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STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S MEETING
WITH LEGCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATIONALITY

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FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR'S MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATIONALITY THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE GOVERNOR HAD A 45-MINUTE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATIONALITY THIS AFTERNOON."

"DURING THE MEETING, THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THAT HE AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAVE SUPPORTED, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, THE CASE WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAD PUT ON THE QUESTION OF BRITISH NATIONALITY FOR MEMBERS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO SEE IF THERE ARE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH GREATER REASSURANCE CAN BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES IN HONG KONG THAN THAT OFFERED IN BARONESS YOUNG'S STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS IN MARCH 1985.

"THE GOVERNOR EMPHASISED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY MADE VERY CLEAR TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE STRENGTH OF FEELING WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON THIS ISSUE; THAT CONCERN WILL OF COURSE BE UNDERLINED BY MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE THEMSELVES WHEN THEY VISIT LONDON SHORTLY.

"ON THE QUESTION OF A PHASED PROGRAMME FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ISSUING OF BN(O) PASSPORTS, THE GOVERNOR SAID HE RECOGNISED THE CONCERN OF MEMBERS OF LEGCO THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED EARLIER.

"HE STILL BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT A PHASED PROGRAMME WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO CLAIM AND RECEIVE A BN(O) PASSPORT BEFORE JUNE 30, 1997 WERE ABLE TO DO SO.

"HOWEVER, HE REALISED THAT LEGCO MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE PHASED PROGRAMME MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD MISSED THE CUT-OFF DATE IN THE PROGRAMME, DUE TO 'SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES', WOULD HAVE A MEANS OF APPEAL.

"THE GOVERNOR, THEREFORE, PROPOSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL, ON WHICH THERE COULD BE A MAJORITY OF LEGCO MEMBERS.

"THE GOVERNOR WAS CONTENT FOR LEGCO MEMBERS TO NOMINATE THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS PANEL.

"THE PANEL WOULD HAVE THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADJUDICATING ON THE NATURE OF THE 'SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES' IN INDIVIDUAL CASES."

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON 7 MAY 1993 AND 11 MAY 1993. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1993/94 FINANCIAL YEAR SHOULD AMOUNT TO 127.80 HECTARES. THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES 23.37 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; 27.63 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, SANDWICH CLASS HOUSING SCHEME; PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME, HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT AND VILLAGE HOUSING; 14.70 HECTARES FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, RELIGIOUS, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER USES; AND 62.10 HECTARES AS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING 45.59 HECTARES FOR THE BLACK POINT POWER STATION.

THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO SET ASIDE 5 HECTARES OF LAND IN A SUPPLEMENTARY LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME. THE LAND COMMISSION WILL DECIDE DURING THE YEAR ON THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE RELEASED FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME IN THE LIGHT OF DEMAND.

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WITNESS PROTECTION INQUIRY GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS TODAY (TUESDAY) GRANTED THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO WITNESS PROTECTION AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT BY 10 WEEKS TO ENABLE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE SECOND PART OF THE INQUIRY CONCERNING WITNESS PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE, AS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MICHAEL KEMPSTER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE WAS A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE TIME IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE INVESTIGATIONS TO BE COMPLETED.

SINCE THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE INQUIRY HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY FIVE WEEKS, COMMENCEMENT OF THE SECOND PART WAS DEFERRED ACCORDINGLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALSO, THE GREAT MANY DOCUMENTS TO BE STUDIED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECOND PART AND THE NEED TO LIAISE CLOSELY WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS BOTH IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO CONSIDER FULLY ALL THE MATTERS BEFORE HIM," HE SAID.

"THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPECT A COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER WAS APPOINTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DECISION BY THE PROSECUTION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE IN A MURDER TRIAL.

HIS SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

(A) TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DECISION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF R V NGUYEN VAN-BAN (HIGH COURT CRIMINAL CASE NO. 291 OF 1991) AND IN PARTICULAR -

(I) TO INQUIRE WHY, INSTEAD OF DECIDING TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE, THE PROSECUTION DID NOT ENTER A NOLLE PROSEQUI OR DID NOT MAKE FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO ADJOURN THE CASE;

(II) TO INQUIRE INTO THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS MADE OR OFFERED TO THE WITNESS BUI VAN-XUAN AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT REASONABLY HAVE BEEN MADE OR OFFERED TO HIM; AND

(B) TO INQUIRE INTO THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE IMPROVED.

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THREE HK CITIZENS BACK FROM THAILAND TO SERVE SENTENCE

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THREE PRISONERS, WHO ARE HONG KONG CITIZENS, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THAILAND BACK TO HONG KONG TONIGHT (TUESDAY) TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SENTENCES.

THE TRANSFER WAS CONDUCTED BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TONIGHT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HONG KONG CITIZENS SERVING SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WERE RETURNED TO HONG KONG TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SENTENCES.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE TRANSFER WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND THE THAI GOVERNMENTS (WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO HONG KONG) ON THE TRANSFER OF OFFENDERS AND ON CO-OPERATION IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF PENAL SENTENCES.

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THE AIM OF THE AGREEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF OFFENDERS INTO SOCIETY BY GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCES WITHIN THEIR OWN SOCIETY.

AT PRESENT, 51 HONG KONG CITIZENS SERVING THEIR SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT IN THAILAND HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH TO TRANSFER BACK TO HONG KONG.

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COMMITTEE SET UP TO ADVISE ON
TEACHER EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS (ACTEQ), WHICH IS BEING SET UP ON THE ADVICE OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 5 PUBLISHED LAST YEAR.

THE CHAIRMAN OF ACTEQ WILL BE PROFESSOR FELICE LIEH MAK, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, SHE WILL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION.

ACTEQ WILL COMPRISE 14 OTHER MEMBERS APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES AND FIVE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

THOSE APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES ARE:

- * DR CHENG KAI-MING, SENIOR LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- * PROFESSOR MAURICE CRAFT, DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE;
- * DR FRANK FU, HEAD AND READER, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE;
- * DR LESLIE LO, DEAN, FACULTY OF EDUCATION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- * MS BOW SUI-MAY, PRINCIPAL, HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF;
- * MR CHAN PUI-TIN, TEACHER, WAH YAN COLLEGE;
- * MISS PAULINE CHOW, TEACHER, WELLINGTON COLLEGE;
- * MS MAGGIE KOONG MAY-KAY, HEAD, VICTORIA KINDERGARTEN;

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- * MS TANG MEI-SIN, HEAD, BAPTIST LUI MING CHOI PM PRIMARY SCHOOL;
- * DR WONG HIN-WAH, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG;
- * MRS DIANE WONG IP WAI-YING, PRINCIPAL, ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL;
- * MR YANG YU-WAI, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL;
- * MR IRVING Y Y KOO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, JARDINE SYSTEM PRODUCTS; AND
- * MR MICHAEL TIEN PUK-SUN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF G2000 (APPAREL) LTD.

THE FIVE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ARE:

- * THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER;
- * THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE OR HER REPRESENTATIVE;
- * THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE;
- * THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE; AND
- * THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION WILL BECOME THE SIXTH EX-OFFICIO MEMBER AS SOON AS THE INCUMBENT IS IN POST.

MR CHAN SAID ACTEQ'S ROLE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE UNIFIED ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION.

ITS WORK WILL FALL INTO TWO BROAD AREAS: TEACHER EDUCATION AND TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS.

UNDER TEACHER EDUCATION, ACTEQ WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE LEVELS, TYPES AND PROFESSIONAL RELEVANCE OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES TO MEET PRESENT AND FORECAST NEEDS OF SCHOOLS; THE DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES; AND THE FUNDING AND ACADEMIC QUALITY OF TEACHER EDUCATION, OTHER THAN THOSE FUNDED THROUGH THE UPGC.

UNDER TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS, ACTEQ WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE SUITABILITY FOR TEACHING IN HONG KONG OF ANY ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION ACQUIRED OUTSIDE HONG KONG, AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR ASSESSING SUCH SUITABILITY.

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"ACTEQ WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR ANY POLICY CHANGES, IN THE LIGHT OF LOCAL NEEDS AND OF DEVELOPMENTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD," SAID MR CHAN.

THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1, 1993.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN FEBRUARY

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR DECREASED BY 1.1% OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 27%.

THIS IS INDICATED IN THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 21%. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE ABOUT THE SAME WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1.4%. IMPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 1.6%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.7% IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1993 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TAKING FEBRUARY 1993 ALONE AND COMPARING WITH FEBRUARY 1992, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 4.6% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 26%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 19%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 23%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 0.7% WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 1.3%. IMPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 1.4%.

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1993 WITH FEBRUARY 1992, COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+39%); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+13%); AND METAL MANUFACTURES (+11%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR FOOTWEAR (-44%); CLOTHING (-34%); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-33%); AND TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-30%).

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AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR (+7.2%) AND CLOTHING (+4.0%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-9.5%); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-5.7%).

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 4.5% IN FEBRUARY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1992.

SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL, VEGETABLE OIL AND LARD; FRUIT; AND CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS (OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR). HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WHEAT AND FLOUR; AND TEA AND COFFEE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 19%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; TOBACCO MANUFACTURES; AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.

HOWEVER, DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS NOTED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 21% IN FEBRUARY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1992.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR IRON AND STEEL; BASE METALS (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL); WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; AND PAPER AND PAPERBOARD.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 32% IN VOLUME IN FEBRUARY 1993 AS COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY 1992.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 47%.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; TEXTILE MACHINERY; AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY).

COMPARING FEBRUARY 1993 WITH FEBRUARY 1992, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 3.4% AND 1.6% RESPECTIVELY. THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 4.5%.

THE IMPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS WERE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

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COMPARING FEBRUARY 1993 WITH FEBRUARY 1992, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 113% AND 75% RESPECTIVELY.

THAT OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND CONSUMER GOODS REGISTERED INCREASES OF 28% AND 14% RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 8.2%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 1.2%. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; FUELS; FOODSTUFFS; AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 3.7%, 2.8%, 1.4% AND 0.6% RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE AROUND MAY 12 AT \$8.5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

/Table 1 :

Table 1 : Changes in domestic exports by principal commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing FEB 1993 with FEB 1992			Comparing JAN-FEB 1993 with JAN-FEB 1992		
	Value	Unit	Volume	Value	Unit	Volume
	%	Value %	%	%	Value %	%
Clothing	-31.5	4.0	-34.0	-14.7	3.1	-17.2
Textile fabrics	-4.3	-0.3	-3.8	17.4	*	17.4
Textile yarn and thread	6.7	-5.7	13.1	4.9	-5.2	10.7
Textile made-ups and related articles	-31.2	2.6	-33.0	-6.6	4.0	-10.1
Radios of all kinds	-17.8	-9.5	-9.2	*	-9.2	10.3
Electronic components	37.2	-1.3	38.9	35.3	-3.0	39.5
Footwear	-39.9	7.2	-43.9	-36.3	7.1	-40.6
Metal manufactures	7.6	-2.7	10.5	1.4	-2.7	4.3
Metal ores and scrap	3.5	-2.9	6.7	12.0	-4.1	16.8
Watches and clocks	-16.0	-1.0	-15.1	-15.1	-1.2	-14.2
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	-31.0	-1.8	-29.9	-44.6	-2.0	-43.4
Domestic electrical appliances	3.4	-2.6	6.3	-22.7	-3.0	-20.5
ALL COMMODITIES	-3.9	0.7	-4.6	-1.0	0.2	-1.1

* less than 0.05%

/Table 2 :

Table 2 : Changes in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing FEB 1993 with FEB 1992			Comparing JAN-FEB 1993 with JAN-FEB 1992		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	-4.5	-0.1	-4.5	6.2	-0.4	6.5
Consumer goods	19.1	*	19.2	14.6	-0.6	15.2
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	15.6	-4.5	21.1	15.2	-4.5	20.7
Fuels	36.0	3.4	31.7	25.1	3.4	21.0
Capital goods	48.9	1.6	46.5	34.7	1.4	32.9
ALL COMMODITIES	21.5	-1.4	23.1	17.8	-1.6	19.8

* less than 0.05%

Table 3 : Changes in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing FEB 1993 with FEB 1992			Comparing JAN-FEB 1993 with JAN-FEB 1992		
	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %	Value %	Unit Value %	Volume %
Foodstuffs	-9.5	-1.4	-8.2	12.5	-1.7	14.5
Consumer goods	13.6	-0.6	14.2	18.8	-0.7	19.6
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	22.9	-3.7	27.8	23.0	-4.2	28.4
Fuels	107.1	-2.8	113.3	41.8	-1.2	43.5
Capital goods	76.7	1.2	74.8	55.6	1.4	53.4
ALL COMMODITIES	24.7	-1.3	26.2	25.3	-1.4	27.1

TERRITORY-WIDE CRACKDOWN ON MISUSE OF MARKED OIL
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CUSTOMS OFFICERS OF LAND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND TASK FORCE CONDUCTED A TERRITORY-WIDE JOINT OPERATION TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DETECT THE MISUSE OF MARKED OIL ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND CONTAINER YARDS.

DURING THE OPERATION WHICH LASTED FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM, 128 VEHICLES WERE CHECKED AND 20 DRIVERS WERE FOUND USING MARKED OIL.

THE OFFICERS SEIZED 1,400 LITRES OF MARKED OIL.

THE DRIVERS WERE CHARGED AND WERE GRANTED BAIL OF \$500 EACH, PENDING APPEARANCE IN COURTS NEXT MONTH.

IN THE OPERATION, THE OFFICERS ALSO DISCOVERED A MARKED OIL REFILLING STATION ON A CONTAINER YARD AT PILLAR POINT, TUEN MUN AND ARRESTED THE OPERATOR.

THE OPERATOR WAS CHARGED AND ALLOWED BAIL OF \$2,500.

AREAS COVERED BY THE OPERATION INCLUDED TSEUNG KWAN O, CHA KWO LING, TAI PO, SHA TIN, SHEUNG SHUI, CHAI WAN, ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG.

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GRAMMAR-TO-PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL BRIDGING COURSE
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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TWO-YEAR PILOT BRIDGING COURSE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER FROM A GRAMMAR TO A PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL WILL START IN JULY.

THE PILOT SCHEME TO ESTABLISH THE FEASIBILITY OF AND DEMAND FOR THE BRIDGING COURSE WAS FIRST CONDUCTED LAST SUMMER.

THE SECOND AND LAST PHASE WOULD AGAIN PROVIDES THREE CLASSES OF 40 STUDENTS EACH IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, PROVIDE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL STUDIES ON METALWORK, ELECTRICAL STUDIES AND TECHNICAL DRAWING.

"STUDENTS APPLYING SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY 1 BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN SECONDARY 2 IN A PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL," AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THE PILOT SCHEME WAS ARRANGED FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 4 ON THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO, HAVING BEEN ALLOCATED PLACES IN GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, FOUND THEMSELVES AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OR SO LOSING INTEREST IN THE MORE ACADEMIC APPROACH AND WISHING TO LEARN MORE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THE BRIDGING COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THREE CENTRES:

- * BISHOP HALL MEMORIAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
82 HIU KWONG STREET,
SAU MAU PING, KOWLOON
- * COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
350 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT,
KWAI CHUNG,
NEW TERRITORIES
- * MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
18-24 MAN LAI ROAD,
SHA TIN,
NEW TERRITORIES

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND ALL CLASSES AND PASS A TEST AT THE END OF THE SIX-WEEK BRIDGING COURSE.

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CLOSURE OF SAN PO KONG ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE AN UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE AT A BUILDING IN SAN PO KONG SO THAT IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT CAUSING DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS AND THE PUBLIC.

THE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE BEING USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE IS ON THE ROOF OF WING LOK BUILDING AT 16-30A TSEUK LUK STREET AND 1-3 YIN HING STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE ON JULY 6 WAS POSTED ON THE PREMISES TODAY (TUESDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WORKS WILL START AS SOON AS THE CLOSURE ORDER IS ISSUED.

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NEW TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCE FORM 5 INTRODUCED

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A NEW TEXTILES EXPORT LICENCE FORM 5 WILL BE PUT INTO USE WITH EFFECT FROM SATURDAY (MAY 15), THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

EXPORT LICENCE FORM 5, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "BLUE" OR "QUOTA" LICENCE, IS USED TO COVER EXPORT OF TEXTILES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC QUOTA RESTRAINT, OTHER THAN EXPORT TO THE USA UNDER QUOTA OF PIECE-KNITTED GARMENTS MADE FROM KNIT-TO-SHAPE PANELS KNITTED IN HONG KONG.

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WHEN USING THE NEW FORM 5, APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION SUCH AS FAX NUMBER, FACTORY REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE MANUFACTURER, AND ORIGIN MARKING ON PACKAGES AND GOODS TO THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

"THE EXPORTER'S AND MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MODIFIED. THIS IS PART OF THE MEASURES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TIGHTEN ITS CONTROL ON TEXTILES EXPORT TO RESTRAINED MARKETS," A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW FORM 5 WILL BE ON SALE AT THE TRADE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICE, ROOM 813, TRADE DEPARTMENT TOWER, 700 NATHAN ROAD FROM MAY 15 AT \$20 PER PAD.

THE CURRENT FORMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 11 THIS YEAR.

MEANWHILE, FORM 4 LICENCE, WHICH IS MAINLY USED FOR EXPORT OF TEXTILES NOT SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC QUOTA RESTRAINT, WILL ALSO CHANGE TO A NEW FORMAT BY JULY 1, 1993. NEW FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON THE SAME DAY.

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AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR REGISTRATION MARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY (MAY 15) AT 9.30 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FD6668	FD668	FE983	FD2229
FA1128	FE139	FD3200	FD2448
*FK1881	*FL2	*FK28	*AJ8
FD816	FD948	FD883	FE227
AC1351	BE150	FA326	FD6609
FE235	FD899	AC139	AW1230
FD833	FB2328	FD3228	FC8826
*AJ38	*DD5	*FK3	*DL7
FD268	FB1118	FC168	FD1239
FE9788	FD6663	FD8082	FE1161
FD9369	FE1969	*547	FD8256
AP8363	FD8341	BB8586	*FJ2222
FD3498	FD7160		

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE REGISTRATION MARKS WOULD ONLY BE ASSIGNED TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 193RD ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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MFN MOTION DEBATE ON LEGCO AGENDA

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE A MOTION THAT URGES THE RENEWAL OF MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION STATUS FOR CHINA UNCONDITIONALLY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION IS PROPOSED BY THE HON ALLEN LEE.

THE HON LAU CHIN-SHEK WILL RAISE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ALSO ASK 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER 13 BILLS.

FIVE OF THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

THEY ARE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (ADJOURNMENT DURING GALE WARNINGS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND NOISE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

IN ADDITION, DEBATES ON EIGHT BILLS TO IMPLEMENT THE REVENUE-RELATED PROPOSALS IN THE BUDGET WILL BE RESUMED. THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THE BILLS ARE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (REPEAL) BILL 1993, STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, ROAD TRAFFIC (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1993 AND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL (PASSAGE TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	11 MAY 93	11 MAY 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q319	H364
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$3,015 MN	HK\$1,590 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN	HK\$400 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.79 PCT	2.91 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.80 PCT	2.92 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 75 PCT	ABOUT 86 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.84 PCT	2.97 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 17 MAY 1993 -

TENDER DATE	18 MAY 93	18 MAY 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q320	Y389
ISSUE DATE	19 MAY 93	19 MAY 93
MATURITY DATE	18 AUG 93	18 AUG 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,000 + 200 MN	HK\$200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,850
REVERSAL OF LAF	+300
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-455
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,695
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 112.2 *+0.5* 11.5.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.49 PCT	12 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.45	3.06
1 MONTH	2.71 PCT	15 MONTHS	2408	4.375	101.46	3.21
3 MONTHS	2.79 PCT	18 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.81	3.42
6 MONTHS	2.90 PCT	21 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.92	3.64
12 MONTHS	3.06 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 13,820 MN

CLOSED 11 MAY 1993

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