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GAZETTE PLAN REMAINS ON COURSE

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THE PLAN TO GAZETTE THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS ON ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH REMAINS ON COURSE, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE CGO BUILDING, SIR DAVID SAID : "WE HAVE SAID THAT OUR PLANS ARE THAT WE WILL GAZETTE THEM BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH."

"WE REMAIN ON COURSE TO PROCEED IN THAT WAY.

"WE HAVE BEEN TOTALLY CONSISTENT."

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER AND 1992 RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED THE DETAILED STATISTICS OF EXTERNAL TRADE WITH BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY FOR DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1992.

LAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA REMAINED THE TWO LARGEST COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION FOR HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS, WITH SHARES OF 27.6% AND 26.5% RESPECTIVELY. THE VALUES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES GREW BY 2.8% AND 13.9% RESPECTIVELY IN 1992 OVER 1991.

OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION THAT RECORDED INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VALUE INCLUDED SINGAPORE (+17.8%) AND TAIWAN (+7.2%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN DECREASED IN 1992, BY 17.4%, 14.7%, 8.5%, 6.9% AND 5.7% RESPECTIVELY OVER 1991.

FOR DECEMBER 1992, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, CHINA, THE NETHERLANDS, TAIWAN AND GERMANY RECORDED INCREASES OVER DECEMBER 1991, BY 29.7%, 8.3%, 8.3%, 3.9% AND 3.4% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA (-16.1%), THE UNITED STATES (-15.6%), JAPAN (-10.4%) AND FRANCE (-7.4%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION TAKEN TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1992 WAS \$234 BILLION, 1.3% OVER THAT OF 1991. FOR DECEMBER 1992, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS \$21,658 MILLION, 2.9% BELOW THAT IN DECEMBER 1991.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$2,238 MILLION OR 12.2%); CLOTHING (BY \$1,631 MILLION OR 2.2%); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$887 MILLION OR 4.6%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2,185 MILLION OR 14.4%); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES (BY \$1,424 MILLION OR 6.0%).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, AT \$691 BILLION AND \$955 BILLION RESPECTIVELY IN 1992, RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OVER 1991, BY 29.2% AND 22.6% RESPECTIVELY.

FOR DECEMBER 1992, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WAS \$64,284 MILLION AND THAT OF IMPORTS, \$90,232 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENT INCREASES OF 22.5% AND 17.2% RESPECTIVELY OVER DECEMBER 1991.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR 1992 AS A WHOLE WAS \$1,880 BILLION, 21.7% ABOVE THAT OF 1991. FOR DECEMBER 1992, THE TOTAL VALUE OF EXTERNAL TRADE WAS \$176 BILLION, AN INCREASE OF 16.1% OVER THAT IN DECEMBER 1991.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, THE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS WERE: GERMANY (+31.7%), JAPAN (+30.4%), MALAYSIA (+30.1%), ITALY (+26.4%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+26.4%), SINGAPORE (+24.0%), CHINA (+20.8%), THE UNITED STATES (+20.0%), TAIWAN (+16.7%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+16.2%).

COMPARING DECEMBER 1992 WITH DECEMBER 1991, INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS: SINGAPORE (+35.2%), JAPAN (+31.8%), ITALY (+30.3%), MALAYSIA (+28.7%), THE UNITED STATES (+27.9%), GERMANY (+24.8%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+20.0%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+17.6%), CHINA (+8.6%) AND TAIWAN (+8.5%).

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$17,644 MILLION OR 22.7%); ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$16,653 MILLION OR 98.0%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$16,230 MILLION OR 29.1%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$15,535 MILLION OR 25.9%); CLOTHING (BY \$13,571 MILLION OR 20.4%); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$10,181 MILLION OR 42.9%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN, FRANCE AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 40.4%, 38.3%, 34.0%, 30.6%, 26.7%, 22.1% AND 14.7% RESPECTIVELY. THAT TO TAIWAN AND GERMANY ALSO INCREASED, BY 5.6% AND 3.2% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED BY 7.1%.

COMPARING DECEMBER 1992 WITH DECEMBER 1991, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SINGAPORE AND FRANCE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, BY 39.5%, 31.1%, 29.3% AND 24.8% RESPECTIVELY.

THAT TO CANADA, GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN ALSO INCREASED, BY 14.6%, 14.2%, 12.2% AND 5.5% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED, BY 7.5% AND 1.1% RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$25,398 MILLION OR 35.3%); CLOTHING (BY \$14,519 MILLION OR 22.8%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$12,681 MILLION OR 30.9%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$10,684 MILLION OR 23.7%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$10,375 MILLION OR 41.6%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$9,584 MILLION OR 16.5%).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR DECEMBER 1992 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY MARCH.

DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE DECEMBER 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN DECEMBER AND THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1992 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$52 A COPY AROUND FEBRUARY 22.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND 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 STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4915).

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TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

MAJOR COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
UNITED STATES	5,349	- 15.6	64,600	+ 2.8
CHINA	5,880	+ 8.3	61,959	+ 13.9
GERMANY	1,980	+ 3.4	15,956	- 17.4
UNITED KINGDOM	1,332	+ 0.7	12,541	- 8.5
JAPAN	850	- 10.4	10,997	- 5.7
SINGAPORE	1,000	+ 29.7	10,360	+ 17.8
TAIWAN	603	+ 3.9	6,500	+ 7.2
CANADA	436	- 16.1	5,018	+ 0.1
NETHERLANDS	550	+ 8.3	4,878	- 6.9
FRANCE	338	- 7.4	3,164	- 11.7

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TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE TEN MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,840	- 4.9	77,156	+ 2.2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	1,728	- 15.1	22,152	- 6.0
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,950	+ 21.2	20,530	+ 12.2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,816	+ 2.8	20,138	+ 4.6
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,651	- 14.5	18,879	- 6.8
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,505	- 5.9	17,226	- 2.1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,124	- 5.0	12,983	- 14.4
MANUFACTURES OF METALS	398	- 8.9	4,788	- 2.3
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	274	- 28.6	3,367	- 5.8
MACHINERY SPECIALIZED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES	307	+ 39.6	3,225	+ 29.7

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	31,770	+ 8.6	354,348	+ 20.8
JAPAN	16,775	+ 31.8	166,191	+ 30.4
TAIWAN	8,103	+ 8.5	87,019	+ 16.7
UNITED STATES	7,598	+ 27.9	70,594	+ 20.0
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,863	+ 17.6	44,155	+ 26.4
SINGAPORE	3,901	+ 35.2	39,087	+ 24.0
GERMANY	2,088	+ 24.8	21,911	+ 31.7
UNITED KINGDOM	1,805	+ 20.0	19,221	+ 16.2
ITALY	1,517	+ 30.3	14,825	+ 26.4
MALAYSIA	1,191	+ 28.7	12,825	+ 30.1

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COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8,539	- 6.2	101,322	+ 8.2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	8,931	+ 19.5	95,434	+ 22.7
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,974	- 4.5	80,078	+ 20.4
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7,185	+ 27.4	75,629	+ 25.9
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6,040	+ 21.6	71,924	+ 29.1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4,544	+ 8.3	45,860	+ 16.9
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	3,229	+ 30.0	33,921	+ 42.9
ROAD VEHICLES	4,753	+103.9	33,653	+ 98.0
FOOTWEAR	3,127	+ 41.2	31,689	+ 41.9
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	2,478	- 8.1	29,335	+ 19.4

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TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

MAJOR COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	22,436	+ 39.5	212,105	+ 38.3
UNITED STATES	11,813	+ 12.2	148,500	+ 34.0
JAPAN	3,122	+ 5.5	37,465	+ 26.7
GERMANY	3,442	+ 14.2	33,103	+ 3.2
TAIWAN	2,178	- 7.5	26,156	+ 5.6
UNITED KINGDOM	1,860	+ 31.1	20,591	+ 40.4
SINGAPORE	1,460	+ 29.3	13,866	+ 14.7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,155	- 1.1	13,588	- 7.1
CANADA	900	+ 14.6	11,101	+ 30.6
FRANCE	1,053	+ 24.8	11,039	+ 22.1

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TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS OF THE TEN MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	DEC 92 OVER DEC 91 (% CHANGE)	JAN-DEC 1992 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-DEC 92 OVER JAN-DEC 91 (% CHANGE)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	7,772	+ 28.8	97,316	+ 35.3
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,704	- 2.7	78,095	+ 22.8
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,124	+ 8.8	67,744	+ 16.5
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,060	+ 19.8	55,763	+ 23.7
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,021	+ 27.7	53,746	+ 30.9
FOOTWEAR	3,324	+ 34.7	35,327	+ 41.6
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,873	+ 13.1	29,651	+ 36.2
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	2,142	+ 7.3	23,831	+ 19.5
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,334	+ 44.1	21,994	+ 41.1
ROAD VEHICLES	2,454	+126.1	17,186	+103.0

CONTAINER THROUGHPUT HITS 8 MILLION MARK

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HONG KONG HAS A RECORD CONTAINER THROUGHPUT OF ALMOST 8 MILLION TEUS (TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS) LAST YEAR, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARINE (PLANNING AND LOCAL SERVICES), MR JOHN SHEARMAN, SAID: "THE OVERALL CONTAINER THROUGHPUT FOR 1992 WAS 7,972,235 TEUS, AN INCREASE OF 29.4 PER CENT OR 1,810,323 TEUS AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

"THE RESULTS SHOW A STARTLING INCREASE OVER 1991, AND THE AVERAGE INCREASE HAS REMAINED STEADY AT OVER 25 PER CENT THROUGHOUT 1992, INDICATING CONTINUING STRONG GROWTH.

"IN PARTICULAR, THE TOTAL THROUGHPUT OF LOADED TEUS, THAT IS EXPORT AND/OR RE-EXPORT CARGO, SHOWS THE SAME STARTLING GROWTH RATE WHICH IS ALSO 28.6 PER CENT, AND CLEARLY REFLECTS SUSTAINED LOCAL BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING WORLD RECESSION."

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTAINERS HANDLED AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT INCREASED BY 12.5 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

"BUT THE BIGGEST INCREASES ARE FROM THOSE HANDLED IN THE STREAM AND FROM VESSELS TRADING BETWEEN THE PEARL RIVER DELTA PORTS AND HONG KONG (RIVER TRADE), WHICH SHOW INCREASES OF 60 PER CENT AND 379.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY," MR SHEARMAN SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TABLE FOR THE COMPARATIVE CONTAINER STATISTICS FOR 1991 AND 1992:

	1991	1992	CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE
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KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS			
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TOTAL TEUS	4,514,410	5,078,893	12.5
STREAM AND ELSEWHERE			
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TOTAL TEUS	1,597,579	2,556,795	60.0
RIVER TRADE			
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TOTAL TEUS	74,378	356,949	379.9
THROUGHPUT (KWAI CHUNG TERMINALS +			
STREAM AND ELSEWHERE +			
RIVER TRADE)			
TOTAL TEUS	6,161,912	7,972,235	29.4

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GROUP TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF SHARE ISSUES

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (DESIGNATE) OF THE HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY, MR JOSEPH YAM, HAD SET UP AN INTERNAL WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE MONETARY AND BANKING IMPLICATIONS OF LARGE NEW SHARE ISSUES.

THE WORKING GROUP, COMPRISING THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND, INTENDS TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK AND FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, IN ABOUT ONE MONTH'S TIME.

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1993 COIN COLLECTIONS ON SALE

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THE OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FUND HAS ARRANGED FOR PROOF AND BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COLLECTIONS TO BE PRODUCED FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC FROM NEXT MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THIS IS TO COMMEMORATE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW DESIGN COINS FEATURING A BAUHINIA FLOWER, WHICH ARE GRADUALLY REPLACING THE TERRITORY'S PRESENT CIRCULATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID: "EACH COLLECTION COMPRISES SEVEN COINS RANGING FROM THE 10-CENT COIN TO THE \$10 COIN, ALTHOUGH ONLY THE \$2 AND \$5 COINS ARE NOW IN CIRCULATION."

"ALL THE COINS ARE DATED 1993, EVEN THOUGH THE \$10 AND 10-CENT COINS WILL NOT BE PUT INTO CIRCULATION THIS YEAR. THIS SHOULD ADD SUBSTANTIAL NUMISMATIC VALUE TO THE COIN COLLECTIONS," HE ADDED.

THE HIGHLY PRIZED PROOF COINS HAVE BEEN METICULOUSLY PRODUCED AND ARE FAR SUPERIOR IN QUALITY TO COINS IN GENERAL CIRCULATION. THEY ARE SEALED IN A SPECIAL RED PRESENTATION CASE.

"WORLDWIDE SALES OF THE PROOF COIN COLLECTIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO 30,000 SETS, OF WHICH 25,000 SETS ARE AVAILABLE TO HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COINS COME PROTECTED AND SEALED WITHIN A COLOURFUL AND ATTRACTIVE PRESENTATION FOLDER. WHILST NOT OF PROOF QUALITY, THEY ARE SUPERBLY CRAFTED AND ARE AVAILABLE IN UNLIMITED QUANTITIES.

"THE PROOF AND BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COLLECTIONS, PRICED AT \$380 AND \$128 RESPECTIVELY, WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM NEXT MONDAY AT THE DESIGNATED BRANCHES OF HONGKONGBANK AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE COIN SETS WOULD BE ON SALE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED EDITION OF THE PROOF COIN COLLECTIONS, SALES WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FIVE SETS PER PERSON.

"NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES OF THE COMMEMORATIVE COIN SETS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, CAREFULLY SELECTED PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A LIMITED QUANTITY OF THE 1988 PROOF AND BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN COLLECTIONS, COMPRISING SEVEN COINS RANGING FROM THE FIVE-CENT TO THE \$5 COIN, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE TWO BANKS.

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ART WORKS FOR APEC SECRETARIAT

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS DONATED A SCULPTURE AND A HUGE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT TO THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION (APEC) TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF ITS SECRETARIAT OFFICE IN SINGAPORE.

THE SCULPTURE, ENTITLED "NEW BORN", IS A PIECE CREATED BY LOCAL SCULPTOR VAN LAU, WHILE THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE MAGNIFICENT SKYLINE OF HONG KONG. THEY WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY IN THE NEW SECRETARIAT OFFICE.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR JOHN TSANG, WILL LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE TONIGHT (THURSDAY) TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THEY WILL STAY IN SINGAPORE FOR TWO DAYS AND WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH THE MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

THE APEC SECRETARIAT IS SET UP TO FACILITATE AND CO-ORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES AND ENHANCE ITS EFFICIENCY IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

THE OFFICE IS HEADED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO IS ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. FIVE FUNCTIONAL OFFICES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND FILLED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF SECONDED FROM APEC MEMBER ECONOMIES.

THE HONG KONG SECONDEE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ONE OF THESE FUNCTIONAL OFFICES AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE APEC SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING PERSONNEL AND FINANCE.

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE IS WITH ECONOMIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, AND APEC, AS AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION OF WHICH HONG KONG IS A MEMBER, IS FAST BECOMING THE LEADING FORUM FOR PROMOTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

APEC COMPRISES 15 MEMBERS, INCLUDING USA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, HONG KONG, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, CHINA, CHINESE TAIPEI AND THE SIX ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST NATIONS COUNTRIES, NAMELY BRUNEI, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

HONG KONG BECAME A MEMBER OF APEC IN 1991, ALONG WITH CHINA AND CHINESE TAIPEI.

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CONTRACT FOR TSUEN WAN ELEVATED WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS SIGNED

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THE CROWDED CONDITION OF THE ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEM OUTSIDE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION WILL BE IMPROVED AFTER WORKS FOR EXTENDING AND WIDENING THE WALKWAY ARE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE \$17.6 MILLION WORKS WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR TANG KWOK-KEI, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR, HUNG MAU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

"WORKS UNDER THE CONTRACT COMPRISE MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE WALKWAYS LINKING TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE COMPLEX AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ADJACENT PREMISES.

"THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE WIDENING OF TWO SECTIONS OF THE EXISTING TSUEN WAN MTR STATION EXTERNAL WALKWAYS," MR TANG SAID.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 16).

"UPON COMPLETION, THE IMPROVED ELEVATED WALKWAY SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT ACCESS TO ITS ADJACENT PREMISES, AND ITS PEDESTRIAN CAPACITY WILL BE INCREASED," MR TANG SAID.

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SEMINAR ON AIDS PREVENTION

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A SEMINAR ON AIDS PREVENTION FOR MEMBERS OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS AND MAJOR SPONSORING BODIES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) AT THE TRUE LIGHT GIRLS' COLLEGE, WATERLOO ROAD.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUNDATION, MRS PEGGY LAM; CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, DR PATRICK C K LI; HEADMASTER OF THE CHINESE METHODIST SCHOOL (NORTH POINT PM SESSION), MR CHAN HING-CHEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE FOUNDATION, DR ANDREW W H WONG, WILL ADDRESS THE SEMINAR.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS WILL INCLUDE AIDS AND ITS PREVENTION, PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST AIDS AND LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING AIDS IN SCHOOLS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TRUE LIGHT GIRLS' COLLEGE, 54A WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND NOON ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

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#### 300 TEACHERS ATTEND WORKSHOPS ON TEENAGE SUICIDE

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ABOUT 300 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ATTENDED TWO WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE OF TEENAGE SUICIDE, INCLUDING PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND AFTER-CARE.

THE WHOLE DAY WORKSHOPS WERE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT NORTH POINT YESTERDAY AND TODAY (THURSDAY).

"TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDED AWARENESS OF SUICIDE, PREVENTION, CRISIS INTERVENTION, AFTER-CARE AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. THE FORMAT INCLUDED VIDEOS, GROUP DISCUSSION AND ROLE PLAYING," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE SAID THE FIRST SERIES OF WORKSHOPS BEGAN LAST DECEMBER AND WERE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 300 TEACHERS FROM 208 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS TO DEAL WITH THE DISTRESSING ISSUE, A RESOURCE PACKAGE ON UNDERSTANDING TEENAGE SUICIDE HAS BEEN PRODUCED. EACH SECONDARY SCHOOL HAS BEEN GIVEN THREE SETS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESOURCE PACKAGE IS PRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE WAH KIU YAT PO FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN.

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"KEEP EASTERN GREEN" BUS PARADE

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RESIDENTS AND HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FREQUENTING THE STREETS OF EASTERN DISTRICT ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) AFTERNOON MAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO RECEIVE PACKETS OF PLANT SEEDS.

FREE BOOKLETS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON HOW TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT, EXOTIC TREES IN THE DISTRICT AND ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS WILL ALSO BE HANDED OUT.

THESE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (EIC) TRAVELLING ON AN OPEN-TOP BUS.

AIMING TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF IMPROVING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, THE BUS PARADE IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON GREENING ACTIVITIES.

THE GAILY DECORATED BUS WILL STOP AT PARK TOWER (NEAR TIN HAU MTR STATION EXIT), NORTH POINT FERRY PIER, SUNWAY GARDEN IN QUARRY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN TRAM TERMINUS, HENG FA CHUEN SHOPPING ARCADE AND NEW JADE GARDEN IN CHAI WAN.

TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EVENT, A TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI ON STREET AND LEI KING ROAD, SAI WAN HO, AT 2.15 PM.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; AND EIC CHAIRMAN, MR KONG TZE-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BUS PARADE CUM TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 2.15 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI ON STREET AND LEI KING ROAD, SAI WAN HO.

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LAN KWAI FONG INQUIRY

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OUTLINE OF WORK DONE ON THURSDAY  
(FEBRUARY 11) UP TO 4.30 PM

1. GENERAL REVIEW OF MATERIAL.
2. VISIT TO UPPER-LEVELS POLICE STATION TO VIEW MODEL OF LAN KWAI FONG.
3. CORRESPONDENCE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,150
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	NIL
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,150

LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 115.10 \*+0.1\* 11.2.1993

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.16 PCT	12 MONTHS	2402	5.50	101.80	3.68
1 MONTH	3.05 PCT	15 MONTHS	2405	5.50	101.87	4.00
3 MONTHS	3.07 PCT	18 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.26	4.24
6 MONTHS	3.20 PCT	21 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.27	4.51
12 MONTHS	3.72 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,248MN

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