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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE
IN DECEMBER AND 1992

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR 1992 RECORDED ONLY A SMALL INCREASE OF 0.3% OVER THAT IN 1991 WHILE THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 28%, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20%. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 22% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 1.0% AND 0.7% RESPECTIVELY. IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 0.2%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED BY 0.6% IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

COMPARING DECEMBER LAST YEAR WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1991, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 3.2% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 23%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 19%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 0.3%, WHILE THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS DECREASED BY 0.2%. IMPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 1.4%.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS INCREASED BY 31% WHILE THAT METAL ORES AND SCRAP INCREASED BY 7.6%.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-38%); FOOTWEAR (-27%); RADIO OF ALL KINDS (-25%); AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-20%).

AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, COMMODITY GROUPS THAT RECORDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES INCLUDED TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6.1%); FOOTWEAR (+3.9%); AND CLOTHING (+3.8%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-4.8%); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-4.0%); AND METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-3.7%).

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 9.0% IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

/SIGNIFICANT INCREASES

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES; FRUIT; AND MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SUGAR; AND SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL, VEGETABLE OIL AND LARD.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 26%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 15% IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR; BASE METAL (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL); AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MAN-MADE FIBRES AND SILK FABRICS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 26% IN VOLUME IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 34% IN 1992 OVER 1991.

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; OFFICE MACHINES; OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY); SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, THE IMPORT PRICES OF CONSUMER GOODS; CAPITAL GOODS; AND FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 2.3%, 2.0% AND 0.4% RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS; AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 8.2% AND 2.4% RESPECTIVELY.

THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN 1992 AS COMPARED WITH 1991: CAPITAL GOODS (+48%); FUELS (+28%); CONSUMER GOODS (+27%); RAW MATERIAL AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+23%) AND FOODSTUFFS (+8.7%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS OF CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 2.3% AND 1.4% RESPECTIVELY.

THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FUELS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 4.1%, 2.1% AND 0.1% RESPECTIVELY.

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DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AROUND MARCH 12 AT HK\$6 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND 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 INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

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Table 1 : Changes in domestic exports by principal commodity group

Commodity group	Comparing DEC 1992 with DEC 1991			Comparing JAN-DEC 1992 with JAN-DEC 1991		
	Value %	Unit		Value %	Unit	
		Value %	Volume %		Value %	Value %
Clothing	-4.9	4.3	-8.8	2.2	3.8	-1.6
Textile fabrics	-6.2	-1.2	-5.0	-1.1	0.5	-1.6
Textile yarn and thread	-13.7	-3.1	-10.9	-8.2	-2.6	-5.8
Textile made-ups and related articles	22.3	7.0	14.2	-15.2	6.1	-20.0
Radios of all kinds	-32.8	-10.8	-24.7	-28.0	-4.0	-25.0
Electronic components	41.1	-5.6	49.6	25.0	-4.8	31.4
Footwear	-27.9	6.7	-32.7	-24.0	3.9	-26.8
Metal manufactures	-2.7	0.8	-3.5	3.5	2.8	0.7
Metal ores and scrap	31.6	-2.7	35.4	3.6	-3.7	7.6
Watches and clocks	-14.2	-0.7	-13.6	-9.2	-0.3	-8.9
Travel goods, handbags and similar articles	8.5	1.6	6.6	-2.4	1.4	-4.0
Domestic electrical appliances	-45.0	-1.7	-44.2	-37.3	0.9	-37.7
ALL COMMODITIES	-2.9	0.3	-3.2	1.3	1.0	0.3

Table 2 : Changes in imports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing DEC 1992 with DEC 1991			Comparing JAN-DEC 1992 with JAN-DEC 1991		
	Value	Unit	Volume	Value	Unit	Volume
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Foodstuffs	11.7	-1.7	13.6	9.4	0.4	9.0
Consumer goods	19.3	0.3	18.9	28.8	2.3	25.9
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	8.1	-4.1	12.7	12.6	-2.4	15.3
Fuels	108.8	-2.5	114.0	15.4	-8.2	25.7
Capital goods	26.5	1.0	25.3	36.7	2.0	34.0
ALL COMMODITIES	17.2	-1.4	18.9	22.6	0.2	22.4

Table 3 : Changes in re-exports by end-use category

End-use category	Comparing DEC 1992 with DEC 1991			Comparing JAN-DEC 1992 with JAN-DEC 1991		
	Value	Unit	Volume	Value	Unit	Volume
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Foodstuffs	17.2	-2.4	20.1	8.6	-0.1	8.7
Consumer goods	17.2	0.5	16.6	29.6	2.3	26.8
Raw materials and semi-manufactures	18.9	-2.7	22.2	20.6	-2.1	23.3
Fuels	73.1	-1.3	75.4	22.7	-4.1	27.9
Capital goods	48.5	2.1	45.5	49.8	1.4	47.7
ALL COMMODITIES	22.5	-0.2	22.8	29.2	0.7	28.2

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO WITNESS PROTECTION GRANTED
EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS TODAY (TUESDAY) GRANTED THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO WITNESS PROTECTION AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT BY FIVE WEEKS TO ENABLE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE FIRST PART OF THE INQUIRY CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC CASE OF R V NGUYEN VAN-BAU TO BE COMPLETED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL TIME TABLE AS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, MR JUSTICE MICHAEL KEMPSTER, WHO HEADED THE COMMISSION, WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY TODAY.

"THE ORIGINAL TIME TABLE WAS A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE TIME THAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE INVESTIGATIONS TO BE COMPLETED. AS THE INQUIRY HAS PROCEEDED, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THE NUMBER OF WITNESSES TO BE CALLED AND THE VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION TO BE STUDIED HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO CONSIDER FULLY ALL MATTERS BEFORE HIM.

"THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPECT A COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE INQUIRY BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 15 THIS YEAR. AS AT TODAY, 16 WITNESSES HAVE GIVEN EVIDENCE AND ANOTHER 10 WITNESSES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CALLED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

"IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS STAGE WHETHER AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE INQUIRY WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE SECOND PART OF THE INQUIRY BUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AS AND WHEN A FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE INVESTIGATION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MR JUSTICE KEMPSTER WAS APPOINTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DECISION BY THE PROSECUTION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE IN A MURDER TRIAL.

HIS SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

(A) TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE DECISION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF R V NGUYEN VAN-BAU (HIGH COURT CRIMINAL CASE NO. 291 OF 1991) AND, IN PARTICULAR -

(I) TO INQUIRE WHY, INSTEAD OF DECIDING TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE, THE PROSECUTION DID NOT ENTER A NOLLE PROSEQUI OR DID NOT MAKE FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO ADJOURN THE CASE;

(II) TO INQUIRE INTO THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS MADE OR OFFERED TO THE WITNESS BUI VAN-XUAN AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT REASONABLY HAVE BEEN MADE OR OFFERED TO HIM; AND

(B) TO INQUIRE

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(B) TO INQUIRE INTO THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PROSECUTION WITNESS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE IMPROVED.

ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL TIMETABLE, THE COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE MATTERS SET OUT IN (A)(I) & (II) BY TODAY.

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FULL FUEL DUTY REBATE FOR BUS CO'S
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IN ANSWER TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) ALL FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY FULL REBATE OF DUTY PAID ON FUEL IN 1993/94.

AS A RESULT, THE 9.5 PER CENT INCREASE IN DUTY PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET WILL NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THEIR OPERATING COSTS.

IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATIONS FOR FARE INCREASES BY CMB AND KMB YESTERDAY, THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOOK THIS FACTOR FULLY INTO ACCOUNT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEMINAR ON TEENAGE SUICIDES
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THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH IS TO ORGANISE A SEMINAR ON TEENAGE SUICIDE PROBLEM THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13).

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR, WHICH AIMS TO SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE RECENT SPATE OF SUCH SUICIDE, WILL FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN COUNTERING THE PROBLEM AND WAYS OF PROMOTING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AMONG YOUTHS.

MORE THAN 100 MEDIA PERSONNEL, ACADEMICS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS AND PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS YOUTHS WILL ATTEND.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, MR ERIC LI, WILL GIVE AN OPENING SPEECH TO BE FOLLOWED BY PANEL AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

/GUEST SPEAKERS

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GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER EMILY LAU; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, MS DAISY LI YUET-WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG NEWS EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION, MR YEUNG KAM-KUEN; DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATION OF THE BREAKTHROUGH PUBLISHERS, MR NG SZE-YUEN; THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF THE ENRICHMENT DEPARTMENT (CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROUP) OF THE TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD, MR MARK LEUNG; AND A PARENT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 13) AT 9 AM, ROOM 204, SECOND FLOOR, CHINESE YMCA HONG KONG CENTRE, 4 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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CHINA FOUND NOT GUILTY IN SULFUR DYES DUMPING

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THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (ITC) FOUND IN AN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION THAT SULFUR DYES IMPORTS FROM CHINA HAD NOT MATERIALLY INJURED ITS DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.

THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION OF THE PRODUCTS WILL BE TERMINATED IN DUE COURSE.

HOWEVER, THE TRADE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE PETITIONER OF THE CASE MIGHT FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE U.S. COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE CHALLENGING ITC'S NEGATIVE INJURY DETERMINATION.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENTS AND KEEP LOCAL TRADERS INFORMED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS FROM CHINA WERE BEING, OR WERE LIKELY TO BE, SOLD IN THE U.S. AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE.

THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR A BOND EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED MARGIN AMOUNT OF 127.38 PER CENT BY WHICH THE FOREIGN MARKED VALUE OF THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE EXCEEDS THE U.S. PRICE.

THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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LEGCO TO HOLD TWO MOTION DEBATES

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL DEBATE A MOTION ON POLITICAL APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION IS PROPOSED BY THE HON ANDREW WONG.

THE HON EMILY LAU WILL MOVE ANOTHER MOTION ON NATIONALITY OF ETHNIC MINORITY.

THE HON MOSES CHENG WILL RAISE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON WIFE ABUSE.

MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 19 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE MEETING.

DEBATES ON THE BILLS - PARENT AND CHILD BILL, TRADING FUNDS BILL AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - WILL BE RESUMED. THEY WILL GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE. THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS WILL ALSO MOVE A MOTION UNDER MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS WILL PRESENT THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION'S APPROVED ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1993/94.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY BY TELEPHONING 869 9492.

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EPCOM MEMBERS VISIT WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) VISITED THE SITE OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE RECLAMATION PROJECTS AND THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES TO MITIGATE ANY EFFECTS.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF EPCOM, PROFESSOR WANG GUNGWU, MEMBERS FIRST VISITED THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE (NAPCO) IN SHUI ON CENTRE AND WERE WELCOMED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NAPCO, MR CLINTON LEEKS.

MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE RECLAMATION AS WELL AS DETAILS OF THE MONITORING WORK WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN WEST KOWLOON BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFICE (BNPO).

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THEY WERE INFORMED THAT ENPO, WHICH WAS SET UP IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND MANAGED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD), IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN CONSULTANTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (ASIA) LTD AND BINNIE CONSULTANTS.

ENPO CONDUCTS ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND AUDITING OF THE WEST KOWLOON PROJECT AREA, IDENTIFIES POLLUTION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECLAMATION AND PROVIDES ADVICE ON WAYS TO REMEDY THESE PROBLEMS.

IT ALSO INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EPD POLLUTION HOTLINE AND REPORTS MONTHLY TO EPD, NAPCO AND THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (UADO).

MEMBERS THEN TRAVELLED TO WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION ON A MARINE LAUNCH. THEY PASSED THROUGH THE OLD AND NEW YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTERS AND OBSERVED THE WATER QUALITY MONITORING WORK BEING CONDUCTED AT ONE OF THE MANY WATER MONITORING STATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT AREA.

THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THE WATER QUALITY NEAR STONECUTTERS ISLAND HAD IMPROVED SINCE THE COMMISSIONING OF A NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME WHICH REDUCED POLLUTION INPUTS FROM THE WEST KOWLOON HINTERLAND BY 70 PER CENT.

SEVERAL REMEDIAL PROPOSALS THAT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY THERE ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

THE LAUNCH ALSO TOOK MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE RECLAMATION NEAR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WHERE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE AIR AND NOISE MONITORING WORK.

THEY WERE INFORMED THAT AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN THIS AREA HAD NOT RECORDED A DUST PROBLEM EXCEEDING REGULATORY LIMITS.

THE TEMPORARY SAND PILE IN FRONT OF LAI CHI KOK IS BEING REDUCED TO 3.5 METRES IN HEIGHT AND THAT THIS STOCKPILE WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY REMOVED BY THE END OF MAY.

AFTER THE VISIT, PROFESSOR WANG SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT NEGLECTED THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF ENGINEERING PROJECTS BEING CONDUCTED NEAR TO THE DENSELY POPULATED AREA IN WEST KOWLOON.

"ALTHOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES SOMETIMES CANNOT BE AVOIDED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CLOSE MONITORING AND ADEQUATE MITIGATING AND REMEDIAL MEASURES BE TAKEN EXPEDITIOUSLY," PROFESSOR WANG SAID.

EPCOM MEMBERS ALSO ASKED THAT REPORT OF THE WORK OF ENPO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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BUS LANES ON CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL APPROACH ROADS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF CROSS-HARBOUR BUS OPERATION, THE FOLLOWING BUS LANES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON TRIAL ON THE APPROACH ROADS LEADING TO THE KOWLOON TOLL BOOTH PLAZA OF CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL FROM 7 AM ON THURSDAY:

- 1) THE EXISTING BUS LANE, EFFECTIVE 7 AM - 10 AM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, ON THE NEARSIDE LANE OF THE APPROACH ROAD AT HUNG HOM INTERCHANGE LEADING FROM CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH EASTBOUND TO PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER TO BE EXTENDED SOUTHWARD BY ABOUT 30 METRES; AND
- 2) THE NEARSIDE SECTION OF HONG CHONG ROAD MEASURING ABOUT 67 METRES FROM ITS BIFURCATION POINT WITH SALISBURY ROAD TO THE ADVERTISING STAND TO BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE 24 HOURS DAILY.

MOTORISTS FROM CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD ARE ADVISED TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT LANE EARLY FOR TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY KOWLOON STATION OR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

DRIVERS OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS LANE DURING SPECIFIED PERIOD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS WILL BE INTRODUCED. THE MEASURES WILL BECOME PERMANENT IF IT PROVES TO BE EFFECTIVE.

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ORAL HEALTH PHOTO CONTEST INVITES ENTRIES
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LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER A PHOTO CONTEST THAT AIMS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ORAL HEALTH IN PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED BY THE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT A THREE-YEAR TERRITORY-WIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

THERE WILL BE THREE PRIZES COMPRISING A TRAVELLING COUPON VALUED AT \$10,000, \$5,000 AND \$3,000 RESPECTIVELY, AND A TROPHY.

ANOTHER 17 PRIZES OF CAMERAS WILL BE OFFERED TO OUTSTANDING ENTRANTS.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON APRIL 17.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 29 (MONDAY). JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 6.

/APPLICATION FORMS

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT:

- * ALL DISTRICT OFFICES;
- * ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF FOTOMAX (FAR EAST) LIMITED; AND
- * THE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT 147J ARGYLE STREET, FOURTH FLOOR, ARGYLE STREET JOCKEY CLUB SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC, KOWLOON.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MISS CHUNG OF THE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT ON TEL 715 8050.

THE CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY THE FOTOMAX (FAR EAST) LIMITED AND KODAK (FAR EAST) LIMITED.

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AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY AT 9.30 AM AT THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FC2668	FB7880	FA228	FB316	FB770
FC120	FC2028	FB882	FC978	FC207
*FF898	*DS909	*BY10	*AT888	*FF3311
FC211	FB638	FC6686	AA3418	FC4363
FC880	FC328	FB9989	FB9929	FC172
BB6232	DJ1288	FA346	EC712	FB4278
FB9888	FB2823	CF226	FC2232	FC9010
*FC83	*7715	*FH636	*AR4400	*FH747
EU132	FC1238	FC987	FC608	FB6174
FB9139	FB3398	FC612	FB257	FB548

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

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PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED, WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 190TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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KOWLOON REGIONAL HEALTH OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL MOVE TO THE 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH FLOORS OF GOLDEN GATE COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON FRIDAY (MARCH 12).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OFFICE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 739 3855 AND 739 5495.

AT PRESENT, THE OFFICE IS HOUSED ON THE NINTH AND 13TH FLOORS OF THE BUILDING.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	9 MAR 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q310
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$5,260 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.97 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.97 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 71 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.01 PCT

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 MARCH 1993 -

TENDER DATE	16 MAR 93	16 MAR 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q311	H360
ISSUE DATE	17 MAR 93	17 MAR 93
MATURITY DATE	16 JUNE 93	15 SEPT 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,000 + 200 MN	HK\$400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,060
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,090
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-430
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,720
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.0 *-0.1* 9.3.1993	

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.53 PCT	14 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.45	3.41
1 MONTH	2.64 PCT	17 MONTHS	2408	5.50	101.35	3.44
3 MONTHS	2.91 PCT	20 MONTHS	2411	4.375	101.72	3.59
6 MONTHS	3.02 PCT	23 MONTHS	2502	4.625	101.81	3.81
12 MONTHS	3.27 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 10,617MN

CLOSED 9 MARCH 1993

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