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GOVERNOR TO OPEN RECREATION AND SPORT CONFERENCE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE +RECREATION AND SPORTS FOR PEOPLE-IN-EMPLOYMENT+ CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE ORIENTAL ROOM, CONVENTION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 26).

THE CONFERENCE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD., WILL BE ATTENDED BY 250 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANagements OF 150 FIRMS, FACTORIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO BRING THE MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER SO THAT THEY COULD EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

PROGRAMMES OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE LECTURES, AN EXHIBITION, AN OPEN FORUM AND VISITS TO THE NEWLY OPENED HUNG HOM CAR PARK SPORTS CENTRE AND THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

MR. JAMES WU, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL OFFICIALLY CLOSE THE CONFERENCE AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ABOUT 7 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONFERENCE ON +RECREATION AND SPORTS FOR PEOPLE-IN-EMPLOYMENT+ WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE ORIENTAL ROOM, CONVENTION CENTRE AT 9 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 26). IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR AT 9.30 A.M. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 9 A.M. A PRESS POSITION IS RESERVED AT THE RIGHT FRONT OF THE STAGE. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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JULY PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH (JULY) WAS \$3,523 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$5,048 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$979 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FIGURES FOR THE LATEST THREE MONTHS (MAY TO JULY) SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 10.2 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 22.6 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 31.6 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1977, INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF \$127 MILLION OR 3.7 PER CENT IN EXPORTS, \$809 MILLION OR 19.1 PER CENT IN IMPORTS AND \$164 MILLION OR 20.1 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED.

THE SHORT-TERM CHANGES, JULY 1978 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1978, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF \$187 MILLION OR 5.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AND DECREASES OF \$57 MILLION OR 1.1 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND \$94 MILLION OR 8.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS. DOMESTIC EXPORTS, HOWEVER, WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CONTINUING UP-TREND.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1977 TO JULY 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 8.3 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 16.4 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 21 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES:-

LATEST 3 MONTHS	MAY-JULY	MAY-JULY	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1978	1977	\$ MN.	%
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	10,232	9,284	+ 949	+ 10.2
IMPORTS	15,213	12,407	+2,806	+ 22.6
RE-EXPORTS	3,215	2,443	+ 772	+ 31.6
SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	JULY	JULY	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1978	1977	\$ MN.	%
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,523 (78.3%)	3,396 (80.6%)	+ 127	+ 3.7
IMPORTS	5,048	4,239	+ 809	+ 19.1
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	979 (21.7%)	815 (19.4%)	+ 164	+ 20.1

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<u>LAST MONTH</u>	JULY 1978	JUNE 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,523 (78.3%)	3,336 (75.7%)	+ 187	+ 5.6
IMPORTS	5,048	5,105	- 57	- 1.1
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	979 (21.7%)	1,073 (24.3%)	- 94	- 8.8
<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN.-JULY 1978	JAN.-JULY 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	20,991 (75.2%)	19,172 (77.9%)	+1,819	+ 9.5
IMPORTS	33,302	27,678	+5,623	+ 20.3
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6,907 (24.8%)	5,425 (22.1%)	+1,482	+ 27.3
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	AUGUST 1977 TO JULY 1978	AUGUST 1976 TO JULY 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	36,823	34,005	+2,819	+ 8.3
IMPORTS	54,324	46,661	+7,664	+ 16.4
RE-EXPORTS	11,311	9,346	+1,965	+ 21.0

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CROWN LAND AUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 29

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1978, AT 2.30 P.M.

ONE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2,150 SQUARE METRES AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. THE OTHER TWO SITES, ALSO INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USES, ARE LOCATED AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CHUK YUEN, AND CANTON ROAD. THEY MEASURE 3,770 SQUARE METRES AND 69.5 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG- AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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ANOTHER LIBRARY FOR N.T. RESIDENTS

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SET UP PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ALL PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW, DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, REVEALED TODAY AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW TUEN MUN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THE CEREMONY WAS JOINTLY OFFICIATED BY MR. BRISTOW AND MR. LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE TUEN MUN PUBLIC LIBRARY, SITUATED AT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN TAI HING ESTATE, OCCUPIES SOME 6,000 SQUARE FEET AND HAS AN INITIAL BASIC BOOK STOCK OF 24,000 VOLUMES IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH COVERING A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS TO SUIT ALL AGE LEVELS AND INTERESTS.

MR. BRISTOW POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE NEW TOWN OF TUEN MUN FURTHER DEVELOPS, THE LIBRARY WILL BE REPLACED BY A LARGER ONE OF SOME 16,000 SQUARE FEET IN THE NEW TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, WHICH IS NOW UNDER ACTIVE PLANNING.

OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS, THE U.S.D. HAS OPENED LIBRARIES AT TAI PO, SHA TIN AND SHEUNG SHUI AS WELL AS A BOOK BOX SERVICE ON CHEUNG CHAU, HE SAID, AND THE TUEN MUN LIBRARY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A NEW DISTRICT LIBRARY AT KWAI CHUNG.

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ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 28) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, 32 POST OFFICES ON HONG KONG, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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POLICE OFFICERS VISIT P.W.D. TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE

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A GROUP OF POLICE STATION SERGEANTS TODAY TOURED THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE TO SEE HOW THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATES.

THE VISIT WAS ONE OF A SERIES ORGANISED FOR THE POLICE FORCE AND THE LAST GROUP VISIT TOOK PLACE ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

DURING THEIR VISIT TODAY, THE POLICE OFFICERS WERE BRIEFED BY MR. BRIAN CARTER, ENGINEER (TRAFFIC OPERATIONS). THEY ALSO SAW A 15-MINUTE COLOUR FILM ENTITLED +TRANSYT+ WHICH EXPLAINS THE COMPUTER PROGRAMME CALCULATING SIGNAL TIMING.

THE FULLY COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM AIMS TO BEAT CONGESTION IN THE BUSY WEST KOWLOON AREA. IT WAS DESIGNED BY A TEAM OF P.W.D. ENGINEERS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.K. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

THE SYSTEM BRINGS MORE THAN 100 TRAFFIC SIGNALS ALONG THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES OF SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI AND PARTS OF TSIM SHA TSUI UNDER THE CONTROL OF TWO COMPUTERS HOUSED IN THE CENTRE IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

FROM DATA ON TRAFFIC FLOW AND CONGESTION FED THROUGH A SERIES OF VEHICLE DETECTORS TO THE CONTROL ROOM IMMEDIATE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO CHANGE TRAFFIC PLANS TO SUIT PREVAILING CONDITIONS.

+AN EVALUATION STUDY CARRIED OUT RECENTLY INDICATES THAT BY USING THE COMPUTER TO CONTROL TRAFFIC SIGNALS JOURNEY TIME WAS REDUCED BY ABOUT 30 PER CENT,+ MR. CARTER SAID.

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WATER CUT IN MONG-KOK
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK DISTRICT WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, TONG MI ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET INCLUDING BUTE STREET, ARRAN STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

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RE-ROUTING OF TIN CHONG STREET
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT DURING CERTAIN PERIODS FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 26) TO SEPTEMBER 3 TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK IN THE AREA.

THE RESURFACING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE ELECTRIC ROAD-NORTH POINT ROAD-JAVA ROAD JUNCTION FROM 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 28) AND FROM 1 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 2 TO 5 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 3.

DURING THESE PERIODS TIN CHONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY SO THAT EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON ELECTRIC ROAD CAN BE DIVERTED VIA TIN CHONG STREET ON TO KING'S ROAD.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID USING THE ELECTRIC ROAD-NORTH POINT ROAD-JAVA ROAD JUNCTION WHENEVER POSSIBLE DURING THOSE PERIODS.

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

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