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HONG KONG'S EXPORTS BY AIR

ABOUT 23 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS WORTH \$3,975 MILLION WERE TRANSPORTED BY AIR IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978, ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOW THAT AIRBORNE IMPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$4,920 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$1,923 MILLION, REPRESENTING 17 PER CENT AND 31 PER CENT OF OVERALL IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE FIRST HALF OF 1977, AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS, IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JUNE 1978 REGISTERED INCREASES OF 27 PER CENT, 36 PER CENT AND 40 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SIX MAJOR MARKETS:

	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1978</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1977</u>	<u>% CHANGES</u>
	(HK\$ MN)	(HK\$ MN)	
U.S.A.	1,784	1,492	+ 20%
F.R. OF GERMANY	481	341	+ 41%
JAPAN	267	176	+ 52%
U.K.	228	151	+ 51%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	133	105	+ 26%
CANADA	105	94	+ 12%

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE ABOVE MAJOR MARKETS ACHIEVED SPECTACULAR GROWTH RATES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978. THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS WERE DUE TO MORE DELIVERIES OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$1,403 MILLION, + 30 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$913 MILLION, + 62 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$399 MILLION, + 14%), JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES (\$240 MILLION, + 17 PER CENT) AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES AND JADE (\$70 MILLION, + 32 PER CENT).

A BREAKDOWN ANALYSIS REVEALED THE REMARKABLE GROWTH RATES OF AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES TO F.R. OF GERMANY (\$284 MILLION, + 54 PER CENT), JAPAN (\$91 MILLION, + 66 PER CENT) AND U.K. (\$87 MILLION, + 77 PER CENT).

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PROMINENT INCREASES IN AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS WERE ALSO OBSERVED FOR F.R. OF GERMANY (\$72 MILLION, + 188 PER CENT), JAPAN (\$46 MILLION, + 81 PER CENT) AND U.K. (\$70 MILLION, + 80 PER CENT).

IMPORTS BY AIR FROM THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SUPPLIERS ALSO RECORDED INCREASES:

	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1978</u>	<u>JAN.-JUNE 1977</u>	<u>% CHANGES</u>
	(HK\$ MN)	(HK\$ MN)	
JAPAN	1,076	768	+ 40%
U.S.A.	918	872	+ 5%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	554	393	+ 41%
ISRAEL	346	60	+472%
UNITED KINGDOM	232	175	+ 33%
SINGAPORE	219	168	+ 31%

THE UPTRENDS IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS WERE MAINLY INCREASED ARRIVALS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,236 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT), DIAMONDS (\$507 MILLION, + 197 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$437 MILLION, + 35 PER CENT) AND ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$146 MILLION, + 61 PER CENT).

BY COUNTRY, NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE INCREASED AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND REFLECTED HIGHER DELIVERIES OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$455 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT).

THE EXTRAORDINARY GROWTH RATE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY IN DELIVERIES OF DIAMONDS (\$343 MILLION, + 483 PER CENT).

INCREASED AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS WERE MAINLY CAUSED BY DIAMONDS (\$238 MILLION, + 125 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$389 MILLION, + 29 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$69 MILLION, + 79 PER CENT).

THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN (\$550 MILLION, + 56 PER CENT), TAIWAN (\$260 MILLION, + 59 PER CENT) WHICH TOGETHER CONTRIBUTED A HALF OF THE INCREASE IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978.

IN ADDITION, PROMINENT INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (\$258 MILLION, + 45 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (\$182 MILLION, + 36 PER CENT) WERE OBSERVED.

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MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES
EARMARKED FOR SHA TIN

A TOWN CENTRE WITH MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING A PUBLIC LIBRARY, PUBLIC HALL AND AUDITORIUM, AND A MAGISTRACY, IS PROPOSED FOR SHA TIN UNDER A DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE TOWN CENTRE, WITH AN AREA OF 18 HECTARES, WILL BE SITUATED IN SHA TIN VALLEY BETWEEN THE EXISTING SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION AND THE SHING MUN RIVER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT THE AIM OF BUILDING SHA TIN NEW TOWN WAS TO CREATE A NEW SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY FOR SOME 500,000 PEOPLE IN AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS A TOTAL OF 2,396 HECTARES. OF THIS, 442 HECTARES WILL BE ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 129 HECTARES FOR VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT, 219 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES, WHICH INCLUDE A POLYTECHNIC AND A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, A TEACHING HOSPITAL AND POLYCLINICS, A MAJOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, A REFUSE COMPOSTING PLANT AND A STADIUM.

A TOTAL OF 116 HECTARES IS EARMARKED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE, 338 HECTARES FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, 981 HECTARES FOR GREEN BELT, 39 HECTARES FOR RAILWAY LAND AND 88 HECTARES FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANOTHER 26 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN RESERVED TO MEET ANY POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN REQUIREMENTS THAT MIGHT, IN THE LONG TERM, ARISE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CHANGES OF STANDARDS AND NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES.

+USE OF SUCH AREAS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE FOR TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH ADJOINING USES,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A DOMINANT FEATURE IN THE TOWN PLAN WAS THE PROVISION OF LARGE LANDSCAPED OPEN SPACES ALONG THE RIVER FRONT IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN CENTRE, PROVIDING A MAJOR SPINE FOR PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE MOVEMENT.

+THE AREA AT THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A FORMAL 'TOWN PARK' WITH MAJOR SPORTING AND SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX ADJOINING IT,+ HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN, TOGETHER WITH A NEW SET OF NOTES WHICH DEFINE THE PERMITTED USES AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH MAY BE EXCEPTIONALLY PERMITTED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE (SHA TIN) AND AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PLAN OR NOTES SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING BEFORE OCTOBER 24, 1978 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$5 PER COPY (UNCOLOURED) AND \$50 PER COPY (COLOURED).

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT +CANOE DAY+ CAMP
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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT A +CANOE DAY+ CAMP ORGANISED FOR WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTHS AT ST. STEPHEN'S BAY, STANLEY, ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29).

THE CAMP IS ORGANISED BY THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT WILL LAST ONE HOUR STARTING FROM 10 A.M. SHE WILL SEE YOUTHS AT TRAINING AS WELL AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE BASIC TECHNIQUES OF CANOEING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT TO THE CAMP.

A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 3356) WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO STANLEY, LEAVING BATTERY PATH OUTSIDE THE SUPREME COURT AT 9 A.M. SHARP.

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CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM TO COMPLEMENT THE OPERATION OF THE WEST KOWLOON AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

THIS TELEVISION SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE THE OPERATOR VISUAL INFORMATION OF THE ACTUAL TRAFFIC CONDITION.

WITH THIS VISUAL INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION FROM THE TRAFFIC DETECTORS, THE OPERATOR WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL, MORE EFFECTIVELY, WITH UNEXPECTED TRAFFIC SITUATIONS IN THE AREA.

THE INITIAL SYSTEM WILL CONSIST OF 10 CAMERAS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT BUSY TRAFFIC LOCATIONS IN WEST KOWLOON. THE PICTURES WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA CABLES TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE POLICE TRAFFIC OFFICE AT ARGYLE STREET.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THIS SYSTEM WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

SIMILAR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN MOST CITIES OVERSEAS WHERE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL IS USED AND HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT.

THE WEST KOWLOON AREA CONTROL SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE MARCH 1977 AND BY THE END OF 1978, IT WILL BE CONTROLLING 114 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS.

THE SYSTEM CONTROLS AND CO-ORDINATES THE TIMINGS OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS THROUGHOUT AN AREA TO ENSURE TRAFFIC CAN MOVE AS QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. IT ALSO PERMITS THE CONTROL OF INDIVIDUAL SETS OR GROUPS OF SIGNALS BY THE CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR. FOR THE LATTER FORM OF CONTROL, THE OPERATOR HAS TO HAVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION OF THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT THE JUNCTIONS BEING CONSIDERED.

TRAFFIC DETECTORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE CONTROL AREA AND TO ALERT THE OPERATOR TO POINTS WHERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS SEVERE. HOWEVER TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN THE OPERATOR REQUIRES VISUAL INFORMATION OF THE ACTUAL STREET TRAFFIC.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC FROM ARGYLE STREET ONTO PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO TRAVEL TO PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FROM ARGYLE STREET CAN TURN ONTO WATERLOO ROAD AT THE ARGYLE STREET/WATERLOO ROAD JUNCTION, THEN TURN LEFT ONTO PUI CHING ROAD AND THEN TURN LEFT AGAIN ONTO SHEUNG HING STREET WHICH CONNECTS DIRECTLY WITH PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

KMB ROUTE 18 ON JOURNEYS TO OI MAN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE ALONG ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, HO MAN TIN INTERCHANGE AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN TIN WAN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TEMPORARILY STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 29) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES ALONG TIN WAN STREET AND TIN WAN NEW STREET INCLUDING BLOCKS 1-15 OF TIN WAN ESTATE.

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