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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - JULY 1983

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - JULY 1983, VALUED AT \$172 964 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 14 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT TO \$53 014 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 13 PER CENT TO \$91 258 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 15 PER CENT TO \$28 692 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 30 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 988 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$933 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$862 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$327 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$47 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$463 MILLION OR 1 618 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$63 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$41 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$115 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$42 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$87 MILLION OR 317 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$39 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$19 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$316 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$102 MILLION OR 449 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$52 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG.

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INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$739 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$719 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$175 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$152 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$122 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 021 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$654 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$428 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$162 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$743 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT); PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$481 MILLION OR 1 065 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$236 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$134 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$97 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$51 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1 384 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$141 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$193 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY \$890 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$646 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$451 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$416 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$302 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$233 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$179 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND NETHERLANDS (BY \$152 MILLION OR 153 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$269 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY \$194 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT). THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$773 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$521 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$458 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$220 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

/DECREASES WERE

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$268 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$126 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$99 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE JULY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE ON SALE 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 JULY 1983 WILL BE ON SALE IN EARLY OCTOBER 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).

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-444436).

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SIX TABLES:

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U. S. A.	21 970	16 951	+5 018	+30
U. K.	4 294	3 812	+ 482	+13
F. R. OF GERMANY	4 077	3 802	+ 275	+ 7
CHINA	2 998	2 124	+ 874	+41
JAPAN	1 925	1 637	+ 288	+18
CANADA	1 888	1 402	+ 486	+35
AUSTRALIA	1 329	1 564	- 235	-15
SINGAPORE	1 176	1 079	+ 97	+ 9
NETHERLANDS	1 052	931	+ 120	+13
FRANCE	890	836	+ 54	+ 6

/TABLE 2 :

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	17 673	15 970	+1 703	+11
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	8 406	8 521	- 115	- 1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 817	4 083	+ 734	+18
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	4 248	3 490	+ 758	+22
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 995	3 161	+ 834	+26
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 618	2 791	+ 827	+30

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	21 401	18 157	+3 243	+18
JAPAN	20 967	17 903	+3 064	+17
U.S.A.	10 503	8 821	+1 682	+19
TAIWAN	6 499	5 959	+ 541	+ 9
SINGAPORE	5 143	6 057	- 915	-15
U.K.	4 170	3 806	+ 364	+10
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 611	2 609	+ 2	+ 0.1
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 400	1 952	+ 448	+23
SWITZERLAND	1 762	1 539	+ 223	+14
AUSTRALIA	1 439	1 360	+ 79	+ 6

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	25 491	23 113	+2 378	+10
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	20 645	18 389	+2 256	+12

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	16 454	13 581	+2 873	+21
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	9 984	8 784	+1 199	+14
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	6 744	5 457	+1 287	+24
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	6 000	6 462	- 462	- 7

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	5 376	4 730	+ 646	+14
U.S.A.	4 069	3 179	+ 890	+28
SINGAPORE	2 382	1 931	+ 451	+23
INDONESIA	2 303	2 572	- 269	-10
TAIWAN	1 740	1 507	+ 233	+15
JAPAN	1 558	1 486	+ 72	+ 5
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 343	927	+ 416	+45
MACAU	1 043	864	+ 179	+21
PHILIPPINES	877	829	+ 48	+ 6
SAUDI ARABIA	779	478	+ 302	+63

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COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN-JULY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-JULY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 957	3 954	+ 3	+0.1
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2 406	1 633	+773	+47
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	2 369	1 911	+458	+24
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 203	1 682	+521	+31
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1 524	1 304	+220	+17
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	1 348	1 474	-126	- 9

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HEPATITIS VACCINES OFFER +UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY+
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THE AVAILABILITY OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINES AGAINST HEPATITIS B PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK THE CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION AND PREVENT BOTH ACUTE AND CHRONIC LIVER DISEASES -- PARTICULARLY PRIMARY LIVER CANCER WHICH IN HONG KONG IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR S.H. LEE, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE CLOSING OF A TWO-DAY WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON +VIRAL HEPATITIS B INFECTION: VACCINE AND CONTROL+, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

/DR LEE

DR LEE SAID ALTHOUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEPATITIS B VACCINE REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THE CONTROL OF HEPATITIS B INFECTION AFTER MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK AND RESEARCH, A GREAT DEAL OF WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH INTO THE DISEASE.

+FOR EXAMPLE, IN VIEW OF THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY IN THE MEDIA GIVEN TO THE HIGHLY EMOTIONAL AND SPECULATIVE ISSUE OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS), PARTICULAR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN MADE OF THE EVIDENCE ATTESTING TO THE SAFETY OF THE VACCINES IN THIS RESPECT.

+WHILE HEPATITIS B VACCINES HAVE BEEN PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN MANY COUNTRIES, THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES WHICH HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN ENSURING SAFE VACCINES DERIVED FROM HUMAN PLASMA HAS MEANT THAT THE COST OF THESE VACCINES ARE CURRENTLY TOO EXPENSIVE FOR UNIVERSAL VACCINATION,+ HE SAID.

CONSEQUENTLY SOUND IMMUNISATION STRATEGIES HAD TO BE FORMULATED, BASED ON LOCAL PATTERNS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, HE POINTED OUT.

DR LEE THOUGHT THIS COULD BEST BE DONE BY NATIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, THROUGH BODIES OF EXPERTS WHO WOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF VACCINATION PROGRAMMES.

THE DISCUSSIONS AND FREE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE TWO-DAY WORKSHOP HAD BEEN +MOST BENEFICIAL+, NOT ONLY TO INTERESTED WORKERS IN THIS SUBJECT IN GENERAL, BUT ALSO TO THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR, DR LEE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED A HEPATITIS B VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AT HIGH RISK AND HAD ALSO STARTED A PILOT SCHEME TO PROVIDE BOTH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE IMMUNISATION TO NEW-BORN CHILDREN OF HEPATITIS B CARRIER MOTHERS.

+THE KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE GAINED WILL ASSIST COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION IN FORMULATING SOUND IMMUNISATION POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT VACCINATION IS SAFE, EFFICACIOUS AND COST-EFFECTIVE AS WELL AS IN DEVELOPING OTHER STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH HEPATITIS B INFECTION,+ DR LEE SAID.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WAS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN SESSIONS, HEARD SPEAKERS GIVE DETAILS OF HEPATITIS B INFECTION IN AUSTRALIA, CHINA, JAPAN, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

THE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG WAS OUTLINED BY A CONSULTANT AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, DR E.K. YEOH.

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 23 CONTRIBUTORS, OF WHOM SIX, INCLUDING DR LEE AND DR YEOH, WERE FROM HONG KONG.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES EXHIBITION IN TSUEN WAN
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TAKING THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES TO TSUEN WAN.

A SIX-DAY PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES EXHIBITION WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT.

THE EXHIBITION -- THE THIRD TO BE HELD THIS YEAR -- HAS THREE MAIN AIMS:

- (I) TO SPREAD INFORMATION ABOUT IMMUNISATION;
- (II) TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR CHILDREN'S IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME; AND
- (III) TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THROUGH PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER VARIOUS FORMS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE MAINLY PREVENTED BY IMMUNISATION, VENEREAL DISEASES AND THOSE WHICH ARE PREVENTED BY PERSONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF HYGIENE. THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL INTRODUCE ITS VARIOUS SERVICES FOR PREVENTING, CONTROLLING AND TREATING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE 50 EXHIBITION BOARDS AND THE WINNING ENTRIES IN A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION WHICH ATTRACTED 1 800 ENTRIES. THERE WILL ALSO BE SLIDE AND VIDEO SHOWS.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION, A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD FOR PRIMARY 5, PRIMARY 6 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TSUEN WAN TO EQUIP THEM WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

PAMPHLETS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HEALTH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE DURING THE EXHIBITION.

EXHIBITIONS ON PREVENTING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WERE HELD AT THE CITY HALL IN JULY AND AT KWUN TONG MTR STATION LAST MONTH, DRAWING MORE THAN 33 000 PEOPLE.

IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD FURTHER EXHIBITIONS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, TAI PO AND TUEN MUN IN THE COMING MONTHS.

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SITE FOR PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN YUEN LONG

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY FOR A SITE AT TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA IN YUEN LONG.

THE SITE, MEASURING 4 400 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

THE NEW PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE AT YUEN LONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PRESENT SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL BE DEMOLISHED IN 12 MONTHS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL PROVIDE FRESH PORK AND BEEF TO RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG AND THE NEAR-BY DISTRICTS UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN SHEUNG SHUI IS COMPLETED.

UNDER THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY AGREEMENT, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A SLAUGHTERHOUSE WITH FACILITIES FOR SLAUGHTERING 700 TO 1 000 PIGS AND 100 CATTLE.

THE OPERATOR OF THE NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE IS REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A LICENCE AND TO COMPLY WITH HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS SET BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE (NEW TERRITORIES) REGULATIONS.

FRESH MEAT WILL ALSO BE INSPECTED BY TRAINED HEALTH INSPECTORS OF THE NTSD TO ENSURE THAT THE MEAT IS FREE OF DISEASE.

THE INITIAL TENANCY FOR THE SITE WILL BE FIVE YEARS, EXCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

THE NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE MUST BE READY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1984.

TENDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF YUEN LONG ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 30.

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TENNET CLASS AND DEMONSTRATION IN TUEN MUN

A +LEARN TO PLAY TENNET+ CLASS, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN TEMPORARY TENNIS COURTS, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM.

SIX COACHES OF THE HONG KONG TENNET ASSOCIATION WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILL AND TECHNIQUE DURING THE CLASS.

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FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRATION, PRACTICAL TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SPORT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, THE TUEN MUN TAI HING TEMPORARY TENNIS COURTS AND THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT 'TOP COURT', FIRST FLOOR, 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WATER CUT IN MID-LEVELS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 128-144 CAINE ROAD, 76-84 AND 97-113 ROBINSON ROAD, 12-38 AND 86-88 BONHAM ROAD, BREEZY TERRACE, BREEZY PATH, PARK ROAD, NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL, 31-53 SEYMOUR ROAD, 1-77 LYTTTELTON ROAD, 1-20 BABINGTON PATH, 2-16 OAKLANDS PATH, INCLUDING HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

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ABERDEEN TUNNEL TO CLOSE FOR TESTS
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THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED FOR COMPUTER TESTS BETWEEN 0.30 AM AND 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) AND WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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