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26 MAXICAB ROUTES FOR KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM REGISTERED OWNERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FOR THE RIGHT TO OPERATE 26 MAXICAB ROUTES IN KOWLOON.

THESE ROUTES, THE FIRST FOR KOWLOON, WILL BE GROUPED INTO EIGHT SEPARATE PACKAGES WITH FARES RANGING FROM \$1 TO 50 CENTS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORM ENTITLED +APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS MAXICAB ROUTES+.

THESE FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 24) FROM EITHER THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, SIXTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, SIXTH FLOOR, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG BY 5 P.M. ON DECEMBER 7, 1978.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LATE APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THE MAXICAB ROUTES WILL SERVE HOMANTIN, WATERLOO HILL, KOWLOON TONG, KING'S PARK RISE, TAI WAN SHAN, YAU YAT CHUEN, TUNG TAU TSUEN, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON CITY FERRY, KAI TAK AIRPORT AIR CARGO TERMINAL AND PASSENGER TERMINAL, WONG TAI SIN, CHUK YUEN COTTAGE, TSZ WAN SHAN, CHOI HUNG, FUK WAH CHUEN, JORDAN VALLEY, SAN PO KONG, KWUN TONG FERRY, CHA KWO LING FERRY, LAM TIN, SAM KA TSUEN FERRY, KO CHIU ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, HUNG HOM FERRY, AND JORDAN ROAD FERRY.

FULL DETAILS OF THE MAXICAB ROUTES IN KOWLOON WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AFTER THE KOWLOON ROUTES ARE PROCESSED AND INTRODUCED, ANOTHER 20 ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND THEN BACK TO KOWLOON FOR ANOTHER 20 ROUTES BEFORE FINALLY INTRODUCING ABOUT 30 ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SHA TO OPEN MONG KOK WEEK TOMORROW
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. F.K. LI WILL DECLARE MONG KOK WEEK OPEN AT 7.15 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM, KOWLOON.

THE MONG KOK WEEK, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (MONG KOK) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY BODIES AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING CONTINUOUS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS.

A NINE-DAY PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A GRAND PROCESSION, A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY, MUSICAL NIGHT, JOUSTING EVENTS AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A MARATHON RACE.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THERE WILL BE GURKHA FOLK DANCE, OPEN-AIR CONCERT, GYMNASTIC DISPLAY, CHIU CHOW FOLK DANCE, ARMY DOG SHOW AND COMICAL FOOTBALL MATCH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MONG KOK WEEK WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. F.K. LI, AT 7.15 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

TWO IDENTIFICATION BADGES FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, ISSUED BY THE MONG KOK WEEK ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN G.I.S. BOXES LATER TODAY. REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THESE BADGES WHEN COVERING THE FUNCTION.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER

THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) WAS \$3,806 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$5,605 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$1,238 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE TRADE DEFICIT FOR THE MONTH WAS \$561 MILLION.

THE FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST TO OCTOBER 1978 (LATEST THREE MONTHS) SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 25.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 38.8 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 41.9 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER IN 1977, INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF \$905 MILLION OR 31.2 PER CENT IN EXPORTS, \$1,327 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT IN IMPORTS AND \$341 MILLION OR 38.1 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED.

THE SHORT TERM CHANGES (OCTOBER 1978 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1978) SHOWED INCREASES OF \$69 MILLION OR 1.9 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$100 MILLION OR 1.8 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND \$38 MILLION OR 3.2 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

THE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1977 TO OCTOBER 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 14.4 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 24.8 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 29 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES :-

<u>LATEST 3 MONTHS</u>	<u>AUG.-OCT. 1978</u>	<u>AUG.-OCT. 1977</u>	<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>	
	<u>\$ MN.</u>	<u>\$ MN.</u>	<u>\$ MN.</u>	<u>%</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	11,558	9,200	+2,358	+25.6
IMPORTS	16,349	11,781	+4,568	+38.8
RE-EXPORTS	3,634	2,561	+1,073	+41.9
TRADE BALANCE	-1,157	-20	-1,137	

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<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>	OCTOBER 1978	OCTOBER 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,806 (75.4%)	2,900 (76.4%)	+ 905	+31.2
IMPORTS	5,605	4,277	+1,327	+31.0
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	1,238 (24.6%)	897 (23.6%)	+ 341	+38.1
TRADE BALANCE	- 561	- 480	- 81	
<u>LAST MONTH</u>	OCTOBER 1978	SEPTEMBER 1978	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,806 (75.4%)	3,736 (75.7%)	+ 69	+ 1.9
IMPORTS	5,605	5,505	+ 100	+ 1.8
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	1,238 (24.6%)	1,200 (24.3%)	+ 38	+ 3.2
TRADE BALANCE	- 561	- 569	+ 8	
<u>CALENDAR YEAR TO-DATE</u>	JAN.-OCT. 1978	JAN.-OCT. 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	32,564 (75.5%)	28,372 (78.0%)	+4,192	+14.8
IMPORTS	49,703	39,460	+10,243	+26.0
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	10,563 (24.5%)	7,986 (22.0%)	+2,577	+32.3
TRADE BALANCE	-6,576	-3,102	-3,474	
<u>LAST 12 MONTHS</u>	NOV. 1977 TO OCT. 1978	NOV. 1976 TO OCT. 1977	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	39,196	34,255	+4,942	+14.4
IMPORTS	58,944	47,227	+11,717	+24.8
RE-EXPORTS	12,406	9,615	+2,791	+29.0
TRADE BALANCE	-7,342	-3,357	-3,985	

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SCIENCE CENTRE FOR TEACHERS

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A SCIENCE CENTRE FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS HAS RECENTLY BEEN SET UP IN THE TANNER ROAD POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT.

THE CENTRE, ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE SUBJECTS AND FACILITATING TEACHERS IN THEIR WORK.

THE CENTRE WILL ALSO HELP IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCIENCE TEACHERS AND BETWEEN THE TEACHERS AND STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO KEEP THE TEACHERS INFORMED ON THE LATEST TREND OF TEACHING.

A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ARE BEING PLANNED IN THE CENTRE FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS.

THE FIRST WORKSHOP ON THE DESIGN OF HOME-MADE APPARATUS HAS BEEN HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS DURING WHICH PARTICIPANTS TRIED THEIR HAND AT ASSEMBLING SOLAR CELLS.

SIMILAR WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL FEBRUARY 14, NEXT YEAR.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 24) A TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 4-20 DURING 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

DURING THE RESTRICTION, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS ON THAT ROAD SECTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO WARN DRIVERS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT AND KWUN TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

IN WESTERN, THE SUPPLY TO HOUSE NOS. 2-62A BELCHER'S STREET, NOS. 1E-1M AND 32-34 SANDS STREET, NOS. 16-30 AND 29-39 NORTH STREET, NOS. 12A-12G AND 41A-43 IN SMITHFIELD AND NOS. 1A-1C AND 1-3 ROCK HILL STREET, INCLUDING COLLINSON STREET WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON FRIDAY.

IN KWUN TONG, THE AREA BOUNDED BY HUNG TO ROAD, HOI YUEN ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET INCLUDING TSUN YIP STREET WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SIX HOURS FROM FRIDAY MIDNIGHT.

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