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GOVERNOR PRAISES COLLEGE FOR FORGING
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION
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THE LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE WILL BRING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO STUDY ALONGSIDE OUR OWN YOUNG PEOPLE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE ENDURING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS WOULD THUS BE FORGED HERE IN HONG KONG.

OVER 160 HONG KONG STUDENTS HAD ALREADY ATTENDED COURSES AT ONE OR OTHER OF THE SEVEN UNITED WORLD COLLEGES AROUND THE WORLD.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF THE VERY SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THE CAMARADERIE OFFERED BY UNITED WORLD COLLEGES HAD SERVED TO INSPIRE THE PRESENT PROJECT.

"WE IN HONG KONG WANT TO TAKE PART MORE DIRECTLY IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT AND SHARE IN ITS AIM TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION.

"THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND HAS MADE THAT POSSIBLE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ITS VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF $100 MILLION HAD GIVEN THE NEW COLLEGE A SOUND FINANCIAL START, HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD PLAYED ITS PART BY PROVIDING THE SITE AND A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUILDING COSTS.

HE ADDED THAT A STRONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION HAD CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO HONG KONG'S SUCCESS.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DESIRE OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO SEE EACH GENERATION BETTER EDUCATED THAN THE ONE BEFORE AND TO PROVIDE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION HAD BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE TREMENDOUS EXPANSION OF OUR SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES.

"IT HAS FUELLED SOCIAL MOBILITY - 60% OF OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NOW COME FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

"IT HAS ENCOURAGED SOME TO SEEK EDUCATION ABROAD, BROADENING THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND DEVELOPING THEIR INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE COLLEGE, SIR DAVID SAID, WOULD BUILD ON THESE TRADITIONS.

IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

BENEATH THE MAJESTIC HEIGHTS OF MA ON SHAN AND OVERLOOKING TOLO HARBOUR, THE COLLEGE IS CLOSE TO THE CITY BUT ON THE EDGE OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE.

/"THE SETTING .....

"THE SETTING IS CERTAINLY IMPRESSIVE.

"WHEN THE DOORS OPEN TO THE FIRST STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER, THE COLLEGE WILL OFFER ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST ATTRACTIVE CAMPUSES, EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED SIR JACK CATER, MR S T LI, THE BOARD MEMBERS AND SIR Q W LEE ON THEIR DETERMINATION TO SEE THEIR VISION BECOME A REALITY.

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NO DECISION YET ON KOWLOON SKYRAIL
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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID IT WAS NOT TRUE, AS RECENTLY SPECULATED, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED AND WAS READY TO ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR AN ELEVATED LIGHT-RAIL SYSTEM FOR KOWLOON AS PROPOSED BY THE KOWLOON SKY RAIL COMPANY.

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANY LAST YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD DECIDED IN JULY LAST YEAR THAT THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING AN ELEVATED LIGHT-RAIL SYSTEM IN KOWLOON SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM THE COMPANY PARTICULARLY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE SCHEME.

THIS DECISION DID NOT AMOUNT TO APPROVAL TO BUILD THE SYSTEM.

"WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PUT TO THE COMPANY TO SEEK MORE INFORMATION. THE COMPANY HAS RECENTLY RESPONDED TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS, AND HAS PROVIDED IDEAS FOR CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE COMPANY WILL HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEIR SCHEME WILL BE ABLE TO SATISFY ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER CONCERNS.

"MUCH MORE MATERIAL IS EXPECTED FROM THE COMPANY PARTICULARLY ON THE ALIGNMENT AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE SCHEME BEFORE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE MADE ON WHETHER OR NOT DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH THE COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SUCH A SYSTEM.

"SUGGESTIONS OF A FAST TRACK APPROVAL PROCESS WHICH WILL SEE CONSTRUCTION START IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS' TIME ARE UNREALISTIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AGAIN

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THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 17 (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE SAID THE SETTING UP OF SUB-COMMITTEES HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES CONCERNING THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) PROJECTS.

"THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS WHETHER AND HOW SUB-COMMITTEES SHOULD BE FORMED," HE ADDED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, ONE OF THE 10 CORE PROJECTS UNDER THE ACP.

"THE BRIEFING WILL COVER THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT, THE PRIVATISATION METHODS AND PRIVATISATION PROGRAMME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE HALL, FIRST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING (NEW ANNEXE) AND WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS ARE REQUESTED TO RESERVE A SEAT BY TELEPHONING MS LEUNG WING-CHONG AT 802 3511 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AS SEATS IN THE CONFERENCE HALL ARE LIMITED, BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1991

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS RECORDED VIRTUALLY NO GROWTH IN THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF LAST YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990 WHILE RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 25%, ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 16%. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 18% IN VOLUME.

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

/AS REGARDS .....

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ALL ROSE BY 2%. THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) INCREASED BY 1%.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1991 WITH NOVEMBER 1990, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 7%, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20%.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 10%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 10%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 1% WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 2%. IMPORT PRICES WERE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP FOR NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMMODITY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED MODERATE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1991 OVER NOVEMBER 1990 INCLUDED TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+4%); CLOTHING (+3%); AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+1%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN FOOTWEAR (-45%); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-36%); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-29%); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-23%); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-19%); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-17%); ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-14%); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-12%); AND METAL MANUFACTURES (-2%).

THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990.

THESE INCLUDED TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+6%); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+5%); FOOTWEAR (+4%); TEXTILE FABRICS (+3%); CLOTHING (+3%); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+2%); METAL MANUFACTURES (+2%); AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+1%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-10%); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-4%); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-3%); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-1%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

/THE IMPORT .....

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 1% IN NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990.

SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF LIVE POULTRY; AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; WHEAT AND FLOUR; TEA AND COFFEE; AND RICE.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 12%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND FOOTWEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF WATCHES; AND RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 7% IN NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990.

IN PARTICULAR, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METALS (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL); AND MAN-MADE FIBRES.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES; COTTON YARN AND THREAD; AND SILK FABRICS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DECREASED BY 9% IN VOLUME IN NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 19% IN NOVEMBER 1991 OVER NOVEMBER 1990.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY); OFFICE MACHINES; AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.

DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1991 WITH NOVEMBER 1990, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS (+4%) AND CONSUMER GOODS (+2%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS DECREASED BY 23% AND 1% RESPECTIVELY. THE IMPORT PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES WERE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

/CCMPARING NCVEMBER .....

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1991 WITH NOVEMBER 1990, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES: FUELS (+114%); CAPITAL GOODS (+26%); CONSUMER GOODS (+21%); AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+16%).

HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 11%.

THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF MOST END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN NOVEMBER 1991 AS COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1990: FOODSTUFFS (+5%); CAPITAL GOODS (+4%); AND CONSUMER GOODS (+3%).

THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FUELS DECREASED BY 9%. THOSE OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES WERE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 1991 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 14) AT $4 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS 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 INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 582 4918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING NOV 1991 WITH NOV 1990			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1991 WITH JAN-NOV 1990		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
CLOTHING	7	3	3	4	4	1
TEXTILE FABRICS	5	3	1	4	3	1
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	3	-1	4	3	2	1
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-25	5	-29	-16	3	-18
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-34	2	-36	-17	2	-19
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-13	1	-14	22	*	23

/FOOTWEAR .....

FOOTWEAR	-43	4	-45	-33	5	-36
METAL MANUFACTURES	*	2	-2	10	3	7
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-27	-10	-19	-15	-4	-12
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-26	-4	-23	-13	-1	-12
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	-7	6	-12	-4	4	-8
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-19	-3	-17	-5	2	-7
ALL COMMODITIES	-6	1	-7	2	2	*

* LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING NOV 1991 WITH NOV 1990			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1991 WITH JAN-NOV 1990		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	4	4	-1	12	3	9
CONSUMER GOODS	15	2	12	22	3	19
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	7	*	7	19	1	18
FUELS	-30	-23	-9	10	2	8
CAPITAL GOODS	18	-1	19	25	2	23
ALL COMMODITIES	10	*	10	20	2	18

* LESS THAN 0.5%

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TABLE 3: CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING NOV 1991 WITH NOV 1990			COMPARING JAN-NOV 1991 WITH JAN-NOV 1990		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	-6	5	-11	15	5	10
CONSUMER GOODS	25	3	21	31	3	27
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	16	*	16	23	1	21
FUELS	94	-9	114	32	13	16
CAPITAL GOODS	31	4	26	31	2	29
ALL COMMODITIES	22	2	20	28	2	25

* LESS THAN 0.5%

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DEPUTY CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER TO CHAIR INT'L SYMPOSIUM

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR TONG KANG-SING, WILL LEAVE FOR BRUSSELS THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING TO CHAIR AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

ORGANISED BY THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) - THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS ORGANISATION - THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17 AND 18 WITH MOST OF THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE CCC'S 111 MEMBERS ATTENDING.

HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR POON YEUNG-KWONG; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (POLICY AND LEGISLATION) OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, MR PETER CHEUNG KAM-FAI; AND ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENEVA OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE, MR JOHN A. CLARKE.

/TOPICS OF .....

TOPICS OF DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE MULTILATERAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, TREATY OBLIGATIONS, DAMAGE CAUSED BY INFRINGEMENTS, EXISTING CUSTOMS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS PROGRAMMES AND FUTURE STRATEGIES.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN INVITED TO CHAIR THE SYMPOSIUM IN RECOGNITION OF ITS LONG EXPERIENCE IN COMBATTING COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY.

SOME EXAMPLES OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

BEFORE RETURING TO HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 25, MR TONG WILL PAY A DUTY VISIT TO UK'S CUSTOMS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE PHONOGRAPHIC INDUSTRY IN LONDON.

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NEW REINTEGRATING APPROACH FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ADOPTING A NEW APPROACH TO HELP RESIDENTS OF ITS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS REINTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY BY ARRANGING THEM TO SHARE VIEWS WITH TERTIARY STUDENTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CORRECTIONS) MR KWAN KAM-CHUEN, SOCIAL WORK STAFF AND CERTIFIED TEACHERS, FOUR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME AND MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME ADDRESSED A GROUP OF SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY ALSO SHARED THEIR VIEWS ON THEIR FUTURE PLANS AND INSTITUTIONAL LIFE WITH THEIR AUDIENCE.

MR KWAN SAID THE AIM OF THE GATHERING WAS TO GIVE YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE SWD'S CARE A CHANCE TO BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE BEFORE RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY.

IT ALSO HELPED TO EDUCATE YOUNGSTERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN.

BESIDES, MR KWAN SAID IT WOULD ENABLE THE AUDIENCE TO HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

DURING THE OCCASION, SWD STAFF OF DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES ALSO GAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT ON SERVICES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND FUTURE WORK DIRECTION.

/MR KWAN .....

MR KWAN SAID INITIAL RESPONSE FROM THE ORGANISER WAS VERY ENCOURAGING.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS APPROACH IN A LATER DATE.

HOWEVER, MR KWAN ADDED, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN YOUNG OFFENDER SERVICES AND WISHED TO SHARE VIEWS WITH STAFF OR RESIDENTS OF THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS WERE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT.

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WEATHER OF JANUARY 1992

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DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR WAS 30 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL, RAINFALL WAS ALSO PLENTIFUL BY JANUARY STANDARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) OF THE 40 MILLIMETRES RECORDED, A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF IT FELL ON JANUARY 5 DURING A SPELL OF ACTIVE WINTER MONSOON.

THOUGH HARDLY ANY RAIN FELL FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH, THE MONTHLY TOTAL WAS STILL 70 PER CENT OVER THE JANUARY NORMAL OF 23.4 MILLIMETRES.

THE DOMINANCE OF THE WINTER MONSOON WAS REFLECTED BY THE UNUSUALLY HIGH MONTHLY MEAN PRESSURE OF 1022.2 HPA, THE SIXTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JANUARY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLOUDY WEATHER AT THE END OF LAST YEAR CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEW YEAR.

CONTINUOUS LIGHT RAIN STARTED IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 1 AND PERSISTED FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

APART FROM THE ODD DRIZZLE AND SOME MIST ON JANUARY 3, THE RAIN LARGELY STAYED AWAY BEFORE RETURNING WITH A VENGEANCE LATER ON JANUARY 4.

A STRONG EASTERLY SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON HAD ARRIVED EARLIER IN THE DAY. ENHANCED BY A NORTHERLY REPLENISHMENT THAT NIGHT, THE RAIN GREW HEAVIER, PARTICULARLY IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JANUARY 5.

SOME SCAFFOLDINGS IN CAUSEWAY BAY WERE BLOWN DOWN BY THE GUSTY MONSOON WINDS DURING THE DAY AND TWO VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED.

/THE RAINY .....

THE RAINY WEATHER LASTED TILL EVENING TIME BEFORE THE DRIER AIR FROM THE NORTH EVENTUALLY CLEARED THE CLOUDS AWAY FOR TWO FINE DAYS ON JANUARY 6 AND 7.

THE EASTERLIES STRENGTHENED MOMENTARILY ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 7 AND BROUGHT SOME LIGHT RAIN PATCHES THAT NIGHT.

THE NORTHERLIES RESUMED CONTROL ON JANUARY 8 WITH SUNNY PERIODS THAT DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE WINTER MONSOON LED TO A PROGRESSIVE FALL IN TEMPERATURE, MAKING IT A RELATIVELY COOL DAY ON JANUARY 9 WITH INTERMITTENT LIGHT RAIN.

THE LIGHT RAIN CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CLOUDS BROKE FOR SOME SUNNY PERIODS THE NEXT DAY.

APART FROM SOME MORNING MIST OFFSHORE OVER THE EASTERN PART OF THE HONG KONG WATERS, THE WEATHER WAS FINE ON JANUARY 11.

IT WAS SOMEWHAT CLOUDIER ON JANUARY 12 BUT THE LINGERING CLOUDS GRADUALLY DISSIPATED OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF A DRY CONTINENTAL AIR MASS ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 13.

STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS PERSISTED TILL THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 14 AS COLD AIR OF POLAR ORIGIN ADVANCED THROUGH THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS.

TEMPERATURE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY PLUNGED TO THE MONTH'S LOWEST OF 8.4 DEGREES EARLY ON JANUARY 15.

IT WAS EVEN COLDER OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. GROUND FROST WAS REPORTED THAT MORNING AT TA KWU LING WHERE TEMPERATURE PLUNGED TO 1 DEGREE ONLY.

THE ATMOSPHERE GRADUALLY MOISTENED UP AS THE NORTHERLIES SUBSIDED.

A FRESHENING OF THE EASTERLIES ON JANUARY 18 BROUGHT SOME DRIZZLE THAT NIGHT.

TEMPERATURE WAS GENERALLY ON THE RISE AFTER THE COLD SNAP BUT ITS PROGRESS WAS TEMPORARILY CHECKED BY A MINOR NORTHERLY REPLENISHMENT ON JANUARY 20, RESULTING IN SLIGHTLY LOWER TEMPERATURES ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THEREAFTER, THE WINTER MONSOON WENT INTO AN EXTENDED LULL AND THE WEATHER CONTINUED TO WARM UP.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A MODERATE EASTERLY AIRSTREAM, EVENING MIST PATCHES HOVERED OFFSHORE IN THE VICINITY OF WAGLAN ISLAND ON JANUARY 21, 23 AND 24.

/VISIBILITY INSIDE .....

VISIBILITY INSIDE THE HARBOUR WAS ALSO POOR ON JANUARY 25 AS A RESULT OF MIST AND HAZE.

FINE AND CLEAR WEATHER THEN PREVAILED FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS. WITH LONG HOURS OF SUNSHINE, TEMPERATURE CONTINUED TO RISE BEFORE REACHING THE MONTH'S HIGHEST FIGURE OF 23.1 DEGREES ON JANUARY 30.

MIST RE-APPEARED OFFSHORE THAT EVENING AND VISIBILITY DETERIORATED FURTHER THAT NIGHT.

FOG PATCHES WERE REPORTED NEAR CHEUNG CHAU IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 31. THE MIST AND FOG WERE SOON CLEARED AWAY AS DRY AIR ASSOCIATED WITH A NORTHERLY SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED LATER THAT MORNING, BRINGING ANOTHER DAY OF FINE WEATHER BUT LOWER TEMPERATURES.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN JANUARY.

NO AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER DURING THE MONTH.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 11, 12, 18-23, 25-27, AND 31.

THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 9 AND 13-18. THE GAS WATER HEATER ALERT WAS ISSUED ON JANUARY 8-10, 13-18, 20-22. A THUNDERSTORM WARNING WAS ISSUED ON JANUARY 5.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 4 1 PM	JAN 5 6 AM
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	JAN 13 3.45 PM	JAN 15 4.45 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	197.1 HOURS	; 44.7 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.34 MJ/SQ.M.	; 0.71 MJ/SQ.M. ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	40 MM	; 16.6 MM ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	43 %	; 15 % LESS THAN NORMAL
MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	69 %	; 2 % LOWER THAN NORMAL

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MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	18.2 DEGREES CELSIUS	; 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	15.7 DEGREES CELSIUS	; 0.1 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	13.6 DEGREES CELSIUS	; NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	9.8 DEGREES CELSIUS	; 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	74.5 MM	; 23 MM BELOW NORMAL

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GOVT LOT TO LET BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A LAND LOT IN SHA TIN.

LOCATED AT ON MUK STREET, AREA 11, THE LOT MEASURES ABOUT 2,100 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR STORAGE OF GOODS EXCLUDING CONTAINERS, CONTAINERS ON TRAILERS AND DANGEROUS GOODS AS DEFINED IN THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS AND RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON, FEBRUARY 28.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT SHA TIN AND KOWLOON DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	DATE	$ MILLION
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	11.2.92	1,000
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	12.2.92	-100*
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-300
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED -400 MN
OTHER FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED +300 MN

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 110.8 *+0.4* 12.2.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

TERMS	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.60 PCT
1 MONTH	3.63 PCT
3 MONTHS	3.69 PCT
6 MONTHS	3.88 PCT
12 MONTHS	4.40 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
21 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.63	5.33

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 5,016 MN

CLOSED 12 FEBRUARY 1992

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