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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1974

THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 1974 DROPPED BY \$124 MILLION TO \$1,811 MILLION, A DECREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT OVER NOVEMBER 1973.

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH WENT DOWN BY 15.5 PER CENT AND THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 13.5 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1973.

FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1974 SHOW INCREASES BY VALUE OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1973 OF 20.9 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 11.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS AND 21.7 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD DECEMBER 1973 TO NOVEMBER 1974 WENT UP IN VALUE BY 23.6 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD, WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 14.7 PER CENT AND IMPORTS BY 24 PER CENT.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE BREAKDOWN AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES:

COMPARATIVE FIGURES	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	INCREASE OR	
	1974	1973	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	1,811 (76.2%)	1,935 (74.7%)	- 124	- 6.4
IMPORTS	2,574	3,048	- 473	- 15.5
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	567 (23.8%)	656 (25.3%)	- 89	- 13.5
	SEPT.-NOV.	SEPT.-NOV.	INCREASE OR	
	1974	1973	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	5,416	5,755	- 338	- 5.9
IMPORTS	7,707	8,755	-1,048	- 12.0
RE-EXPORTS	1,686	2,140	- 454	- 21.2
	JAN.-NOV.	JAN.-NOV.	INCREASE OR	
	1974	1973	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

	DEC. 1973 TO NOV. 1974	DEC. 1972 TO NOV. 1973	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	21,180 (76.2%)	17,515 (74.8%)	+3,665	+ 20.9
IMPORTS	31,578	25,947	+5,631	+ 21.7
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6,598 (23.8%)	5,904 (25.2%)	+ 694	+ 11.8
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	23,139	18,728	+4,412	+ 23.6
IMPORTS	34,636	27,927	+6,709	+ 24.0
RE-EXPORTS	7,219	6,295	+ 924	+ 14.7

ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN 1975

FIRST PHASE TO LAST UNTIL END OF JANUARY -

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE 1975 ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEGAN ON JANUARY 2 AND WILL LAST FOR ONE MONTH.

THE SECOND PHASE WILL LAST THROUGHOUT MARCH.

A SPOKESMAN SAID POLIO IMMUNISATION BECAME AVAILABLE SINCE 1963 AND HAD VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG.

IN 1962, BEFORE INTRODUCTION OF THE VACCINE, 363 CASES WITH 52 DEATHS WERE RECORDED, BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO NOTIFICATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973.

HE FELT THAT DESPITE THIS GREATLY IMPROVED SITUATION POLIOMYELITIS STILL POSED A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY AND ANY CHILD WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN VACCINATED SHOULD BE IMMUNISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+POLIO VACCINE IS FREE AND AVAILABLE AT ALL GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES, INOCULATION POSTS AND GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS,+ HE EMPHASISED.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THREE DOSES OF VACCINE WERE REQUIRED WITH AN EIGHT-WEEK INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND DOSES. A THIRD DOSE SHOULD BE TAKEN A YEAR LATER.

HE ASSURED PARENTS THAT POLIO VACCINE WAS VERY EASY TO ADMINISTER. FOR INFANTS, DROPS OF THE VACCINE WERE PUT INTO THE MOUTH. FOR OLDER CHILDREN, THE VACCINE WAS ADDED TO A LUMP OF SUGAR.

+POLIO VACCINE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES,+ HE SAID, +AND THE CAMPAIGNS CARRIED OUT IN EACH YEAR ARE INTENDED TO REMIND MOTHERS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE, AND TO URGE THEM TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN IMMUNISED.+

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SENIOR HONG KONG TRADE NEGOTIATORS LEAVE FOR LONDON
FOR CONSULTATIONS ON TEXTILES

TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT LEAVE FOR LONDON TONIGHT FOR CONSULTATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE TEXTILE MARKETING NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO BE HELD WITH THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES LATER THIS YEAR.

THE HONG KONG TRADE NEGOTIATORS ARE MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF C AND I IN-CHARGE OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AND MR. PETER TSAO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN-CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH THE COMMON MARKET.

IN LONDON, MR. MILLS AND MR. TSAO WILL BE SEEING BRITISH TRADE OFFICIALS AT WHITEHALL AS WELL AS HONG KONG'S TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS, MR. CLAUDE BURGESS AND MR. PAT DODGE.

THE TWO-WEEK TRIP WILL ALSO TAKE THEM TO BRUSSELS FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE COMMON MARKET COMMISSION AND, PERHAPS, OF SOME MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE E.E.C.

MR. MILLS AND MR. TSAO WILL BE TALKING ABOUT MATTERS CONNECTED WITH EEC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO START SOON.

MR. MILLS SAID BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT THE VISIT IS PURELY A FACT-FINDING ONE NEEDED TO HELP HIM PUT HONG KONG'S NEGOTIATING BRIEF INTO FINAL PERSPECTIVE.

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EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK

AN EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS' CREATIVE WORK WILL BE HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, LATER THIS MONTH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE DISPLAY WILL CONSIST OF SELECTED NEEDLEWORK BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS, SELECTED PAINTINGS BY JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS AND WORKS OF ART BY FORM 5/MIDDLE 5 STUDENTS.

IT WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN ART.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIRS IN N.T.
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AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING NEW YEAR FAIRS IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND SHEUNG SHUI.

THE FAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, TSUEN WAN= ON LING ROAD, YUEN LONG TOWN AND SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND, SHEUNG SHUI BETWEEN FEBRUARY 4, 1975 AND FEBRUARY 11, 1975 INCLUSIVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: +ALL SITES WILL BE ALLOCATED THROUGH OPEN BALLOT TO FLOWER GROWERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TO SMALL TRADERS SELLING PERMISSIBLE DRY COMMODITIES.+

+TEMPORARY HAWKER LICENCE OF \$25.00 EACH WILL BE ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ERECTION OF STALL STRUCTURE AND THE CONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY.+

NO SPECIFIC CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED OR AUTHORISED FOR SUCH BUILDING WORKS.

FROM JANUARY 13, 1975 TO JANUARY 25, 1975, BALLOT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON APPLICATION IN PERSON AND ON PAYMENT OF \$5.00 AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES FROM 9.00 A.M. TO 3.00 P.M. :-

TSUEN WAN FAIR - TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE, CHARTER BANK BUILDING, TAI HO ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.

YUEN LONG FAIR - YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE, ROOM 304 YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE, YUEN LONG.

SHEUNG SHUI FAIR - TAI PO URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET.

NO BALLOT TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 25, 1975.

THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE TICKETS SHOULD FILL IN THE NECESSARY PARTICULARS AND RETURN THE TICKETS WITH TWO PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 27, 1975 FOR REGISTRATION.

ON BEING REGISTERED, THEY WILL BE INVITED TO THE OPEN BALLOT, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1975 AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS :-

TSUEN WAN FAIR - YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND, TSUEN WAN.

YUEN LONG FAIR - YUEN LONG STADIUM, YUEN LONG.

SHEUNG SHUI FAIR - TAI PO URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, ON MONDAY (JANUARY 6) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY, TA CHUEN PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY IN AN ANTI-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AND LAM TIN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTWARDS.

THE SECTION OF CHUN PIN STREET BETWEEN LAM TIN STREET AND TA CHUEN PING STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHWARDS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 7), STARTING AT 10 A.M., THE SECTION OF TING FU STREET NORTHEAST OF TING ON STREET, THE WHOLE OF TING YIP STREET, AND THE SECTION OF TING ON STREET BETWEEN TING FU STREET AND TING YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY ANTI-CLOCKWISE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE KWUN TONG AREA.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR KENNEDY TOWN

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RESIDENTS IN THE KENNEDY TOWN AREA WILL HAVE MORE RECREATIONAL SPACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR WHEN A PROJECT AIMED AT PROVIDING SUCH FACILITIES IS COMPLETED.

WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH ON THE PROJECT - KENNEDY TOWN SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND (PHASE II) - WHICH CONSISTS OF A MINI-FOOTBALL PITCH, TWO LATRINES AND CHANGING ROOMS.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 90,000 SQUARE FEET, THE PLAYGROUND SITUATED TO THE SOUTH OF KWUN LOONG ESTATE, IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM MOUNT DAVIS ROAD VIA AN EXISTING ACCESS ROAD.

TWO BASKETBALL COURTS WERE BUILT IN PHASE I OF THE PROJECT.

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