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HK TO PRESS FOR FURTHER VR RESETTLEMENT  
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE MORE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A TOUR OF NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID THERE WAS AT THE PRESENT MOMENT A SLOW OFF-TAKE OF REFUGEES BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

+WE ARE ENCOURAGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE MORE REFUGEES AND I THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE A LONG TERM VIEW OF THIS QUESTION.+

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT HONG KONG MUST UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD.

+WE HOPE TO GAIN MORE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR OWN PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AND THE PROBLEMS OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN NOW IN HONG KONG FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND HAVE BEEN LIVING IN CLOSED CAMPS FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

+ONE HAS EVERY SYMPATHY FOR THEM AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRESS OUR CASE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.+

COMMENTING ON SUGGESTIONS THAT REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSED CAMPS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME SHOULD BE MOVED TO OPEN CAMPS, SIR DAVID SAID ONE COULD SYMPATHISE WITH THAT POINT OF VIEW.

HE SAID IT WAS SOMETHING THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, MUST BE LOOKED INTO. +BUT WE MUST ALWAYS HAVE IN THE BACK OF OUR MINDS THE EFFECT THAT SUCH A RELAXATION MIGHT HAVE.

+AND IF IT'S FELT THAT IT WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE REFUGEES TO COME TO HONG KONG THEN WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT POSITION.+

ASKED WHETHER MORE REFUGEES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN HONG KONG, HE SAID: +AS I SAID JUST NOW, THAT IS ONLY SOMETHING WHICH WE CAN CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE IS EXHAUSTED BECAUSE WE MUST THINK OF THE POSSIBLE EFFECT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE ON ENCOURAGING MORE PEOPLE TO COME HERE TO SEEK ASYLUM.+

ON THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID IT REFLECTED THE VIEWS WHICH HONG KONG WAS ALREADY AWARE OF IN THE REPLY BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO THE REPRESENTATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY UMELCO ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG.

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+SO, AS I SAY, THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS A REFLECTION OF THOSE VIEWS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED TO UMELCO IN THE REPLY FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.+

SIR DAVID DISAGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE IN +AN AWKWARD POSITION+ IF AIRLINE OFFICIALS FROM TAIWAN AND CHINA WERE TO HAVE TALKS HERE TO DISCUSS THE RETURN OF THE TAIWAN CARGO PLANE.

HE ADDED: +I THINK IT IS A VERY GOOD THING THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED SATISFACTORILY. I DON'T THINK WE WILL BE IN AN AWKWARD POSITION AT ALL.+

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#### SIR DAVID SEES NORTH DISTRICT PROGRESS

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED NORTH DISTRICT TO SEE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ARRIVING BY HELICOPTER AT THE FRONTIER POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, SIR DAVID WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE CHEUNG WAH SPORTS CENTRE IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE WHERE SIR DAVID INSPECTED FACILITIES THAT INCLUDED A DANCE ROOM, A FITNESS ROOM AND GENERAL OFFICE.

SINCE ITS OPENING IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, THE CENTRE HAD PROVIDED 92 DIFFERENT COURSES TO MORE THAN 2 000 PARTICIPANTS.

SIR DAVID NEXT WENT TO THE ROOFTOP OF CHEUNG TAK HOUSE FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN WHICH WOULD PROVIDE HOUSING FOR 181 000 PEOPLE BY 1995. HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER (NTE), MR R.B. HANNA.

SIR DAVID WAS ALSO TOLD OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 15-HECTARE ON LOK TSUEN WHICH HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AND HAS 130 FACTORIES OPERATING IN THE AREA.

SIR DAVID THEN WENT TO BEAS RIVER NEAR KAM TSIN VILLAGE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, MR I.A. HOWARD, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, MR R.W.M. HOARE, ON POLLUTION PROBLEM.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT THE POLLUTION, CAUSED MAINLY BY ANIMAL WASTE, WAS DUE TO THE COMMON PRACTICE OF LOCAL FARMERS HOSING WASTE FROM PIGSTIES AND POULTRY SHEDS INTO NEARBY STREAMS.

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE DAILY DISCHARGE IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT FROM A HUMAN POPULATION OF 200 000.

FROM BEAS RIVER, SIR DAVID WENT TO SHEUNG SHUI AND VISITED MAN SHEK TONG, THE ANCESTRAL HALL (CHI-TONG) OF THE LIU CLAN WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1751 AND DECLARED AN HISTORICAL MONUMENT LAST YEAR.

BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA, SIR DAVID WENT TO PING CHE VILLAGE IN TA KWU LING AND WAS BRIEFED ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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MARCH EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1986. TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO MARCH 1986, VALUED AT \$108 823 MILLION, INCREASED MARGINALLY BY 0.3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT TO \$29 146 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$24 005 MILLION, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT TO \$55 672 MILLION.

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HEREIN ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS ON THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR MARCH 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY JUNE.

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

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$228 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$151 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$63 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$209 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$30 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

/MOST COMMODITIES .....

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA DECREASED IN VALUE, PARTICULARLY OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$596 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$321 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$177 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$160 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$35 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$186 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$59 MILLION OR 95 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$27 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$32 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$11 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$108 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT) AS WELL AS METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$89 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT). HOWEVER, AN INCREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING (BY \$73 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$37 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR ESSENTIAL OILS AND PERFUME MATERIALS; TOILET, POLISHING AND CLEANSING PREPARATIONS (BY \$17 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

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

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

DEMAND FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INCREASED IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$938 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$799 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$327 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$270 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$89 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$778 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$728 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$519 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$136 MILLION OR 126 PER CENT) AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$100 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$279 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$212 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$168 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$544 MILLION OR 652 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$116 MILLION OR 1 170 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$540 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT) AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$189 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT). AS FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$198 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$147 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$172 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), AND FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$23 MILLION OR 316 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 33 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 184 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$990 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$977 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$137 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AS WELL AS LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$110 MILLION OR 190 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$565 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$117 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$127 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AS WELL AS NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$47 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$173 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT); NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$33 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$27 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$26 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$25 MILLION OR 1 292 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$86 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT INCREASED (BY \$72 MILLION OR 127 PER CENT) AS DID MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$64 MILLION OR 214 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$20 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$7 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE MARCH 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MARCH 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JUNE AT \$13.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS AND ON TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. : 5-214375) AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. : 5-444436).

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Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
U.S.A.	12,411	12,111	301	2
China	3,136	3,912	-776	-20
F.R. of Germany	2,120	1,833	287	16
U.K.	1,859	1,891	-32	-2
Japan	1,067	986	81	8
Canada	1,043	876	167	19
Australia	731	859	-128	-15
Singapore	534	544	-10	-2
Netherlands	530	520	10	2
France	494	362	132	36

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10,208	9,778	430	4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	4,327	3,988	339	8
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	2,489	2,178	312	14
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	2,187	2,638	-451	-17
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1,944	1,715	229	13
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,880	2,147	-267	-12

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Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
China	15,241	12,094	3,146	26
Japan	11,573	13,454	-1,880	-14
U.S.A.	5,322	5,663	-342	-6
Taiwan	4,460	4,974	-514	-10
Singapore	2,739	3,010	-271	-9
U.K.	1,966	1,937	29	1
Republic of Korea	1,915	2,154	-239	-11
F.R. of Germany	1,651	1,505	146	10
Switzerland	1,101	736	365	50
Italy	885	749	136	18

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8,126	6,981	1,145	16
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	4,234	5,532	-1,298	-23
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,601	2,532	1,069	42
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	3,362	2,817	545	19
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	2,546	2,257	289	13
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,447	3,607	-1,160	-32

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Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
China	7,964	11,812	-3,848	-33
U.S.A.	3,938	3,202	736	23
Japan	1,374	1,428	-54	-4
Taiwan	1,276	1,047	229	22
Singapore	1,206	919	287	31
Republic of Korea	1,160	865	295	34
Macau	589	686	-97	-14
Philippines	481	356	125	35
F.R. of Germany	471	284	187	66
Indonesia	467	716	-249	-35

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Mar 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Mar 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase ( % )
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	3,882	3,355	527	16
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2,390	1,660	730	44
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	1,865	2,850	-985	-35
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	1,567	1,410	156	11
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,150	2,078	-928	-45
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	1,148	1,309	-162	-12

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TRADERS TO BE CONSULTED ON NEW ELECTRICITY BILL

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CIRCULATE A DRAFT CONSULTATION PAPER TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FOR COMMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR A PROPOSED BILL ON THE SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRIC TRADE ASSOCIATION TODAY (THURSDAY).

+WHILE MUCH CAN BE ACHIEVED BY SELF-REGULATION, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SET DOWN A LEGISLATIVE FRAME-WORK TO ENSURE THAT SAFETY CONTROLS ARE FOLLOWED,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

+WITH THIS IN MIND THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY PROMULGATING THE NEW ELECTRICITY BILL.

+I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION HAS PROGRESSED SMOOTHLY AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY CIRCULATE TO ALL PARTIES FOR COMMENTS, INCLUDING YOUR ASSOCIATION, A DRAFT CONSULTATION PAPER WHICH SETS OUT IN DETAIL THE PROPOSED SCOPE, PRINCIPLES, AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.+

MR OSBORNE SAID IT WAS WORTH REPEATING AN ASSURANCE GIVEN BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IN MARCH THAT THE PROPOSED BILL WOULD STRIKE A PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN CONSUMER SAFETY AND THE AVOIDANCE OF UNDUE INTERFERENCE WITH TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

MR OSBORNE SAID ONE PARTICULAR SAFETY PROBLEM WAS THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF PLUGS ON SOME ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, WITH SOCKET OUTLETS IN HONG KONG.

HE APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE THAT PRODUCTS SOLD HERE WERE FITTED WITH GOOD QUALITY PLUGS OR ADAPTORS SUITABLE FOR LOCAL USE.

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ANY TECHNICAL ADVICE THE ASSOCIATION MAY REQUIRE, HE ADDED.

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NT DEVELOPMENT AIMS AT BALANCE  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN ORDER TO STRIKE A MORE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES AND NEW TOWNS, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH, MR SELBY SAID DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT SPENT ABOUT \$4 MILLION ON VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN TUEN MUN UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORK SCHEME OPERATED BY DISTRICT OFFICE'S WORK SECTION.

+ALTHOUGH THE ENVIRONMENT OF MOST VILLAGES HAD IMPROVED GREATLY OVER THE YEARS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WITH ITS INTEGRATED FACILITIES HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A STRIKING CONTRAST WITH THE RURAL AREAS, AND MANY VILLAGES STILL FACE SANITATION PROBLEMS AND THE LACK OF BASIC FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORK SCHEME HAD HELPED IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF VILLAGES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF BETTER FACILITIES SUCH AS DRAINAGE, PUBLIC TOILETS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, FOOTPATHS, VAN TRACKS AND MANY OTHER MINOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS. ALL THE WORK WAS DONE WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF VILLAGERS.

THROUGH THE SCHEME, TEAMS OF EXPERIENCED STAFF HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN EACH DISTRICT TO SURVEY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND TO WORK OUT CHEAP AND EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS.

OVERALL, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING A BROADER APPROACH TO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS. THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WAS EXPLORING WAYS TO CARRY OUT VILLAGE ROAD UPGRADING SCHEMES SO THAT VILLAGERS WOULD HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO THEIR HOMES, FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGES COULD BE SERVICED MORE EFFICIENTLY, AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES COULD GAIN EASY ACCESS TO VILLAGES.

+MORE IMPORTANTLY, ANOTHER APPROACH IS TO USE THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME TO UNDERTAKE LARGE-SCALE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES IN CERTAIN RURAL AREAS,+ HE SAID.

AN EXAMPLE WAS THE PILOT SCHEME WHICH WOULD SOON BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE AREA AROUND SAN HING TSUEN IN TUEN MUN. APART FROM PROVIDING PROPER ROADS, DRAINAGE AND CERTAIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES, THE SCHEME WOULD ENABLE RESIDENTS AND FACTORIES TO RE-INFORCE THEIR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WITH BETTER MATERIALS.

THE SCHEME WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND ITS SUCCESS WOULD RELY HEAVILY ON CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING ABOUT THE DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS, MR SELBY SAID.

IN THE LONG TERM, HE POINTED OUT, THE ULTIMATE AIM WOULD BE TO BRING ALL VILLAGES UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE MODERN RESITE VILLAGES THAT HAD BEEN BUILT.

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FOUR HONOURED WITH GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION  
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FOUR CITIZENS WERE HONOURED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR PHYSICAL EFFORTS OR INNOVATIVE IDEAS.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TODAY (THURSDAY), THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION, MR JAMES SO, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO MR CHARLES Y.H. CHAN, MR LAM YIU-HUNG AND MR YUEN CHAU. THE FOURTH RECIPIENT, MRS MARGARET STEPHENIE HENDERSON, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

MR CHARLES CHAN, GENERAL MANAGER OF A FASHION MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WAS RECOGNISED FOR HIS EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY WORK IN SUNG TZE BUILDINGS, A PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE, AND FOR ORGANISING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN SUNG CHI STREET.

MR LAM YIU-HUNG WAS NOTED FOR HIS LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE IN TO KWA WAN, ESPECIALLY AFTER HIS RETIREMENT. HIS INITIATIVE IN ORGANISING BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEANSING EXERCISES IN SUPPORT OF THE TO KWA WAN SOUTH AREA CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WAS PRAISED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

A RESTAURANT OWNER, MR YUEN CHAU, WAS ACTIVE IN FOSTERING A UNITED COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE. HE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

MRS MARGARET STEPHENIE HENDERSON, EX-DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ADVICE BUREAU, WAS COMMENDED FOR HER STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN ASSISTING NEW ARRIVALS TO HONG KONG TO SETTLE IN THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.

TWENTY-FOUR CITIZENS HAD BEEN AWARDED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1982.

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PAPAL AUDIENCE FOR HK POLICE BAND  
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THE MUSICAL AMBASSADORS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE DREW THE ATTENTION OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS - POPE JOHN PAUL II - WHEN THEY PERFORMED IN ROME RECENTLY.

WHILE THE POLICE BAND AND RIBBON DANCERS PERFORMED IN ST PETER'S SQUARE ON APRIL 23, THE POPE APPROACHED THEM TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THEM.

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"I AM NOT A ROMAN CATHOLIC, BUT IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME," SAID MR COLIN WOOD, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC.

THE BAND WAS INVITED TO PERFORM IN ROME AND PARIS BETWEEN APRIL 22 AND MAY 1 BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS TO MARK THE AIRLINE'S FIRST DIRECT FLIGHT TO ROME.

THE SCHEDULE WAS BUSY AND EXHAUSTING MOST OF THE TIME, BUT THE PERFORMERS FELT REWARDED BECAUSE OF THE LARGE APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCES IN BOTH CITIES. THEY PERFORMED IN SEVERAL PUBLIC VENUES AND APPEARED ON TELEVISION.

THE BANDSMEN AND RIBBON DANCERS WERE NOT GIVEN ANY TIME TO SUFFER FROM JET LAG ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL BECAUSE THEY WERE EXPECTED IN ST PETER'S SQUARE ONLY HOURS AFTER LANDING.

TWO HOURS AFTER THE BAND HAD PERFORMED, ALTERNATING WITH ANOTHER GROUP BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 50,000, THE POPE, WHO HAD FINISHED A SERVICE, WENT FORWARD TO TALK TO THE POLICE BAND.

"THE POPE WELCOMED US AND SAID HE ENJOYED THE MUSIC. HE GAVE HIS BLESSINGS TO US AND OUR FAMILIES. THEN HE SPOKE TO BANDSMEN AND THE DANCERS AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THEM," MR WOOD SAID.

"HE WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL AND THE BAND WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE OCCASION."

THE REST OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED A PERFORMANCE IN THE CITY HALL AND A SEVEN-MINUTE SHOW ON A POPULAR ITALIAN NATIONAL NEWS FEATURE PROGRAMME IN THE EVENING.

ON THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS, THE BAND AND RIBBON DANCERS PERFORMED OUTSIDE THE CATHAY PACIFIC OFFICE IN THE CENTRE OF ROME, AT THE VILLA BORGHESE AND THE ROME POLO CLUB.

AFTER A DAY'S SIGHT-SEEING AND SHOPPING, THE PARTY FLEW ON TO PARIS.

THERE THEY MET THE FRENCH ARMY BAND AND THE TWO GROUPS, PERFORMED IN A RIVER CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER SEINE.

WHILE THE AUDIENCE OF 1,000 ON THE LAUNCH ENJOYED THE MUSIC AND DANCING, THE BANKS WERE ALSO CROWDED WITH SPECTATORS. THE CLIMAX OF THE SHOW CAME WHEN THE FRENCH AIR FORCE STAGED A FLYPAST, LEAVING COLOURFUL SMOKE TRAILS IN THE SKY.

A TELEVISION CREW FILMED THE PERFORMANCE AND IT WAS SHOWN ON A PUBLIC STATION THE SAME NIGHT.

OTHER PERFORMANCES TOOK PLACE AT THE CHAMPS DE MARS AND THE PRE CATALAN VILLA.

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"THIS WAS ONE OF OUR SHORTEST YET BEST TRIPS," SAID MR WOOD. IT WAS THE BAND'S EIGHTH AMBASSADORIAL TOUR SINCE 1977.

MEANWHILE, THE BANDSMEN AND RIBBON DANCERS HAVE ANOTHER TWO MONTHS OF FRANTIC PREPARATION BEFORE THEY HEAD OFF FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND VANCOUVER IN JULY. THIS WILL BE FOR CATHAY'S INAUGURAL DIRECT FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO AND THE HONG KONG DAY AT EXPO 86.

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INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES REVISED  
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THE NEW ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST FOR TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WILL NOW BE 4.08 PER CENT (TAX FREE) AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 4.32 PER CENT (TAX FREE).

NOTICE OF THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY (MAY 12).

INTEREST ON TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES IS CALCULATED IN MONTHLY STEPS AND THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$0.34 PER MONTH PER \$100. INTEREST WILL BE CREDITED AS BEFORE IN RESPECT OF COMPLETE MONTHS BETWEEN PURCHASE AND SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID.

INTEREST IS ONLY CREDITED WHEN CERTIFICATES ARE USED TO PAY TAX AND NO INTEREST IS DUE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL VALUE OF A CERTIFICATE IS REPAID BY A CHEQUE.

THE NEW RATE WILL APPLY TO ALL CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 14, 1986.

CERTIFICATES WHICH WERE ISSUED BEFORE MAY 14, 1986 WILL CONTINUE TO EARN INTEREST AS FOLLOWS -

- 8.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 31, 1984 AND BEFORE NOVEMBER 28, 1984;
- 7.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 28, 1984;
- 7.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 28, 1984 AND BEFORE JANUARY 16, 1985;
- 6.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 16, 1985 AND BEFORE JANUARY 30, 1985;

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- 5.52% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 30, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1985;
- 5.04% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 24, 1985;
- 4.56% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 24, 1985 AND BEFORE MAY 22, 1985;
- 4.08% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER MAY 22, 1985 AND BEFORE JUNE 27, 1985;
- 3.60% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JUNE 27, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 17, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 17, 1985 AND BEFORE JULY 23, 1985;
- 2.76% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1985 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 4, 1985;
- 3.36% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 AND BEFORE APRIL 3, 1986; AND
- 4.32% PER ANNUM FOR CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 1986 AND BEFORE MAY 14, 1986,

BUT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL RULE THAT INTEREST CEASES TO ACCRUE AFTER 36 COMPLETE MONTHS WITHOUT SURRENDER FOR PAYMENT OF TAX.

EXAMPLE: \$1 000 CERTIFICATES PURCHASED ON MAY 17, 1986, JUNE 17, 1986 AND JULY 17, 1986 RESPECTIVELY, SURRENDER IN PAYMENT OF TAX DUE ON AUGUST 16, 1986 WILL HAVE INTEREST CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS -

ON \$1 000, MAY 17, 1986 TO AUGUST 16, 1986 = 10.20  
3 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.40 PER MONTH

ON \$1 000, JUNE 17, 1986 TO AUGUST 16, 1986 = 6.80  
2 COMPLETE MONTHS AT \$3.40 PER MONTH

ON \$1 000, JULY 17, 1986 TO AUGUST 16, 1986 = 3.40  
1 COMPLETE MONTH AT \$3.40 PER MONTH

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WINNING SCHOOL TEAM GETS TICKETS FOR EXPO

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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD WITH POSTCARDS HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY FOR STUDENTS OF THE ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN KWUN TONG - SIX AIR TICKETS AND A WEEK-LONG ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, NOT ONLY PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS NOVEL FORM OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATION, BUT ALSO DESCRIBED THEIR CONTRIBUTION AS HAVING A +HIGH DEGREE OF ORIGINALITY AND VERSATILITY+.

THEIR ARTISTIC MEDIUM RANGED FROM PENCIL SKETCHES, WATER COLOUR AND CRAYON DRAWINGS TO BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE PROSE - SOME OF WHICH WERE DISPLAYED AT A RECENT +SAYING IT WITH POSTCARDS+ EXHIBITION AT THE LANDMARK.

WISHING THEM A HAPPY TRIP, MR LEUNG TOLD THE STUDENTS TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING AS MANY OVERSEAS FRIENDS AS THEY COULD AT EXPO.

THIS, HE SAID, WOULD HELP BROADEN THEIR HORIZON AND OUTLOOK OF LIFE.

THE FIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHER WILL LEAVE ON JULY 15 AND WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE +HONG KONG DAY+ CELEBRATIONS ON JULY 18 AT THE HONG KONG PAVILION.

MORE THAN 470 SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE CONTEST WITH AN OVERWHELMING RETURN OF MORE THAN 300 000 CARDS OVER A THREE-WEEK PERIOD.

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CLOSURE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURE SOUGHT

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF AN ILLEGAL STRUCTURE ON THE ROOF OF KWA FUNG MANSION AT 7-9A, TIN HEUNG STREET, KWUN TONG, SO THAT DEMOLITION CAN BEGIN.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER FROM KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JUNE 25 WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ENFORCE AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER 1984, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

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EXAM DISTINCTIONS FOR STANLEY MEN  
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THREE INMATES OF STANLEY PRISON ACHIEVED DISTINCTIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS (PART TWO) EXAMINATION OF THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.

THE EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR JOHN WONG, PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE SUCCESSFUL TRIO AT A CEREMONY HELD AT STANLEY PRISON TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TRIO GAINED A TOTAL OF EIGHT DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN THE THIRD-YEAR EXAMINATION. THE SUBJECTS TAKEN INCLUDED MATHEMATICS, ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES AND ELECTRONICS.

THE RECIPIENTS, IN THEIR 20'S, BEGAN STUDYING FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS COURSE WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE PRISON IN 1982. THEY ATTAINED GOOD RESULTS IN EARLIER EXAMINATIONS.

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS WAS DISCHARGED RECENTLY AND THE OTHER TWO WILL BE DISCHARGED LATER THIS YEAR.

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LORDS' DEBATE TO BE BROADCAST LIVE  
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RTHK'S RADIO 3 WILL BROADCAST LIVE THE HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ON THE DRAFT HONG KONG (BRITISH NATIONALITY) ORDER WHICH WILL START AT ABOUT 6.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) HONG KONG TIME.

EDITORS OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEBATE CANNOT BE RECORDED AND RE-BROADCAST BECAUSE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF RTHK.

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PLAQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PLAQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10 AM.

MR YAXLEY WILL PRESENT PLAQUES TO THE HONG KONG VOLUNTARY WEATHER OBSERVING SHIPS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICES TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION VOLUNTARY OBSERVING SHIPS SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS MEMBERS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.45 AM ON THE GROUND FLOOR, CENTENARY BUILDING, ROYAL OBSERVATORY, 134A NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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CHANGE OF PLAN SAVES STANLEY'S BANYAN TREE  
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A BANYAN TREE IN STANLEY MARKET ROAD WILL BE PRESERVED FOLLOWING AN URBAN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO CONVERT THE SITE WHERE THE TREE STANDS INTO A SITTING-OUT AREA.

THE 570 SQUARE-METRE-SITE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE AUCTIONED FOR SALE IN MARCH 1984, BUT THE PLAN WAS LATER SHELVED FOLLOWING PRESSURE FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GROUPS TO RETAIN THE TREE.

+THE COUNCIL THEREFORE DECIDED TO TURN THE SITE INTO OPEN SPACE,+ A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+WE WILL EXCHANGE A SITE IN STANLEY MAIN STREET WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR THE BUILDING OF A SITTING-OUT AREA, WITH THE BANYAN TREE SITE.+

THE MOVE HAS MET WITH WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT WORKS PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AS WELL AS LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL SOON GO AHEAD WITH ITS PLAN TO BUILD A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE BANYAN TREE SITE, WHICH IS FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF THE STANLEY MAIN STREET SITE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MUSIC OFFICE SEEKS PART-TIME PERFORMERS  
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LOCAL MUSICIANS NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK PART-TIME FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AS INSTRUCTORS, PERFORMERS ON BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS OR AS PIANO ACCOMPANISTS.

APPLICANTS FOR WORK AS PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS (WESTERN MUSIC) AND AS PIANO ACCOMPANISTS SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, OR HAVE A DIPLOMA IN MUSIC FROM A REGISTERED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE. A FURTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO POSSESS LRSM, LRAM, ARCM, OR GRSM OR EQUIVALENT.

THOSE INTERESTED IN APPLYING AS PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS (CHINESE MUSIC) SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED MUSICAL TRAINING IN AN ACCEPTABLE INSTITUTION OR HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN AN ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUP OR ACADEMY.

FOR THE POST OF PART-TIME PERFORMER, ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY AN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT UP TO LRSM, LRAM, ARCM, LGSM, OR LTCL LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT, AND PREFERABLY HAVE PREVIOUS PERFORMING EXPERIENCE IN A PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA.

APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. FORMS TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND DIPLOMAS SHOULD REACH THE MUSIC OFFICE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, BY MAY 31.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT INVITED FOR AN AUDITION OR AN INTERVIEW WITHIN FOUR WEEKS FROM THE CLOSING DATE MAY ASSUME THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CONTACT THE PERSONNEL REGISTRY OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AT 5-458791 EXT 22 FOR DETAILS CONCERNING DUTIES AND REMUNERATION.

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BALLET DEMONSTRATION BY POPULAR DEMAND  
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MORE THAN 1 000 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A BALLET DEMONSTRATION BY THE HONG KONG BALLET COMPANY THIS SATURDAY (MAY 17).

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THE COMPANY HAS GIVEN A DEMONSTRATION IN THE DISTRICT, FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL APPEARANCE THERE LAST YEAR.

THE DEMONSTRATION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG BALLET COMPANY, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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+THE MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS, SOME 700 OF THEM, WILL BE SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE DEMONSTRATION, THE VARIOUS MOVES AND STEPS OF BALLET WILL BE EXPLAINED IN CHINESE SO THAT THE AUDIENCE CAN UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL MEANINGS OF THE DANCE.

THE BALLET DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN HALL, NEXT TO THE BUS TERMINUS OF SAI KUNG TOWN.

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN HALL TICKET OFFICE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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#### SONGS OF THE SEA CONCERT TO BE STAGED

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MORE THAN 150 MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR AND THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE WILL PERFORM AT A CHORAL CONCERT ON MAY 25 AT THE SHOUSON THEATRE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

THE SONGS OF THE SEA CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL FEATURE A REPERTOIRE WHICH INCLUDES POPULAR PIECES LIKE MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS THEME SONG, SONG OF THE BEACHES, FILM MUSIC ON SEA, SEA SONG FOR MIXED VOICES, IN EXITU ISRAEL, EXCERPTS FROM +ISRAEL IN EGYPT+, FISHERMEN'S SONGS AND EXCERPTS FROM +SAI KUNG SUITE+.

TO ADD COLOUR TO THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME, WHICH BEGINS AT 3 PM, CHOIR MEMBERS WILL SING IN LATIN, ENGLISH, CANTONESE, MANDARIN AND THE FUJIAN DIALECT AND ALSO DANCE TO SOME OF THE SONGS.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 5-283257.

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THOUSANDS TO CELEBRATE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF FISHERFOLK AND WORSHIPPERS WILL GATHER AT SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO CELEBRATE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL IS HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE FOURTH LUNAR MONTH, THE BIRTHDAY OF A LEGENDARY FIGURE, TAM KUNG, WHO IS SAID TO BESTOW LUCK AND FORTUNE ON WORSHIPPERS.

THIS YEAR, A GRAND PROCESSION FEATURING 28 LIONS, SIX UNICORNS AND TWO DRAGONS FROM OVER 40 LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, WILL DANCE ALONG SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST TO THE TAM KUNG TEMPLE.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE TEMPLE AT 11 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CELEBRATION OF TAM KUNG FESTIVAL AT SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST WHICH STARTS AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

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REGISTRATION REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF THYE HONG COMMERCIAL AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED AS A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY HAS BEEN REVOKED AT ITS OWN REQUEST UNDER SECTION 14(2) OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

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