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AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE JANUARY - JUNE
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AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1980 WAS VALUED AT \$19 999 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979. AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$7 120 MILLION (UP 30%), AIRBORNE IMPORTS AT \$9 225 MILLION (UP 23%), AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 654 MILLION (UP 29%).

IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, 23 PER CENT OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 18 PER CENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS AND 28 PER CENT OF TOTAL RE-EXPORTS WERE DESPATCHED BY AIR.

THESE AND OTHER STATISTICS ON AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO JUNE, 1980 WERE RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIX MAJOR MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS:

	JAN-JUNE 80 (HK\$ M.)	JAN-JUNE 79 (HK\$ M.)	INCREASE/DECREASE (HK\$ M.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
USA	2 740	2 168	+ 572	+ 26
F.R. OF GERMANY	841	664	+ 177	+ 27
UK	616	403	+ 213	+ 53
JAPAN	373	477	- 104	- 22
SWITZERLAND	245	160	+ 85	+ 53
FRANCE	211	127	+ 84	+ 66

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$850 MILLION OR 57%), CLOTHING (BY \$164 MILLION OR 9%), AS WELL AS THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTO-CELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$163 MILLION OR 31%). HOWEVER, A DROP WAS NOTED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$24 MILLION OR 16%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY REVEALED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$72 MILLION OR 45%), FRANCE (BY \$69 MILLION OR 125%), AND THE UK (BY \$18 MILLION OR 13%) - AND IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO USA (BY \$69 MILLION OR 9%), THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$67 MILLION OR 19%), AND THE UK (BY \$47 MILLION OR 33%).

/AIRBORNE IMPORTS

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE SIX MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SHOWN BELOW:

	<u>JAN-JUNE 80</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>JAN-JUNE 79</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>INCREASE/DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ M.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	2 025	1 638	+ 387	+ 24
USA	2 012	1 358	+ 654	+ 48
SWITZERLAND	1 007	847	+ 160	+ 19
TAIWAN	441	312	+ 129	+ 41
UK	438	416	+ 22	+ 5
ISRAEL	424	451	- 27	- 6

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$594 MILLION OR 33%), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$319 MILLION OR 28%), AND AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS (BY \$255 MILLION OR 327%). IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SUPPLY OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$229 MILLION OR 21%) AS WELL AS TANNED OR DRESSED FUR SKINS (BY \$62 MILLION OR 33%).

HIGHER VALUES WERE NOTED FOR AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM SWITZERLAND (INCREASED BY \$166 MILLION OR 27%), JAPAN (BY \$139 MILLION OR 27%), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$76 MILLION OR 157%), AND TAIWAN (BY \$42 MILLION OR 58%). GROWTH WAS ALSO REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS FROM USA (BY \$80 MILLION OR 27%), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$47 MILLION OR 25%), AND SINGAPORE (BY \$31 MILLION OR 22%). ALTHOUGH AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES FROM ISRAEL DECLINED (BY \$27 MILLION OR 6%), THEY STILL CONSTITUTED ABOUT HALF OF SUCH AIRBORNE IMPORTS INTO HONG KONG.

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO GROW IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. MAJOR RE-EXPORT ITEMS WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$370 MILLION OR 77%), SILVER, PLATINUM AND OTHER METALS OF THE PLATINUM GROUP (BY \$181 MILLION OR 469%), AND THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$100 MILLION OR 25%). FOLLOWING THE SAME TREND IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY (BY \$174 MILLION OR 23%).

JAPAN REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS IN SPITE OF A DECLINE (BY \$105 MILLION OR 15%) OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY TAIWAN (INCREASED BY \$72 MILLION OR 18%), SINGAPORE (INCREASED BY \$172 MILLION OR 62%), USA (INCREASED BY \$18 MILLION OR 5%), THE UK (INCREASED BY \$248 MILLION OR 567%) AND SWITZERLAND (INCREASED BY \$122 MILLION OR 166%).

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CHINESE JUNK SETS SAIL FOR LONDON
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AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE SAILING JUNK WILL BE SEEN IN BRITISH WATERS FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN NEARLY 150 YEARS WHEN 'KEYING II' LEAVES THE ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB, HAMBLE, ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) FOR AN EIGHT-DAY VOYAGE TO LONDON.

THE JUNK, SPECIALLY BUILT FOR THE 'HONG KONG IN LONDON' FESTIVAL AT BATTERSEA PARK ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20-21, WILL SAIL ALONG THE SOUTH COAST TO GIVE RESIDENTS AND HOLIDAY-MAKERS AT POPULAR SEASIDE RESORTS A GLIMPSE OF A TRADITIONAL SEA-GOING CRAFT FROM THE ORIENT.

IT WAS NAMED AFTER THE JUNK 'KEYING', THE FIRST CHINESE VESSEL TO MAKE THE VOYAGE FROM HONG KONG TO LONDON 134 YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS VISITED BY QUEEN VICTORIA AND MANY THOUSANDS OF HER SUBJECTS.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, 'KEYING II' WILL BE MOORED ON CHELSEA REACH. TRADITIONAL METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL WERE USED TO BUILD THE 60-FOOT 'KEYING II' AND, THOUGH IT IS NOT AN IDENTICAL TWIN OF ITS ONCE FAMOUS ANCESTOR, IT IS A CLASS OF JUNK THAT HAS NOT BEEN BUILT IN HONG KONG FOR 30 YEARS.

ON ITS VOYAGE TO LONDON, THE JUNK WILL BE CREWED BY TWO CHINESE JUNK SAILORS FROM HONG KONG AND EIGHT VOLUNTEERS FROM THE EXETER MARITIME MUSEUM WHERE THE JUNK WILL FIND A PERMANENT HOME AFTER THE FESTIVAL.

THE JUNK WILL BE SKIPPED BY MR ROBIN RISING, RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE ROYAL MARINES. HE HAS BEEN A SAILING ENTHUSIAST FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS BUT, LIKE THE REST OF THE BRITISH CREW, HAS NEVER BEEN ON A SAILING JUNK BEFORE.

+IT'S QUITE A CHALLENGE+, HE SAYS.

THE TWO HONG KONG SAILORS ARE BROTHERS WONG KWAI-KWOK AND WONG KWAI-KEUNG WHO HELPED BUILD THE JUNK AT SHAU KEI WAN BOATYARD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR FATHER, ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN BOAT BUILDERS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE JUNK WAS BUILT WITH MONEY DONATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF WORLD-WIDE SHIPPING, SIR YUE-KONG PAO, AND IT WAS SHIPPED FROM HONG KONG BY OVERSEAS CONTAINERS LIMITED (OCL).

FIREWORKS WILL BE LET OFF TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF 'KEYING II' ON ITS VOYAGE FROM HAMBLE TO LONDON, AND AMONG THE DIGNITARIES AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR DAVID FORD.

DURING ITS JOURNEY TO LONDON, THE JUNK WILL MAKE OVERNIGHT STOPS AT ITCHENOR (NORTH CHICHESTER), BRIGHTON, NEWHAVEN, RYE, DOVER, RAMSGATE AND SOUTHEND.

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\$377 MILLION CONTRACTS IN JULY

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS LET 62 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$377 MILLION IN JULY.

ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTRACTS WAS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A VENTILATION SYSTEM, A SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERISED SYSTEM FOR MONITORING AIR POLLUTION, A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM AND OTHER ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED AND INSTALLED UNDER THIS \$64.5 MILLION CONTRACT.

ANOTHER MAJOR CONTRACT, VALUED ABOUT \$49.5 MILLION, WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE OVER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND LINK ROADS TOTALLING ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH IN FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT FORMS PART OF THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN.

OF THE CONTRACTS AWARDED, 32 WERE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS ON THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

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COMPLETION OF FIRST INDOOR GAMES HALL IN NT

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CONSTRUCTION ON THE FIRST INDOOR GAMES HALL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT KWAI CHUNG HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE GAMES HALL WILL SOON BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

THE \$7.35 MILLION MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE -- OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL -- LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, WAS TODAY (SATURDAY) HANDED OVER BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE PROJECT WAS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND A LEADING PERSONALITY IN LOCAL SPORTS, MR O.R. SADICK. AS A MARK OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION, THE HALL IS NAMED AFTER THE LATE BROTHER OF MR SADICK.

THE MAIN ARENA, WITH A FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 1 152 SQUARE METRES AND A SEATING CAPACITY OF UP TO 680, IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR HOLDING INDOOR SPORTS SUCH AS BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, GYMNASTICS, JUDO, WEIGHT-TRAINING, DANCING AND FENCING.

/OTHER FACILITIES

OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDE THREE GAMES ROOMS FOR PLAYING TABLE TENNIS, A TRAINING OR LECTURE ROOM AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT STORES.

DISABLED PERSONS AND ATHLETES CAN ALSO MAKE FULL USE OF THE INDOOR GAMES HALL AS A RAMP HAS BEEN BUILT AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE ARENA. SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE CHANGING AND SHOWER ROOMS.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER KICKS OFF
YUEN LONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCHES
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THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, PRAISED THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANISING MORE DISTRICT-WIDE SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

MR SWEETMAN WAS OFFICIATING AT THE KICK-OFF OF THE SECOND ANNUAL YUEN LONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT YUEN LONG STADIUM TODAY (SATURDAY).

LEAGUE MATCHES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, WHILE THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING FUNDS.

MORE THAN 200 PLAYERS FROM 17 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED THE COMPETITION, THE FINAL OF WHICH WILL BE HELD EARLY IN NOVEMBER.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VILLAGES.

MR SWEETMAN SAID THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION HAD A LONG HISTORY AND LOCAL PEOPLE HAD ALL ALONG SHOWN A SPECIAL INTEREST IN FOOTBALL.

THE ASSOCIATION JOINED THE THIRD DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE 20 YEARS AGO AND WERE PROMOTED TO THE FIRST DIVISION TWO YEARS LATER.

THE TEAM HAD A STRONG POSITION IN THE FIRST DIVISION FOR MORE THAN 18 YEARS DURING WHICH, HE SAID, IT HAD EXPERIENCED BOTH UPS AND DOWNS.

IN 1979, THE TEAM REACHED A GLORIOUS MILESTONE IN ITS HISTORY BY DEFEATING A STRONG SEIKO SIDE TO WIN THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP. MR SWEETMAN SAID HE BELIEVED BOTH YUEN LONG RESIDENTS AND FOOTBALL FANS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WERE PROUD OF THIS RESULT.

+HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHETHER CONCENTRATING SO MUCH MONEY ON ACHIEVING THIS FLEETING SUCCESS WAS AS WISE AS WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW - BUILDING UP FOOTBALL TALENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

+THE AIM OF THE LONG ESTABLISHED YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT BE MERELY THE FORMING OF A FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL TEAM AND OBTAINING GOOD RESULTS TO PLEASE LOCAL PEOPLE,+ MR SWEETMAN SAID.

+I APPRECIATE THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S EXISTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS TURNED TO ORGANISING MORE DISTRICT-WIDE SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WHICH WAS ITS OBJECTIVE WHEN IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED.

+WITH THE WELL-EQUIPPED SPORTS GROUND IN YUEN LONG, I AM SURE MANY FOOTBALL STARS WILL BE TRAINED.+

HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ASSOCIATION, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YUK-CHUEN AND THE BOARD DIRECTORS, WOULD ORGANISE CLASSES TO TRAIN UP LOCAL SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS.

+I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL DISPLAY YOUR SKILLS IN COMING MATCHES SO THAT WE CAN MOVE TOWARDS GETTING A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FOR YUEN LONG.+

TALENT SCOUTS WOULD BE WATCHING PERFORMANCES TO FIND THE BEST AVAILABLE TO FORM A LOCAL TEAM WHICH WOULD BE TRAINED TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

AN OPENING MATCH BETWEEN PING SHAN YOUTH AND SHUI CHIU SUN TSUEN WAS PLAYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE YUEN LONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE WAS LAUNCHED LAST SEASON WITH A TEAM FROM WANG TOI SHAN VILLAGE EMERGING AS WINNERS.

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TENDERS TO BUILD TWO RESERVOIRS

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TWO RESERVOIRS ARE TO BE BUILT TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND BY RESIDENTS IN BEACON HILL AND FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NAM CHEONG STREET, NEW KOWLOON.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO BUILD A 10 000-CUBIC METRE CAPACITY FRESH WATER RESERVOIR AND A 600-CUBIC METRE CAPACITY SALT WATER RESERVOIR.

ADDITIONAL PUMPSETS ARE BEING INSTALLED IN EXISTING PUMPING STATIONS TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE NEW RESERVOIRS.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE LAYING 250 METRES OF STEEL PIPELINE OF 200 MM IN DIAMETER AND 2 900 METRES OF ASBESTOS CONCRETE PIPELINES WHICH WILL VARY IN DIAMETER FROM 2 000 MM TO 450 MM.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT WEEK FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1 - 5).

PRACTICE WILL BEGIN AT 8 AM DAILY AND END AT 5 PM EXCEPT ON MONDAY WHEN IT STOPS AT 11 PM.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

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