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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - AUGUST 1982
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO AUGUST 1982, VALUED AT \$174 444 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1981, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY SIX PER CENT TO \$53 227 MILLION, IMPORTS BY FOUR PER CENT TO \$92 619 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY EIGHT PER CENT TO \$28 598 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-AUG. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
USA	19 857	18 153	+1 704	+ 9
FR OF GERMANY	4 523	4 552	- 29	- 1
UK	4 488	4 761	- 273	- 6
CHINA	2 434	1 643	+ 791	+48
JAPAN	2 009	1 785	+ 224	+13
AUSTRALIA	1 841	1 611	+ 230	+14
CANADA	1 642	1 479	+ 163	+11
SINGAPORE	1 241	1 100	+ 141	+13
NETHERLANDS	1 078	1 008	+ 70	+ 7
FRANCE	967	921	+ 46	+ 5

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE US ROSE BY NINE PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$928 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$727 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$88 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$89 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$574 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (DECLINED BY \$31 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (DECLINED BY \$77 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED STEADILY (BY \$29 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED BY \$22 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT BUT THOSE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINED BY \$113 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$243 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$212 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT) AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO AUSTRALIA (BY \$36 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED BELOW:-

	JAN.-AUG. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	18 750	17 735	+1 016	+ 6
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	10 179	8 164	+2 015	+25
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 791	5 034	- 244	- 5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	3 988	3 681	+ 307	+ 8
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 685	3 439	+ 245	+ 7
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 210	3 313	- 103	- 3

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-AUG. 1982 (\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 1981 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	20 835	18 286	+2 549	+14
JAPAN	20 462	20 873	- 411	- 2
USA	10 098	9 586	+ 512	+ 5
TAIWAN	6 804	7 033	- 229	- 3
SINGAPORE	6 795	6 880	- 85	- 1
UK	4 488	4 005	+ 483	+12
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 932	3 635	- 703	-19
FR OF GERMANY	2 223	2 213	+ 10	INSIGNIFICANT
SWITZERLAND	1 722	1 910	- 187	-10
AUSTRALIA	1 530	1 246	+ 284	+23

LOCAL DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$797 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$296 MILLION OR 102 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$257 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$189 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$181 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND THE ACCESSORIES) (BY \$152 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$352 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$272 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN (BY \$205 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$191 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE US WERE MOSTLY OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$154 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$143 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$215 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$95 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$35 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN VALUE WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$33 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES FROM TAIWAN (BY \$279 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY \$418 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:-

	<u>JAN.-AUG. 1982</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-AUG. 1981</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	26 194	26 043	+ 151	+ 1
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	21 097	21 045	+ 52	INSIGNIFICANT
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	15 621	14 606	+1 015	+ 7
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	10 206	8 646	+1 560	+18
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	7 381	7 275	+ 106	+ 1
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 226	5 798	+ 428	+ 7

/SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE US (BY \$671 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$261 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$214 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$179 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$178 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (BY \$161 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$145 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT) AND CHINA (BY \$142 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO ISRAEL (BY \$83 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND UK (BY \$251 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$556 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES AND JEWELLERY) (BY \$317 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$272 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT) AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$189 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$277 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$186 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$143 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

THE AUGUST 1982 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 AUGUST, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY NOVEMBER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375).

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SWEDES URGED TO INVEST IN HONG KONG
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO, TODAY (MONDAY) URGED SWEDISH BUSINESSMEN TO EXPLORE HONG KONG'S POTENTIAL AS AN OFFSHORE BASE FOR INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE SWEDISH TRADE COUNCIL IN STOCKHOLM, MR TSAO NOTED THAT DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS IN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION BY HONG KONG'S OWN AGENCIES AND THE SWEDISH TRADES COUNCIL OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, SWEDISH INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG WAS NEGLIGIBLE.

+THE MAJOR PROBLEM, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED, IS THAT SWEDEN IS A LONG WAY FROM HONG KONG. FURTHERMORE, IT APPEARS THAT EVEN WHEN A SWEDISH COMPANY HAS VENTURED INTO THE FAR EAST, IT HAS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT STOPPED AT SINGAPORE,+ MR TSAO REMARKED.

AT PRESENT, SWEDEN'S INVOLVEMENT IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ONLY ESTABLISHING A NUMBER OF TRADING COMPANIES AND PURCHASING OFFICES, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING AND CONDUCTING BUSINESSES IN THE FAR EAST.

AMONG THE 24 COMPANIES THUS INVOLVED CAN BE FOUND MOST OF SWEDEN'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

HE OBSERVED THAT SWEDISH OVERSEAS INVESTMENT, ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL, HAD BEEN MAINLY RESTRICTED TO HEAVY INDUSTRY.

+HOWEVER, WE ALSO SEE THAT SWEDEN POSSESSES A WEALTH OF SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZE COMPANIES MAKING SUPERBLY DESIGNED, TECHNICALLY ADVANCED PRODUCTS WHICH WOULD BE EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR ECONOMIC PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG, AND THIS IS WHERE I BELIEVE OPPORTUNITIES MAY BE FOUND,+ HE NOTED.

MR TSAO BELIEVED THAT SWEDEN AND HONG KONG SHOULD, AND COULD, DEVELOP EFFECTIVE INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION BY HELPING EACH OTHER TO EXPAND THEIR ECONOMIES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE GENERATION OF A TWO-WAY FLOW OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, HONG KONG COULD PROVIDE VITAL TRADING FACILITIES FOR SWEDEN WITH THE FAR EAST AND CHINA.

+WE HAVE COMMON AIMS WHICH CAN ONLY BE ADEQUATELY REALISED BY CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POTENTIAL.

+WE HOPE THE INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE WE HAVE ESTABLISHED IN LONDON WILL PROVIDE A BRIDGE AND A LINK WITH HONG KONG FOR THOSE SWEDISH COMPANIES WISHING TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR BUSINESS IN THE FAR EAST,+ MR TSAO SAID.

HE IS IN STOCKHOLM TO CONDUCT A TWO-DAY SEMINAR AND DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES AFTER OPENING A HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICE IN STUTTGART, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ON OCTOBER 6.

HE HAD GIVEN TALKS AT TWO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT SEMINARS IN STUTTGART AND COLOGNE BEFORE GOING TO SWEDEN.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO REGISTER
FOR ALLOCATION OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN INVITED ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALLOCATION OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SYSTEM IN 1984 FOR THEIR CURRENT PRIMARY 5 PUPILS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED CIRCULARS TO ALL SCHOOLS REMINDING THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM PARENTS IF THEY CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OCTOBER 25. THIS SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1976 TO REPLACE THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN 1978.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS OF A PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A THREE-YEAR FREE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE, AND WOULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF CHOOSING THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL BUT NOT SO FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS.

+SCHOOLS NOT TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME SHOULD INFORM PARENTS OF THE CONSEQUENCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A PRIMARY 6 PUPIL'S CHANCES OF BEING ALLOCATED A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF HIS CHOICE DEPEND ON THE SCHOOL'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF HIS PRIMARY 5 YEAR AND AT THE END OF THE FIRST AND TOWARDS THE END OF THE SECOND TERM OF HIS PRIMARY 6 YEARS ON ALL SUBJECTS, EXCEPT PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ALL SCHOOLS AND BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE IN SOME SCHOOLS.

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, PUPILS OF ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE TO SIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO SCALE AND CONVERT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT INTO AN OVERALL ORDER OF MERIT.

+THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IS NECESSARY AS DIFFERENT SCHOOLS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT CURRICULUM AND THE STANDARD OF MARKING OR ASSESSMENT MAY VARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG IS DIVIDED INTO 25 +SCHOOL NETS+ BASED ON THE LOCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

IN EACH NET IS A COMPARABLE MIX OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AIDED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT LIMITED TO PARTICULAR NETS.

EACH PRIMARY 6 PUPIL HAS A CHOICE OF UP TO 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN HIS NET.

ALL THE PUPILS LISTED IN THE ORDER OF MERIT ARE THEN GROUPED INTO FIVE BANDS AND FED INTO A COMPUTER FOR ALLOCATION OF A PLACE IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL BASED ON PARENTAL CHOICE.

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SHENZHEN GROUP ARRIVES FOR MEETING

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A DELEGATION LED BY MR ZHEN XIPEI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SHENZHEN MUNICIPALITY, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (MONDAY) FOR A MEETING TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE JOINT EXPERT WORKING GROUPS SET UP UNDER THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN ON APRIL 30. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 13).

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR R.J.T. MCLAREN.

A PROGRAMME OF VISITS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUPS IS ALSO BEING ARRANGED.

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THE 5TH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL

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THE 5TH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 7 TO 14 THIS YEAR.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S BAND FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, IS ON CONSORT PLAYING.

SIX MUSICIANS FROM AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL.

ONE OF THEM, SIMONE DE HAAN, WHO TEACHES TROMBONE IN THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC, AUSTRALIA, TOOK PART IN THE 1982 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP HELD IN JULY THIS YEAR. HE WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR. THE FIVE OTHER WIND SOLOISTS ARE VERNON HILL (FLUTE), LAURENCE FRANKEL (OBOE), DONALD WESTLAKE (CLARINET), RICHARD MCINTYRE (BASSOON) AND HECTOR MCDONALD, FROM THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC, WILL BE GUEST INSTRUCTORS AND PERFORMERS.

RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S BAND FESTIVAL HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING AS 29 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BANDS WILL BE PARTICIPATING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE FESTIVAL WILL START OFF WITH AN OPENING CONCERT AT A MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN KOWLOON PARK ON NOVEMBER 7, AT 2 PM.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S MARCHING BAND AND A LOCAL GUEST BAND WILL PERFORM.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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THE SECOND MAJOR EVENT OF THE FESTIVAL IS THE FESTIVAL CONCERT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9 AT 8 PM AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL. THIS WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT BY THE FIVE WIND SOLOISTS OF THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS FROM THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND WILL ALSO PERFORM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE BAND FESTIVAL WILL BE THE BAND DAY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14 AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM. A MARCHING BAND DISPLAY AND A SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM AND 2 PM RESPECTIVELY, DURING WHICH THE PERFORMING TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS ACCORDING TO THEIR STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

THE LEN TRACY JAZZ BAND HAS BEEN INVITED TO GIVE A DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCE ON JAZZ MUSIC IN THE MORNING.

THE FESTIVAL'S GALA CONCERT WHICH WILL BE OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE HELD AT 8 PM.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES BY THE TWO GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OF THE MARCHING BAND DISPLAY AND SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE, A COMBINED YOUTH BAND OF MORE THAN 600 YOUNG PLAYERS FROM OVER 14 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY BANDS, AND SIX MUSIC OFFICE'S BANDS WILL GIVE A JOINT PERFORMANCE OF BOTH CLASSICAL AND POPULAR BAND MUSIC.

DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, SIMONE DE HAAN AND THE FIVE WIND SOLOISTS FROM THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC WILL CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS ON FLUTE, HORN, BASSOON, CLARINET, OBOE, TROMBONE, WOODWIND ENSEMBLE AND BRASS ENSEMBLE AT THE MUSIC OFFICE HEAD OFFICE AT HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, AND THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE AT CAMBRIDGE COURT, WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH FOR THE FESTIVAL CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 9 AND THE FESTIVAL GALA PERFORMANCE ON NOVEMBER 14 WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 15 AND ADMISSION TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES IS FREE. FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-296221.

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RATEPAYERS URGED TO RETURN FORMS
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RATEPAYERS WERE URGED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS REQUIRING THEM TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON RENTS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THEIR PREMISES.

IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT SENT RATEPAYERS FORMS R.1A WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE ISSUE DATE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

A LARGE NUMBER OF RATEPAYERS HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE FORMS, HE NOTED, AND HE CALLED ON THE OTHERS TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO FILL IN THE FORM OR WHO KNOWINGLY GIVES FALSE INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+REMINDERS WILL BE ISSUED BUT RATEPAYERS SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THEM BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORMS,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE FORMS MAY CALL AT THE DEPARTMENT ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY OR TELEPHONE 5-7957888.

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YOUNG TALENT INVITED FOR POSTER DESIGN CONTEST
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CREATIVE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN ANTI-SMOKING POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTEST IS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN BEING HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION TO WARN YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SMOKING.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS, AND SEMINARS SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR LOWER FORM STUDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WERE CHOSEN AS THE TARGET GROUP FOR THE CAMPAIGN AS A RESULT OF SURVEYS WHICH SHOWED THAT MOST HABITUAL SMOKERS HAD THEIR FIRST PUFF DURING THEIR ADOLESCENCE.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES YOUNG PEOPLE WILL GET TO KNOW THAT TOBACCO SMOKING IS NOT ONLY HARMFUL TO THEIR HEALTH, BUT WILL ALSO TARNISH THEIR IMAGE AND IS AN ANTI-SOCIAL HABIT,+ HE ADDED.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGN A POSTER WITH A CATCHY SLOGAN TO MAP OUT EITHER THE HARMS OF SMOKING, OR WITH HINTS ON RESISTING THE TEMPTATION TO SMOKE, OR DESCRIBING WAYS TO KICK THE HABIT.

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THEY MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF ENTRIES ON PAPER NOT EXCEEDING 42 CM X 60 CM IN SIZE AND FILL IN THEIR PERSONAL DATA SUCH AS NAME, AGE, SEX, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, SCHOOL AND CLASS ATTENDED ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

CONTESTANTS BETWEEN 15 AND 18 WILL BE GROUPED INTO THE SENIOR SECTION, WHILE THOSE BETWEEN 10 AND 14 INTO THE JUNIOR ONE.

APART FROM THE FIRST THREE PRIZES, THERE WILL BE 15 CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR EACH SECTION.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE SHA TIN HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE, 3RD FLOOR, LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1982. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-633211 EXT. 213.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND WHITTY STREET ENDING AT THE TRAM TERMINUS.

THE POLICE STATION AT 280 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND YIP CHEONG BUILDING AT 443-453 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

MEANWHILE, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO THE PO CHONG WAN AREA IN WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN, WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY UNTIL 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

ON THE SAME DAY (THURSDAY) SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE WHOLE OF CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 3.30 PM TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM OF THE CHAI WAN SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

IN KOWLOON, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN SEVERAL AREAS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 13) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

THESE AREAS ARE KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, NGAU CHI WAN AND CHOI HUNG, INCLUDING PING SHEK ESTATE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE
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EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL OUTSIDE QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE
CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 11 AM AND 6.30 PM THIS THURSDAY
(OCTOBER 14) FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY)
STOOD AT 82.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 478.854 MILLION CUBIC
METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 274.342 MILLION
CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 47.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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