



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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1976 POPULATION BY-CENSUS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS GEARED UP TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE CENSUS COVERING 10 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

THERE WILL IN FACT BE TWO SEPARATE CENSUSES : ONE ON THE MARINE POPULATION BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 1, COVERING SOME 1,200 BOATS- AND THE OTHER ON THE LAND POPULATION BETWEEN JULY 30 AND AUGUST 8, COVERING SOME 100,000 HOUSEHOLDS. SELECTION OF BOATS AND HOUSEHOLDS HAS BEEN DONE BY RANDOM PROCESS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CENSUS IS TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE POPULATION- FOR EXAMPLE, ITS OVERALL SIZE, ITS AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, ITS DISTRIBUTION, HOW AND WHERE PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED, LEVELS OF EDUCATION, HOUSING CONDITIONS AND SO ON.

THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR THE PLANNING OF HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND FOR MANY OTHER PURPOSES INVOLVING BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

THE LAST TIME SUCH COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED WAS IN THE 1971 FULL CENSUS. FULL CENSUSES ARE USUALLY TAKEN EVERY 10 YEARS, BUT IT HAS BEEN FELT NECESSARY TO HOLD A CHECKING-UP OPERATION MID-TERM - AS WAS DONE IN 1966.

ENUMERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY SOME 50 ENUMERATORS FOR THE MARINE CENSUS AND SOME 2,100 ENUMERATORS FOR THE LAND CENSUS. THE MAJORITY OF THEM WILL BE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND MATRICULATION CLASS STUDENTS, FULLY TRAINED IN ENUMERATION PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES.

EACH ENUMERATOR WILL BE ISSUED WITH A CENSUS IDENTITY CARD WHICH HE IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE WHEN HE MAKES A VISIT. HE WILL ALSO TAKE AN OATH NOT TO DIVULGE ANY INFORMATION HE COLLECTS TO ANYONE NOT ENGAGED IN CENSUS WORK.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE CENSUS DATA EVENTUALLY RELEASED WILL BE IN SUCH A FORM THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY ANY INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS RECOGNISED THAT ANSWERING THE QUESTIONNAIRE INEVITABLY INVOLVED SOME INCONVENIENCE TO THOSE CONCERNED. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALWAYS RECEIVED EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THE PUBLIC IN ITS VARIOUS SURVEYS OF THIS KIND AND HE HOPED THAT SIMILAR COOPERATION WOULD BE GIVEN IN THE FORTHCOMING EXERCISE.

HE STATED THAT PROVISIONAL POPULATION ESTIMATES BY AREA ARE EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION IN EARLY OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

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MARCH EXPORTS UP BY \$890 M.

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR MARCH WAS \$2,512 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF \$891 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT, BY VALUE, COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 43.7 PER CENT TO \$3,498 MILLION WHILE THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WENT UP BY 33.7 PER CENT TO \$747 MILLION COMPARED WITH MARCH 1975.

THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR, OF 51.1 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 38.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 35.6 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM APRIL 1975 TO MARCH 1976 COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 13.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 9.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 9.4 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT COMMENTING ON THE TRADE FIGURES REFERRED TO THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN HIS LAST BUDGET SPEECH, WHEN HE SAID +THE FIRST HALF OF 1975 WAS VERY DEPRESSED AND THE ECONOMY WAS OPERATING WELL BELOW CAPACITY IN ALL SECTORS. SO, ANY GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1976 WILL APPEAR, SUPERFICIALLY, VERY HIGH, BUT THIS SHOULD BE SEEN AS A REFLECTION OF THE LOW LEVEL REACHED THIS TIME LAST YEAR RATHER THAN A HIGH LEVEL OF OUTPUT RELATIVE TO THE CAPACITY OF THE ECONOMY.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOLLOWING TABLE WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES IS GIVEN FOR YOUR REFERENCE :-

<u>MERCHANDISE</u> :	DOMESTIC EXPORTS :	\$2,512 MILLION
	IMPORTS :	\$3,498 MILLION
	RE-EXPORTS :	\$ 747 MILLION

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	<u>MARCH</u> 1976	<u>MARCH</u> 1975	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,512 (77.1%)	1,621 (74.4%)	+ 891	+ 55.0
IMPORTS	3,498	2,435	+ 1,063	+ 43.7
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	747 (22.9%)	558 (25.6%)	+ 188	+ 33.7
	<u>JAN.-MAR.</u> 1976	<u>JAN.-MAR.</u> 1975	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6,843 (76.4%)	4,528 (74.4%)	+ 2,315	+ 51.1
IMPORTS	9,717	6,994	+ 2,723	+ 38.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,113 (23.6%)	1,558 (25.6%)	+ 554	+ 35.6
	<u>APRIL 1975</u> <u>TO</u> <u>MARCH 1976</u>	<u>APRIL 1974</u> <u>TO</u> <u>MARCH 1975</u>	<u>INCREASE OR</u> <u>DECREASE</u>	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN\$	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	25,174	22,167	+ 3,006	+ 13.6
IMPORTS	36,195	33,049	+ 3,145	+ 9.5
RE-EXPORTS	7,528	6,878	+ 650	+ 9.4

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SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TWO MORE MAJOR PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

ONE INVOLVES RECLAIMING SOME 35 HECTARES (87.5 ACRES) OF LAND FROM SHA TIN HOI FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE OTHER IS FOR PRELIMINARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL FORM THE 'HEART' OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR. GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PWD'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SAID TODAY WORK ON BOTH PROJECTS WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY THIS YEAR.

+THE RECLAMATION WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE AND WILL PROVIDE EXTRA SITES FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN SIDE OF SHING MUN RIVER,+ HE SAID.

IT WAS PROPOSED, HE SAID, TO BUILD TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, COMPLETE WITH OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, ON THE RECLAMATION. THESE WOULD PROVIDE HOMES FOR A TOTAL OF 43,000 PEOPLE.

ABOUT 16 HECTARES (40 ACRES) OF THE RECLAIMED AREA WOULD BE RESERVED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SCHEMES.

THE ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE TOWN, MR. CHIEN SAID, WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

THE WORKS WOULD TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WHEN THE TOWN CENTRE IS FULLY DEVELOPED IT WILL CONTAIN A MAJOR CIVIC CENTRE WITH A TOWN HALL, CENTRAL LIBRARY, AUDITORIUM, RESTAURANTS AND SHOPPING PLAZA.

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ROUND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT RACE
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SOME 140 YOUNGSTERS IN THE SHEK LEI ESTATE WILL TAKE PART IN A RACE ROUND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT THIS SUNDAY (MAY 9).

THE RACE, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE SHEK LEI ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE AND OTHER WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, WILL START AND END AT NO. 9 RECREATION GROUND OF SHEK LEI ESTATE (BETWEEN BLOCKS 12 AND 14), COVERING A DISTANCE OF ABOUT FOUR MILES.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS. THERE WILL ALSO BE CONSOLATION PRIZES.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE MISS ROSANA WONG OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS= MR. WONG SING-NIN, SUPERVISOR OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION AND MR. WONG KING-TONG, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR TSUEN WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE RACE. IT WILL START FROM NO. 9 RECREATION GROUND OF SHEK LEI ESTATE (BETWEEN BLOCK 12 AND 14) AT 9 A.M. ON SUNDAY (MAY 9).

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CERTIFICATE COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK
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THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IS NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM PEOPLE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1976/77.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE INSTITUTE AT 44, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY MAY 28.

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 19 YEARS OF AGE ON ADMISSION, BUT PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE AGED 21 OR OVER AND THOSE WHO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME PREVIOUS WORKING EXPERIENCE, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT IS POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION AND CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION WHICH CONSISTS OF A WRITTEN TEST AND AN INTERVIEW.

TUITION FEE IS \$400 A YEAR.

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TENDERS FOR SHA TIN SITE CLOSED TODAY

TENDERS FOR AN AREA OF SEABED IN SHA TIN COVE, TO BE RECLAIMED AND USED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, CLOSED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE AREA, AT YUEN CHAU KOK, IS REGARDED AS CHOICE AND COMPETITIVE TENDERING IS EXPECTED.

THE TENDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY A COMMITTEE SET UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. THE FINDINGS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD FOR DECISION.

CONDITIONS OF SALE INCLUDE A BUILDING COVENANT ON THE SITE, AMOUNTING TO \$65 MILLION, TO BE FULFILLED BY THE END OF DECEMBER 1982.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THE SITE IN FULL ON DEMAND OR BY NINE EQUAL INSTALMENTS WITH INTERESTS AT TEN PER CENT PER ANNUM. HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECLAIM ABOUT 20 ACRES, HANDING BACK NINE ACRES TO THE GOVERNMENT WHO WILL USE IT TO BUILD ROADS AND TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE. EACH TENDER HAD TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHEQUE FOR \$10 MILLION.

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