OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR ANGUS WATSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING WHICH 264 OUTSTANDING MUSIC TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR BENJAMIN TANG WILL ALSO ATTEND.

THE ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS ON THE MUSICAL CALENDAR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. DURING THE GALA ABOUT 500 TRAINEES IN DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTAL STREAMS ARE PROVIDED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM BEFORE THEIR PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE 1984 ANNUAL TRAINEES' GALA AND THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (MARCH 18), STARTING AT 4 PM. INTERVIEWS OF TRAINEES CAN BE ARRANGED AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB MEMBERS TO VISIT PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE  
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MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL VISIT THE TRAINING BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 14) AFTERNOON.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC SERVICES, METALS DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CENTRE AT 2.15 PM ON THE 13TH FLOOR, BANK CENTRE, 636 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK.

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SPORTS CENTRE FOR MONG KOK READY SOON  
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A NEW CULTURAL AND SPORTS CENTRE FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE READY IN A FEW MONTHS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE WILL INCLUDE A GYMNASTIC HALL, TWO SQUASH COURTS, A FITNESS TRAINING CENTRE, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, A DANCE FLOOR AND FOUR MUSIC ROOMS.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE TOPPING CEREMONY OF THE LIM POR YEN CENTRE - A JOINT PROJECT OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HE SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN PLAYING A MAJOR PART IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE ENRICHMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1971.

+IT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING A VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT AGES AND INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VARIOUS ANNUAL SWIMMING COMPETITIONS AND THE ATHLETIC MEET IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE MANY PERFORMANCES OF THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAD NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THE IDEA OF BUILDING A CULTURAL AND SPORTS CENTRE OF ITS OWN, AND THE \$3 MILLION FROM JOCKEY CLUB HAD HELPED +TURN THE ASSOCIATION'S ENDEAVOUR INTO REALITY+.

HE ALSO THANKED MR LIM POR-YEN AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

+LET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR CULTURAL AND SPORTS POTENTIAL IN AND THROUGH THE CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

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PLAYGROUND TO BE BUILT AT KOWLOON CITY  
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A PLAYGROUND IS TO BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND SHEK KU LUNG ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, COVERING 1.35 HECTARES.

IT WILL HAVE FOUR TENNIS COURTS, TWO VOLLEY BALL-AND - BADMINTON COURTS AND TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, AND WILL INCLUDE A TWO-STOREY SERVICE BUILDING WITH CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

THE WHOLE SITE AREA WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN 10 MONTHS.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

WOMEN'S SHELTER OPENING  
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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF A SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S SHELTER AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SHELTER, KNOWN AS THE SALVATION ARMY NAM MING HAVEN FOR WOMEN, IS SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NAM MING HOUSE, NAM SHAN ESTATE, SHEK KIP MEI, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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WORK STARTS ON AP LEI CHAU ACCESS ROAD  
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CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD ON AP LEI CHAU ISLAND HAS STARTED AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE ROAD WILL BE JUST OVER 600 METRES LONG AND 7.3 METRES WIDE, AND WILL SERVE THE SHELL OIL DEPOT AND THE INDUSTRIAL AREA IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

A CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$3.85 MILLION, HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND WING MOU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THERE WILL BE A TWO-METRE WIDE PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH ON EACH SIDE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR NGAU TAU KOK  
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN NGAU TAU KOK FROM 1 AM TO 5.15 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (MARCH 14 AND 15) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE MEASURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* THE SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK FIRST STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA ON TAK ROAD AND ON SHIN ROAD.
- \* WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA ELEGANCE ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD OR ALTERNATIVELY, VIA ON SHIN ROAD AND ON TAK ROAD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN SHA TIN  
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A SECTION OF YUEN WO ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (MARCH 13 AND 14) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

THE SECTION LIES BETWEEN YUEN WO ROAD'S JUNCTIONS WITH FO TAN ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD LINKING YUEN WO ROAD TO TAI PO ROAD.

MOTORISTS TO YUEN WO ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD AND VICE VERSA ARE ADVISED TO USE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

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WAN CHAI WATER WORKS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 15) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, LUN FAT STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD AND LEE TUNG STREET.

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WATER FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 463.658 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 436.167 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 74.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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