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CHANGES TO RADIO PROGRAMME AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA) MET TODAY (THURSDAY) AND AGREED TO BRING INTO EFFECT SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE RADIO CODES OF PRACTICE ON PROGRAMME AND ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

THE CHANGES, WHICH RESULT FROM A REVIEW OF RADIO POLICY UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE RADIO LICENSEES, INCLUDE A PROVISION ALLOWING THE SPONSORSHIP OF FINANCIAL AND SPORTS NEWS, AND THE REMOVAL OF THE ACROSS-THE-BOARD 8.30 PM WATERSHED FOR MATERIAL NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BA SAID IN VIEW OF THE MOVE TOWARDS CHANNEL FORMATTING, THE INFLEXIBLE 8.30 PM WATERSHED WOULD BE REPLACED BY A MORE GENERAL PROVISION ENSURING THAT NO MATERIAL UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE WAS BROADCAST DURING OR AROUND PROGRAMMES AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE.

"THIS CHANGE SHOULD ENSURE THAT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WERE BETTER PROTECTED AGAINST UNSUITABLE MATERIAL ON RADIO," HE ADDED.

THE BA ALSO CONSIDERED SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

AMONG THEM, THE AUTHORITY LOOKED AT A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE OCCURRENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS IN THE TVB JADE SERIES "TOP COP".

MEMBERS DECIDED THAT TVB BE SERIOUSLY WARNED FOR BREACHING THE TELEVISION CODE OF PRACTICE ON PROGRAMME STANDARDS GOVERNING LANGUAGE AND THE FAMILY VIEWING HOURS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AUTHORITY BELIEVED THAT THE EXPRESSIONS WERE USED GRATUITOUSLY, AND THAT THIS WENT BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF WHAT COULD BE PERMITTED IN THE EARLY EVENING.

THE BA ALSO ADVISED ATV TO PLACE A WARNING CAPTION BEFORE THE BROADCAST OF PROGRAMMES THAT CONTAINED MATERIAL LIKELY TO DISTURB VIEWERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE BROADCAST OF "QUEST FOR HEALING" ON ATV HOME WHERE SOME OF THE SCENES WERE QUITE GRAPHIC AND, ALTHOUGH ACCEPTABLE FOR THE HOUR OF BROADCAST, COULD DISTURB SOME PEOPLE.

MORE PROTECTION PROPOSED FOR INSURED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE TO ENHANCE PROTECTION TO POLICY HOLDERS' INTERESTS BY PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT TO THE SELF-REGULATION OF AGENTS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE INSURER AND BROKERS WHO ACT FOR THE INSURED.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.3) BILL 1993 TO BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT INSURERS OPERATING IN HONG KONG WERE SUBJECT TO PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY UNDER THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

"THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF HONG KONG, IN A REPORT ISSUED IN 1986, HIGHLIGHTED AN ABSENCE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AMONG THE INSURANCE INTERMEDIARIES AND A CONFUSION OVER THE ROLES AND THEREFORE THE LIABILITIES OF THE AGENTS AND BROKERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PUBLIC COMPLAINTS INCLUDING MISREPRESENTATION, INADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF INSURANCE CONTRACTS AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF PREMIUMS RECEIVED INDICATED THAT SOME FORM OF SUPERVISION WAS NECESSARY AS POLICY HOLDERS' INTERESTS WERE AT RISK," HE ADDED.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP IN 1987 TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR THE SELF-REGULATION OF INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED MAINLY TO THE ADOPTION BY INSURERS OF VOLUNTARY CODES OF PRACTICE TO BE BACKED BY STATUTE AS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

IN JANUARY 1993, A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF AGENTS WAS ADOPTED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF INSURERS (FEDERATION).

THE PROFESSIONAL BODY FOR BROKERS, THE HONG KONG CONFEDERATION OF INSURANCE BROKERS (CONFEDERATION), ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1993, ALSO REQUIRES ITS MEMBERS TO CONFORM WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT DEVELOPED FOR BROKERS.

DESPITE THE INDUSTRY'S EFFORTS AT SELF-REGULATION, HE SAID THERE CONTINUED TO BE COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

"BOTH THE FEDERATION AND THE CONFEDERATION ARE CONCERNED THAT SELF-REGULATION HAS NOT PROVED FULLY EFFECTIVE IN THE ABSENCE OF STATUTORY BACKING.

"VOLUNTARY CODES, RULES, REGULATIONS AND CRITERIA ALONE ARE INSUFFICIENT BECAUSE THEY CANNOT PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE SANCTION AGAINST NON-COMPLIANCE BY AGENTS, BROKERS AND INSURERS," HE SAID.

CLAUSE 4 OF THE BILL THUS SETS OUT THE MAJOR PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "SECTION 65 PROVIDES THAT AGENTS MUST BE PROPERLY APPOINTED AND LIMITS THE NUMBER OF INSURERS AN AGENT CAN REPRESENT.

"TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY IN REPRESENTATION, EVERY INSURER IS REQUIRED, UNDER SECTION 66, TO MAINTAIN A REGISTER OF ITS AGENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND, UNDER SECTION 67, TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE IN ITS ADMINISTRATION OF INSURANCE AGENTS.

"INSURERS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR APPOINTED AGENTS AND THE LIABILITIES OF THE INSURERS ARE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 68."

HE SAID AUTHORISATION OF BROKERS WAS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTIONS 69 AND 70.

TO GIVE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO POLICY HOLDERS, SECTION 71 REQUIRES ALL BROKERS TO KEEP CLIENTS' MONIES IN SEPARATE ACCOUNTS, WHILE SECTION 72 REQUIRES THAT AUTHORISED INSURANCE BROKERS BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR AUDIT.

THE AUTHORITY IS GIVEN CERTAIN POWERS TO STRENGTHEN HIS SUPERVISORY EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THE BILL.

SECTION 73 ALLOWS THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE PRODUCTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.

SECTIONS 74 AND 75 ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW AUTHORISATION OF BROKERS AND TO APPLY FOR WINDING UP OF INTERMEDIARIES UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR EXEMPTIONS AND OFFENCES AGAINST NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

THE BILL IS SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 24.

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IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING

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THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (PWP) IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR HAS BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE INTENDED EXPENDITURE PATTERN, REPRESENTING A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, AT A BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE TODAY (THURSDAY).

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"WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN UPLIFTING THE PWP PERFORMANCE BY INTRODUCING A NUMBER OF NEW MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE MONITORING AND CONTROL OF THE PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRESS COMMITTEE WHICH WAS RESTRUCTURED IN MARCH THIS YEAR AS A HIGH LEVEL BODY UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP BROUGHT TOGETHER SECRETARIES FROM RELEVANT POLICY BRANCHES TO HIGHLIGHT AND TO DEAL WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME.

THE MONITORING OF THE PWP IS BEING STRENGTHENED BY THE SETTING UP OF A PROJECT ACTION TEAM WITHIN THE WORKS BRANCH.

THE TEAM, HEADED BY A DIRECTORATE OFFICER, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHLIGHTING ANY DEVIATIONS IN THE PROGRESS OF MAJOR PROJECTS, AND DEVISING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED MEASURES TO ACHIEVE THE INTENDED PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES.

"AS ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH THIS YEAR, ACTION IS IN HAND TO REVIEW THE COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF EXTERNAL RESOURCES ALONGSIDE THOSE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR PWP-RELATED PERFORMANCE.

"CURRENT EXAMPLES ARE THE USE OF THE DESIGN-AND-BUILD METHOD FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND ENTRUSTMENT TO THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE EXTENSION TO THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

"DETAILED PROPOSALS WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, IN BOTH CASES, WITHIN A MATTER OF MONTHS FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO PROCEED WITH THESE TWO PROJECTS," MR BLAKE NOTED.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE OF RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN THE INTRODUCTION OF EARLY-IMPACT MEASURES, ORIGINATING AS RECOMMENDATIONS BY CONSULTANTS APPOINTED IN MAY THIS YEAR TO REVIEW PUBLIC WORKS PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE OUTLINED AT TODAY'S BRIEFING AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FULL CONSULTANCY REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS BY THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

ALONGSIDE THESE MEASURES, THE CONSULTANTS HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED GOOD PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING THE COMPUTER-BASED PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE BY JANUARY NEXT YEAR TO AN EXTENT THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THE 1994 ANNUAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION EXERCISE.

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED DETAILED STATISTICS ON EXTERNAL TRADE WITH BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY/TERRITORY AND COMMODITY FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1993, AT \$75,198 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 17% OVER SEPTEMBER 1992, WHEREAS THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$19,456 MILLION DECREASED BY 7.9%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR DESTINATIONS: THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+29%), SINGAPORE (+24%), CHINA (+24%), GERMANY (+21%), JAPAN (+21%), THE UNITED STATES (+18%), CANADA (+17%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+13%) AND FRANCE (+8.0%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN DECREASED BY 4.1%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$600,393 MILLION, BEING 21% HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR DESTINATIONS : CHINA (+35%), SINGAPORE (+26%), GERMANY (+23%), THE UNITED STATES (+22%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+21%), FRANCE (+19%), JAPAN (+17%), CANADA (+16%) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+11%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN DECREASED BY 16%.

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

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$14,538 MILLION OR 135%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$12,208 MILLION OR 32%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$11,409 MILLION OR 30%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$9,764 MILLION OR 14%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$9,750 MILLION OR 38%); CLOTHING (BY \$8,721 MILLION OR 15%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,959 MILLION OR 4.0%).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1993, AT \$19,456 MILLION, FELL BY 7.9% OVER SEPTEMBER 1992.

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DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO FRANCE (-28%), GERMANY(-23%), JAPAN (-17%), THE NETHERLANDS (-15%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (-12%), THE UNITED STATES (-9.5%) AND CHINA (-2.3%).

BUT INCREASES OF 12%, 6.5% AND 1.4% IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE TO TAIWAN, SINGAPORE AND CANADA RESPECTIVELY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (-14%), FRANCE (-13%), JAPAN(-12%), GERMANY (-8.4%), THE UNITED STATES (-8.4%), CANADA (-6.8%), THE NETHERLANDS (-6.5%) AND TAIWAN (-4.9%).

HOWEVER, INCREASES OF 11% AND 5.5% IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE TO SINGAPORE AND CHINA RESPECTIVELY.

TAKING ALL DESTINATIONS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993, AT \$163,635 MILLION, DECREASED BY 3.9% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

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

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,041 MILLION OR 14%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$646 MILLION OR 6.8%); AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$369 MILLION OR 16%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$3,991 MILLION OR 7.2%); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$2,084 MILLION OR 14%); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,882 MILLION OR 14%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES (BY \$1,403 MILLION OR 8.5%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$553 MILLION OR 4.4%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1993 WAS \$92,055 MILLION, INCREASING BY 11% OVER THAT IN SEPTEMBER 1992.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1993 WITH SEPTEMBER 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS: SINGAPORE (+37%), ITALY (+25%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+19%), MALAYSIA (+18%), CHINA (+15%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+8.1%), THE UNITED STATES (+7.4%), TAIWAN (+4.2%), GERMANY (+2.4%) AND JAPAN (+1.9%).

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED : MALAYSIA (+25%), SINGAPORE (+24%), ITALY (+21%), GERMANY (+19%), THE UNITED STATES (+19%), CHINA (+14%), JAPAN (+13%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+11%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+10%) AND TAIWAN (+9.8%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$790,505 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 15% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$20,737 MILLION OR 97%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$15,329 MILLION OR 22%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$12,431 MILLION OR 23%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$8,391 MILLION OR 37%); CLOTHING (BY \$7,799 MILLION OR 13%); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$7,158 MILLION OR 14%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, A DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1,726 MILLION OR 2.3%).

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 SEPTEMBER 1993 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER.

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

THE SEPTEMBER 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1993 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$68.50 A COPY AROUND NOVEMBER 24.

THE REPORT CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, OR AT 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 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	22,585	+ 23.6	200,786	+ 34.6
UNITED STATES	18,344	+ 18.4	132,126	+ 22.3
JAPAN	4,554	+ 20.7	31,177	+ 16.6
GERMANY	3,602	+ 20.7	28,996	+ 23.0
UNITED KINGDOM	2,633	+ 13.1	17,553	+ 20.8
TAIWAN	1,878	- 4.1	16,330	- 15.9
SINGAPORE	1,520	+ 24.4	12,501	+ 26.3
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,424	+ 28.7	11,248	+ 11.2
FRANCE	1,062	+ 8.0	9,616	+ 18.6
CANADA	1,230	+ 17.2	9,563	+ 15.7

/TABLE 2 :

TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS OF THE TEN MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	12,445	+ 8.3	80,330	+ 13.8
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	9,080	+ 19.6	65,678	+ 15.3
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5,796	+ 7.5	51,348	+ 4.0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7,304	+ 29.8	50,875	+ 31.6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	6,471	+ 25.1	49,364	+ 30.1
FOOTWEAR	3,982	+ 26.7	35,326	+ 38.1
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,326	+ 34.3	26,313	+ 23.4
ROAD VEHICLES	2,518	+ 57.0	25,285	+135.3
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,382	+ 21.6	20,055	+ 31.6
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	2,367	+ 17.3	19,931	+ 12.6

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TABLE 3 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	5,329	- 2.3	47,326	+ 5.5
UNITED STATES	5,697	- 9.5	42,544	- 8.4
GERMANY	1,079	- 23.1	10,401	- 8.4
SINGAPORE	995	+ 6.5	8,332	+ 11.5
UNITED KINGDOM	985	- 12.4	7,927	- 13.9
JAPAN	851	- 16.6	7,302	- 12.3
TAIWAN	608	+ 11.6	4,446	- 4.9
CANADA	434	+ 1.4	3,549	- 6.8
NETHERLANDS	352	- 14.9	3,387	- 6.5
FRANCE	181	- 27.8	2,022	- 13.0

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COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,557	- 12.4	51,238	- 7.2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,973	+ 4.7	16,604	+ 14.0
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	1,928	+ 0.3	15,018	- 8.5
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,448	- 18.9	12,678	- 14.1
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,290	- 6.7	12,131	- 4.4
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,400	- 12.8	11,859	- 13.7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,082	- 14.9	10,169	+ 6.8
MANUFACTURES OF METALS	392	- 3.6	3,438	- 4.7
MACHINERY SPECIALIZED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES	287	+ 20.5	2,700	+ 15.8
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	272	- 7.2	2,603	+ 0.3

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TABLE 5 : IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS

SUPPLIER	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	37,396	+ 14.8	292,490	+ 13.7
JAPAN	14,882	+ 1.9	134,503	+ 13.4
TAIWAN	7,719	+ 4.2	69,370	+ 9.8
UNITED STATES	5,905	+ 7.4	58,982	+ 18.6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	4,188	+ 19.5	36,371	+ 11.4
SINGAPORE	4,257	+ 37.2	34,546	+ 23.7
GERMANY	1,968	+ 2.4	18,663	+ 19.0
UNITED KINGDOM	1,622	+ 8.1	15,434	+ 10.0
ITALY	1,503	+ 25.4	12,922	+ 20.7
MALAYSIA	1,307	+ 17.8	11,629	+ 25.0

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COMMODITY DIVISION	SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	SEP 93 OVER SEP 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-SEP 1993 (HKD Mn.)	JAN-SEP 93 OVER JAN-SEP 92 (% CHANGE)
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	10,363	+ 14.7	83,803	+ 22.4
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7,900	+ 1.7	73,447	- 2.3
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	8,788	+ 23.9	65,919	+ 23.2
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	9,134	+ 17.2	65,765	+ 13.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	7,976	+ 11.5	59,446	+ 13.7
ROAD VEHICLES	3,681	+ 14.9	42,059	+ 97.3
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4,188	+ 4.7	35,384	+ 5.9
FOOTWEAR	3,541	+ 28.4	31,051	+ 37.0
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	3,177	+ 13.0	26,201	+ 6.6
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS	2,091	- 5.0	24,850	+ 16.2

REGISTRAR TO APPROVE RETIREMENT SCHEME APPLICATIONS
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THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT SCHEMES UNDER SECTION 87A OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE AFTER NOVEMBER 18.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL FUTURE APPLICATIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE REGISTRAR OF OCCUPATIONAL RETIREMENT SCHEMES.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT RESULTS FROM THE PASSAGE OF THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) AND WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW.

THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL BE NOTIFIED IN THE GAZETTE IN DUE COURSE, IS EXPECTED TO BE NOVEMBER 19 THIS YEAR.

WHEN THE AMENDED ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT, THE PRESENT SECTION 87A WILL BE REPEALED AND THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WILL NO LONGER BE AUTHORISED TO APPROVE RETIREMENT SCHEMES FOR TAXATION PURPOSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS LODGED WITH THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE NOVEMBER 19 WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INLAND REVENUE (RETIREMENT SCHEME) RULES.

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REVISED REBATE SCHEME FOR BULK POSTING
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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A REVISED REBATE SCHEME FOR BULK POSTING OF LOCAL PRINTED PAPER ITEMS WOULD BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

AT PRESENT, SUCH ITEMS POSTED IN BULK HAD TO BE PRE-SORTED TO DELIVERY DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO ENJOY A 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON THE TOTAL POSTAGE PAYABLE.

UNDER THE REVISED SCHEME, THIS WILL CONTINUE AND THE REBATE WILL BE INCREASED TO 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE PRE-SORTED TO INDIVIDUAL DELIVERY ROUTES.

MR PAGLIARI SAID THE REVISED REBATE SCHEME CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG PUBLISHERS AND THE HONG KONG DIRECT MAIL AND MARKETING ASSOCIATION ON HOW PRESENTATION OF BULK POSTINGS COULD BE IMPROVED SO THAT THE POST OFFICE MIGHT ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL COST SAVINGS WHICH COULD THEN BE PASSED BACK IN THE FORM OF POSTAGE RATE REBATES.

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THE NEWLY INTRODUCED 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR PRE-SORTING TO DELIVERY ROUTES WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE BULK POSTERS, IN THE FORM OF REDUCTION OF POSTAGE, AND THE POST OFFICE, IN THE FORM OF REDUCTION OF SORTING WORK.

MR PAGLIARI EXPLAINED THAT THE REBATE SCHEME WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY ONLY TO BULK POSTERS OF LOCAL PRINTED PAPER MAIL.

TO APPLY FOR THE REBATES, EACH POSTING SHOULD CONSIST OF 3,000 OR MORE ITEMS THAT ARE IDENTICAL IN SHAPE AND SIZE, FROM THE SAME SENDER, PROPERLY PREPARED AND POSTED AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE IN KOWLOON.

ONLY PRINTED PAPERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE AND THESE REFER TO DOCUMENTS THAT ARE REPRODUCED ON PAPER, CARDBOARD OR OTHER MATERIALS COMMONLY USED IN PRINTING, AND THAT ARE PRODUCED IN SEVERAL IDENTICAL COPIES BY MEANS OF A MECHANICAL OR PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS, INVOLVING THE USE OF A BLOCK, STENCIL OR NEGATIVE.

THE REBATE SCHEME IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TIME-SENSITIVE MAIL AS REBATE ITEMS ARE USUALLY HELD BACK IN FAVOUR OF FULLY PAID LETTERS AND PRINTED PAPERS.

THE POST OFFICE'S DELIVERY STANDARD FOR REBATE ITEMS IS UP TO SEVEN WORKING DAYS AFTER POSTING.

DETAILS OF THE POSTING CONDITIONS OF THE REVISED REBATE SCHEME WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN LEAFLETS AT ALL POST OFFICES OR OBTAINABLE FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ON TEL 9221 2277.

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LORD CAITHNESS BRIEFED ON MARINE ACTIVITIES IN HK

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THE BRITISH MINISTER FOR AVIATION AND SHIPPING, LORD CAITHNESS, TODAY (THURSDAY) WAS GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND AN OVERVIEW OF PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

LORD CAITHNESS, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, VISITED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING. HE WAS BRIEFED BY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR ALLAN PYRKE, HIS SENIOR DIRECTORATE STAFF AND THE SECRETARY OF THE PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MR TONY CLARK.

HE NOTED THE VERY ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE SETTING OF SAFETY STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FAST PASSENGER CRAFT WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION IN LONDON.

"HONG KONG HAS ACQUIRED A LEADING POSITION IN THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS BY THESE CRAFT WHICH HAS ALLOWED THE OPERATORS AND THE DEPARTMENT TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM," MR PYRKE SAID.

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LORD CAITHNESS, WHO GAVE A KEYNOTE SPEECH ON PORT STATE CONTROL TO THE 18TH ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION IN LONDON LAST MONTH, WAS GIVEN A DETAILED BRIEFING OF THE EFFORTS OF MARINE DEPARTMENT IN THIS AREA.

"MARINE DEPARTMENT PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ELIMINATING SUBSTANDARD SHIPS THROUGH INSPECTIONS OF VESSELS THAT CALL ON OUR PORT," MR PYRKE SAID.

"THESE INSPECTIONS ARE OVER AND ABOVE THOSE CONDUCTED BY FLAG STATE AUTHORITIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF SHIPS THAT FLY THEIR FLAG," HE ADDED.

LORD CAITHNESS WAS ADVISED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WOULD REPRESENT HONG KONG AT A MEETING IN TOKYO LATER THIS MONTH TO FINALISE THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORT STATE CONTROL.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE MEETING WOULD LEAD TO THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM BY MARINE ADMINISTRATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHINA, HONG KONG, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, NEW ZEALAND AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SETTING A FUTURE TARGET ON JOINT PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTIONS," MR PYRKE SAID.

"THE AIM IS BY THE YEAR 2000, 75 PER CENT OF ALL OCEAN-GOING SHIPS VISITING THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION WILL UNDERGO A PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTION ONCE A YEAR," HE ADDED.

LATER IN THE MORNING, LORD CAITHNESS, ACCOMPANIED BY MR PYRKE AND MR CLARK, TOURED THE HARBOUR TO SEE STONECUTTERS ISLAND, WHERE THE NEW GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD IS BEING BUILT, THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION SITES, THE CONTAINER TERMINALS IN KWAI CHUNG, AND THE TSING MA BRIDGE.

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NT LEADERS' CONTRIBUTION IMPORTANT TO STABILITY

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ALBERT C C LAM, PRAISED NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND DISTRICT BOARDS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS MAINTAINING THE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TONIGHT (THURSDAY), MR LAM ALSO COMMENDED VARIOUS RURAL ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITABLE BODIES FOR THEIR MULTIFARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE HONG KONG PEOPLE.

HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

GUESTS PRESENT AT THE DINNER INCLUDED CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRMEN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR LAM WILL BECOME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES NEXT TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

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JUMBO BANNERS PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS PUT UP THREE MEGA-SIZED BANNERS TO CONVEY ORAL HEALTH MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKING AT A BANNER INAUGURATION CEREMONY TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, SAID DENTAL DISEASES WERE BEHAVIOUR-RELATED.

SUCH PROMOTIONAL WORK COULD INITIATE CHANGES IN THE ORAL HEALTH BEHAVIOUR OF THE POPULATION, HE SAID.

"CHANGE OF HEALTH BEHAVIOUR TAKES TIME. THUS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES MUST BE PERSISTENT AND VARIED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE IMPACT AND MOMENTUM OF CHANGE."

"USING MEGA-SIZED BANNERS IS YET ANOTHER MEDIUM TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH," HE SAID.

THE THREE BANNERS, EACH MEASURING SIX TIMES NINE METRES, WERE ERECTED OUTSIDE THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE IN WAN CHAI, THE NGAU TAU KOK JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON AND THE TAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN TUEN MUN RESPECTIVELY.

THE BANNERS WOULD BE DISPLAYED FOR THREE MONTHS AND THEN CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT DESIGN.

HE HOPED THIS WOULD ENABLE EVERYONE IN THE TERRITORY TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE THE SAME PROMPT ON THE BANNERS.

DR LEE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT BANNERS WOULD ALL BE PROMPTING AND PERSUASIVE TO EFFECT CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR.

THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED THE PRODUCTION OF THE FIRST TWO SETS OF BANNERS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, DR PHILIP TANG, STRESSED THAT ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION WAS THE ESSENCE OF THE VERY FIRST STEP IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

DESCRIBING THE ERECTION OF THE BANNERS AS A MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT IN ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION, DR TANG SAID THE ASSOCIATION FOUND THEM EFFECTIVE IN INFLUENCING THE AUDIENCE AND WAS GLAD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME.

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FMO SCHOOL GRADUATES URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR MAN SAI-CHEONG HAS URGED GRADUATES OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) SCHOOLS TO DEVOTE EFFORTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.

MR MAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE FMO SCHOOLS JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

HE TOLD GRADUATES THAT THEY MUST TRY HARD TO EQUIP THEMSELVES AND BE ENTHUSIASTIC IN THEIR STUDIES AND WORK.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE, NOT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY.

"THE BEST WAY TO REPAY YOUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS IS TO BE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN YOUR FUTURE CAREERS, TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY AND TO UPKEEP HONG KONG AS AN IDEAL TERRITORY FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS.

"YOU ARE MOST FORTUNATE IN THAT OTHER THAN BEING ABLE TO EXPERIENCE PERSONALLY THE TRANSITION OF HONG KONG, YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO WITNESS THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE TERRITORY AFTER 1997," HE TOLD THE GRADUATES.

ON FMO SCHOOLS, MR MAN SAID SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT IN MID-1940'S, THEY HAD BEEN PROVIDING GOOD EDUCATION TO CHILDREN OF FISHERMEN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE FMO SCHOOL MANAGEMENT HAD APPLIED FOR THE REPROVISIONING OF A STANDARD SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THIS, HE ADDED, DEMONSTRATED FMO'S COMMITMENT TO LOCAL EDUCATION.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MR MAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

"A SERVING MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR MAN HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORTS TOWARDS NATURE CONSERVATION AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY PARKS," DR LEE SAID.

HE PRESENTED FMO SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARDS TO NINE STUDENTS FROM FISHERMEN FAMILIES.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR MAN PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF GRADUATES AND STUDENTS WHO HAD DONE WELL IN ACADEMIC WORK OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS ON SALE
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED THE 1993 EDITION OF THE HONG KONG ANNUAL DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THE REPORT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS, LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES, TRANSPORT, GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, COMMUNICATION AND TOURISM, FOOD SUPPLIES, HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, LAW AND ORDER, PUBLIC FINANCE, FINANCE AND BANKING, PRICES, AND CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT.

ALTOGETHER, THERE ARE ABOUT 300 TABLES IN 21 SECTIONS, COVERING A 10-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1983 TO 1992.

THE REPORT, AT \$98 A COPY, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AND AT THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,765
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,235
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,135
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,865
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.1 *-0.2* 11.11.93

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.51 PCT	12 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.28	3.36
1 MONTH	2.70 PCT	15 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.50	3.55
3 MONTHS	2.83 PCT	18 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.87	3.88
6 MONTHS	2.95 PCT	21 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.09	4.02
12 MONTHS	3.27 PCT	36 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.14	4.56

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 11,840 MN

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