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HONG KONG FIRST IN THE WORLD TO RECEIVE
TRADE DOCUMENTS VIA SATELLITE

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HISTORY WILL BE MADE IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK WHEN SIMPLIFIED TRADE DOCUMENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN FULL FROM THE UNITED STATES TO HONG KONG VIA SATELLITE.

THE DEMONSTRATION IS A HIGHLIGHT OF A TWO-DAY TRADE FACILITATION SEMINAR WHICH OPENS HERE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DELEGATES FROM MORE THAN 10 COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, BRITAIN, JAPAN, THE PHILIPPINES, FRANCE, THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE), THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ICC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMITTEE (CMI) ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING, CALLED THE +HONG KONG FAR EAST TRADE FACILITATION SEMINAR+.

THE DELEGATES WILL DISCUSS WAYS OF FURTHER SIMPLIFYING AND STREAMLINING INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION.

THE SEMINAR IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE, AN ADVISORY BODY FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE PACIFICA ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, FURAM HOTEL.

THE TECHNIQUE OF TRANSMITTING SIMPLIFIED, OR CODED, COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS AND DATA VIA SATELLITE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE WORLD'S MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES: THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, CANADA, BELGIUM AND FRANCE TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING SPEED OF MODERN-DAY TRANSPORTATION AND TO ENSURE THAT CARGO IS NOT CONSEQUENTLY HELD UP AT CUSTOMS BONDS, WAREHOUSES AND AT NATIONAL BORDERS DUE TO DELAYS IN PREPARING, PROCESSING OR DELIVERING SHIPPING DOCUMENTS.

THERE ARE, HOWEVER, STILL SOME PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE NEW SYSTEM CAN BE ADOPTED FOR COMMERCIAL USE ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE, MR. IAN TOMLIN, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE SEMINAR, SAYS HONG KONG IS A FITTING PLACE FOR THE MEETING BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE WITHIN THE FAR EAST AND BECAUSE OF THE STRIDES IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN IN SIMPLIFYING AND RATIONALISING DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR TOMORROW MORNING IN THE PACIFICA ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, FURAMA HOTEL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE IN THE ROOM NOT LATER THAN 8.30 A.M.

THE D.C. AND I.'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

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LEGCO DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE DR. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, FOLLOWED BY MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. IAN PRICE, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, AND MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TEN BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT TOMORROW'S SITTING. THESE ARE: THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL, THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES DEPOSIT (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1973/74) BILL, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE CHARITIES (LAND ACQUISITION) (REPEAL) BILL, THE CLEAN AIR (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE LION ROCK TUNNEL (AMENDMENT) BILL, AND THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (POKFULAM AND MID-LEVELS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL.

THE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION WILL CONTINUE ON THURSDAY.

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE MR. WILLIAM BELL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JAMES ROBSON, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. JOHN HOBLEY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. DENYS ROBERTS.

THE PROCEEDINGS ON BOTH DAYS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RHK 2 IN ENGLISH AND ON RHK 4 IN CHINESE. LIVE CHINESE BROADCAST WILL ALSO BE ON CHANNEL ONE OF COMMERCIAL RADIO.

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NGAU CHI WAN SQUATTERS OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING

MORE THAN 600 SQUATTERS OF CHING CHUNG CHUEN IN THE NGAU CHI WAN AREA HAVE BEEN OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING AT SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 400 ILLEGAL SQUATTERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SITES AT KOWLOON BAY, HOMANTIN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREAS TO REBUILD THEIR HOMES.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) DEMOLISHED 200 EMPTY WOODEN STRUCTURES LEFT BEHIND BY THESE SQUATTERS.

THE CLEARED LAND WILL INITIALLY BE USED FOR CONTROLLED TIPPING OF REFUSE. A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL BE BUILT THERE WHEN THE SITE IS FILLED.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ALSO PAID OUT NEARLY \$400,000 TO COMPENSATE 52 FARMERS, PIGBREEDERS AND SHOP OPERATORS AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE. A WORKSHOP OPERATOR HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED UNITS IN THE KWUN TONG FACTORY ESTATE.

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NUMBER OF FIRES DROPS

THE UNSEASONAL WEATHER BEING EXPERIENCED AT PRESENT HAS BROUGHT AT LEAST ONE BENEFIT TO HONG KONG -- A HEFTY REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FIRES.

NORMALLY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR FIREMEN ARE BUSY HANDLING BETWEEN 30 AND 50 CALLS A DAYS BUT SO FAR THIS MONTH THE DAILY AVERAGE HAS BEEN JUST UNDER 14 FIRES.

IN THE FIRST 11 DAYS OF NOVEMBER 1973, THERE WERE 353 FIRES OR AN AVERAGE OF 32 PER DAY= DURING THE FIRST 11 DAYS OF THIS MONTH THERE HAD BEEN ONLY 152 FIRES.

+THIS PRESENTS A REDUCTION OF MORE THAN 50 PER CENT,+ A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY. +THIS IS MOST WELCOMED BUT THE PUBLIC MUST BE WARNED TO CONTINUE BEING CAREFUL AS DRIER WEATHER COULD RETURN AT ANY TIME AND BRING WITH IT AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN THE DANGER OF FIRE.+

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF FIRES WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE LEVEL OF HUMIDITY.

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CROWN LAND SALE

FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND -- THREE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON -- WILL BE PUT FOR AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 13) AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

THE THREE LOTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. SITUATED AT CHUNG HOM KOK, THEY MEASURE 15,110 SQ. FT., 18,630 SQ. FT. AND 17,000 SQ. FT. RESPECTIVELY.

THE KOWLOON LOT, MEASURING 810 SQ. FT., IS LOCATED AT 39 STATION LANE, HUNG HOM. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 54,218 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80.6 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 59,421 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 38,051 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 46,232 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 75.3 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

5.6 MM. (0.22 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,110.0 MM (83.07 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,113.5 MM (83.21 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.17 PER CENT.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TAI KOK TSUI, KOWLOON, ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 15) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF A PRIVATE MULTI-STORY CAR PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF CANTON ROAD AND DUTE STREET.

FROM 10 A.M. THAT DAY, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED ALONG THE SECTION OF CANTON ROAD BETWEEN HONG KOK ROAD AND DUTE STREET, WHILE THE SECTION BETWEEN DUTE STREET AND ARMAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTH. AT THE SAME TIME, DUTE STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND RECLAMATION STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FOR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC HEADING WEST.

MEANWHILE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ALONG THE SECTION OF SUTHERLAND STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, AS FROM 10 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 13. THE CHANGE AIMS AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SWD'S COMPENSATION SECTION MOVING

THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES IN ROOM 1802, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 18TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, THIS FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THE EXISTING OFFICES OF THE SECTION AT CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING AND LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, WILL BE CLOSED AS FROM THAT DATE.

THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING A SECRETARIAT FOR THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARDS.

APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE TO THE NEW ADDRESS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES ARE 5-455845 AND 5-454506.

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EARLY SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENCES
EXPORTERS' CO-OPERATION SOUGHT
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, TODAY ISSUED A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS GIVING DETAILS ON THE PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED FOR THE PROCESSING OF VARIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR STATUTORY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE EXPORTS OF TEXTILES.

THE MOVE IS TO ENABLE EXPORTERS TO PLAN THEIR SCHEDULES WELL IN ADVANCE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

MR. JORDAN ALSO REMINDED EXPORTERS THAT WHILE THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROCESS AND ISSUE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, EXPORTERS ARE REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE BY SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATIONS IN GOOD TIME.

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPANIES ON THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S MAILING LIST FOR NOTICES TO EXPORTERS WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF THE NOTICE SHORTLY.

COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTIONIST COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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NO REPLACEMENTS FOR LOST MONTHLY TRAIN TICKETS
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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY PASSENGERS WHO LOSE THEIR MONTHLY TRAIN TICKETS WILL IN FUTURE HAVE TO BUY NEW ONES.

AS FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE PRACTICE OF ISSUING DUPLICATE MONTHLY TICKETS TO REPLACE LOST ONES WILL BE DISCONTINUED, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID. IT WAS HOPED, HE ADDED, THAT TICKET HOLDERS WOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WITH THEIR TICKETS.

AT THE SAME TIME, AS A MEASURE OF CONVENIENCE, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO FIX PHOTOGRAPHS TO MONTHLY TICKETS. BUT HOLDERS WILL HAVE TO SIGN THEIR NAMES WHEN BUYING TICKETS OR ALTERNATIVELY SHOW THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.94
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.78
PO NGAI	GOOD	--
CHU CHO	GOOD	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.77
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.68
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.66
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.39
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.72
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.91
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.77
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	340 (AVERAGE)

/SUPPLIES AND

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.40	1.50	2.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.50	1.50	2.00
SQUID	NORMAL	5.50	1.80	3.60
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	2.20	0.80	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	GOOD	3.60	1.00	2.30
CROAKERS	NORMAL	3.60	0.60	2.20
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	3.00	2.00	2.50
MELON COAT	LIMITED	3.70	2.00	2.80
BREAMS	SCARCE	5.50	3.50	4.50
YELLOW BELLY	---		NO SALE	
MACKERELS	SCARCE	4.50	3.00	4.00
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.90	0.70	1.30
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.20	0.50	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	3.20	2.00	2.60
MELON SEED	LIMITED	2.70	1.50	2.00
POMFRETS	SCARCE	11.00	6.00	8.50
GRAOUPAS	NORMAL	8.50	7.00	7.80
YELLOW CROAKER	GOOD	6.80	2.00	4.00

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES
(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETALLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	SCARCE	3.50	1.20	2.60
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.80	1.50
CHINESE LETTUCE	LIMITED	2.50	1.00	1.80
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	1.00	0.30	0.70
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	3.40	1.20	2.50
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	2.60	1.50	2.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.60	1.20	2.50
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	3.20	2.00	2.80
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.60	0.80	1.80
CHINESE SPINACH	---		NO SALE	
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50

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(AVERAGE)

(WEIGHT-LIVE WEIGHT)