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AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETS ON JUNE 30

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THE BRITISH AND CHINESE SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT A MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON 30 JUNE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AIRPORT PROJECT.

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PARENTS URGED TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST DRUGS

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ONE OF THE IMPORTANT WAYS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IS TO PREVENT THE FORMATION OF AN ADDICTION.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) BY MS ROSANNA WONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, WHILE SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION AT NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN TO MARK THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

URGING PARENTS TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS, MS ROSANNA WONG SAID: "AS PARENTS WHO ARE CLOSE TO OUR CHILDREN IN ALL ASPECTS, WE HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. WE HAVE TO BE AWARE OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN OUR SOCIETY. WE MUST GIVE OUR CHILDREN TENDER LOVE AND CARE, IMPRESS UPON THEM THE VALUE OF GOOD HEALTH AND STAYING DRUG-FREE.

TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPLY REDUCTION EFFORTS, MS WONG SAID: "THE TASK OF COUNTERING SMUGGLING OF DRUGS INTO AND THROUGH HONG KONG IS A DIFFICULT ONE, GIVEN THE INTENSIVE TRADING AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT HONG KONG HAS WITH COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAVE APPROACHED THIS TASK WITH PROFESSIONALISM, AND ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR REMARKABLE SUCCESSES.

"THEIR ACTIONS HAVE RESULTED IN SOME RECORD SEIZURES OF DRUGS, AND THE NEUTRALISING OF MAJOR SYNDICATES THROUGH JOINT OPERATIONS WITH OVERSEAS DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES."

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT, SHE SAID: "HONG KONG COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS ON DRUGS AND MAINTAINS CLOSE LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES."

"TO DATE, SOME \$308 MILLION WORTH OF ASSETS HAVE BEEN FROZEN OR CONFISCATED AS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION," SHE ADDED.

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ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF ACAN AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, THE EXHIBITION, HELD BETWEEN JUNE 26 AND 28, AT THE PLAZA'S FOOTBRIDGE GALLERY INCLUDED A WIDE RANGE OF PANEL DISPLAYS INTRODUCING HONG KONG ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES AND VARIOUS FRONTS SUCH AS THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE, AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, AND TREATMENT SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSE, PS 33, A COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE MESSAGE OF SAY 'NO' TO DRUGS WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH A SERIES OF PROGRAMME INCLUDING MINI-POP CONCERTS BY LOCAL SINGERS, AN ANTI-DRUG TALK BY MR CHAN SHUN-CHI, ONE OF THE 10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS IN 1987, MAGIC SHOWS AND VIDEO SHOWS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN ATRIUM OF THE PLAZA.

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EMPLOYEES MUST BE INSURED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ADVISED ALL EMPLOYERS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND TO DISPLAY CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT A NOTICE OF INSURANCE.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH THE HANG WAI GARMENT FACTORY IN TUEN MUN WAS FINED \$12,000 AND THE MING WAH COFFEE SNACKS IN SHA TIN \$5,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR FAILING TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES.

THE OFFENCES WERE DETECTED BY LABOUR INSPECTORS DURING ROUTINE VISITS TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS LATE LAST YEAR.

"ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER THEIR FULL LIABILITIES UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND UNDER COMMON LAW," LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) MISS KATHERINE TSANG EXPLAINED.

"AN INSURED EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY, IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE OF THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOTICE SHOWING THE NAME OF THE EMPLOYER AND THE NAME OF THE INSURER," SHE SAID.

"OTHER DETAILS SHOULD INCLUDE THE POLICY NUMBER, THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THE POLICY AND THE COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRY DATES OF THE INSURANCE PERIOD.

"THE NOTICE SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE EXTENT OF THE LIABILITY INSURED," SHE ADDED.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY, ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, FOR FAILURE TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES, IS A FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR, MISS TSANG SAID, ADDING THAT FAILING TO DISPLAY A NOTICE OF INSURANCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JULY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 14 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE PRACTICE:

DATE	TIME
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JULY 5 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 6 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11.59 PM
JULY 8 (THURSDAY)	0.01 AM - 5 PM
JULY 9 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 13 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 15 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 16 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 19 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 20 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 21 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 22 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 23 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,765
REVERSAL OF LAF	-80
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,685
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-900
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,785
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 112.4 **0.0*	26.6.93

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TYPHOON ROUND-UP
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AT 10.30 PM, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS REGISTERED 60 PEOPLE WITH ABOUT 50 OF THEM BEING ACCOMMODATED IN THE HENRY G LEONG YAUMATEI COMMUNITY CENTRE. HOT MEALS AND RELIEF ARTICLES WERE DISTRIBUTED.

THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS OPENED 50 SHELTERS, AND 92 PEOPLE TOOK REFUGE THERE.

SINCE THE NO. 8 NORTHEAST STORM SIGNAL WAS HOISTED AT 10.30 AM YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) MORNING, A MAXIMUM GUST OF 173 KILOMETRES PER HOUR WAS RECORDED IN CHEUNG CHAU.

THE HEAVIEST RAINFALL WAS RECORDED IN THE NORTH OF SHA TIN, WITH AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 30 MILLIMETRES, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF 10 TO 20 MILLIMETRES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

AT THE AIRPORT, 32 FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED AND 63 DIVERTED TO OTHER DESTINATIONS.

MOST OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE SUSPENDED DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON KORYN. MTR AND KCR TRAINS, AS WELL AS THE LIGHT RAIL HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT REDUCED INTERVALS.

AFTER THE LOWERING OF NO. 8 STORM SIGNAL, SOME OF THE BUS SERVICES RESUMED NORMAL, BEGINNING 11 PM.

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RESULTS OF 1991 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT/RELATED SERVICES RELEASED
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THE BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME GENERATED BY TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS DURING 1991 AMOUNTED TO \$134 BILLION, VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS IN 1990.

THE GROSS SURPLUS (WHICH EQUALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS LESS OPERATING EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES) ACCOUNTED FOR 14.3% OF THE TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS. THIS WAS 2.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE IN 1990.

THE ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR RESULTS OF THE 1991 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED FROM MAY 1992 TO EARLY 1993.

ALL VALUE FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN CURRENT PRICE TERMS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES DERIVED FROM THESE FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED FOR PRICE CHANGES. CAUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN IN INTERPRETING THE SURVEY RESULTS.

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THE OPERATING EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES INCURRED BY TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS IN 1991 ACCOUNTED FOR 71.3% AND 14.4% OF THE BUSINESS RECEIPTS RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH 1990, THE SHARE OF OPERATING EXPENSES IN BUSINESS RECEIPTS DECREASED BY 3.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS WHILE THAT OF COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES INCREASED BY 1.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED THAT SOME 39,000 TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION IN 1991, AN INCREASE OF 10% OVER 1990.

THE SECTOR'S VALUE ADDED GREW BY 11%, FROM \$37 BILLION IN 1990 TO \$41.2 BILLION IN 1991.

IN 1991, SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT, SUCH AS ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN AIR/SEA CARGO FORWARDING, PACKING AND CRATING GOODS FOR TRANSPORTATION, TRAVEL AGENCIES AND SHIPBROKERS, HAD THE LARGEST SHARE OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 43% OF THE SECTOR'S TOTAL.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AIR TRANSPORT (20%); OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT (12%); LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT (10%); LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT (7%); SUPPORTING SERVICES TO WATER TRANSPORT (5%); INLAND WATER TRANSPORT (2%) AND SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT (1%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, AIR TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTED THE LARGEST PORTION, ACCOUNTING FOR 25% OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED OF THE SECTOR, FOLLOWED BY LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT (22%), OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT (18%); SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT (12%); LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT (11%); SUPPORTING SERVICES TO WATER TRANSPORT (6%); INLAND WATER TRANSPORT (3%) AND SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT (2%).

IN TERMS OF BUSINESS RECEIPTS, SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE OVER 1990 (13%). THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED PRIVATISATION OF A NUMBER OF CAR PARKS AND VEHICULAR TUNNELS (E.G. THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WAS PRIVATISED IN SEPTEMBER 1991) WHICH WERE FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL IN JUNE 1991 ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASE. IN ADDITION, LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT AND LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT REGISTERED LARGE INCREASES IN 1991, BOTH GREW BY 12%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT AND SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT RECORDED DECREASES IN BUSINESS RECEIPTS.

THE DECREASE IN OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT (-15%) WAS RESULTED FROM THE SHRINKAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF SHIP OWNERS/OPERATORS OF SEA-GOING VESSELS, WHEREAS THE DECLINE IN SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT (-3%) WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE STAGNANT BUSINESS OF TRAVEL AGENCIES AFFECTED BY THE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

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IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 30% OVER 1990, DESPITE A DECREASE IN BUSINESS RECEIPTS. THE SECOND LARGEST INCREASE WAS REGISTERED IN INLAND WATER TRANSPORT (22%).

ON INVESTMENT, IN TERMS OF GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS, SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE AS A RESULT OF THE OPENING OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL. THE VALUE OF GROSS ADDITIONS WAS MORE THAN FIVE TIMES OF THAT IN 1990. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY SUPPORTING SERVICES TO WATER TRANSPORT, WHICH HAD A FIVE-TIME INCREASE OVER 1990.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE 1991 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE MAY 1992 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS TOGETHER WITH THE BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN IN A FULL SURVEY REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED AROUND AUGUST.

THIS REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; AND THE PUBLICATION SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION ON TEL 802 1277.

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COMPARISON OF SELECTED PRINCIPAL STATISTICS FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS
IN THE TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES SECTOR BETWEEN 1990 AND 1991

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP		NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	COMPENSA-	OPERATING	BUSINESS	GROSS	VALUE	GROSS
		OF	OF	OF	TION OF	EXPENSES	RECEIPTS	ADDITIONS	ADDED	SURPLUS
		ESTABLISH-	PERSONS	EMPLOYEES	EMPLOYEES		AND OTHER	TO FIXED		
		MENTS	ENGAGED				INCOME	ASSETS		
					\$'Mn	\$'Mn	\$'Mn	\$'Mn	\$'Mn	\$'Mn
LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT	1991	17 926	48 662	29 662	3,551	6,378	13,457	1,802	9,176	3,528
	1990	17 389	48 265	29 209	3,113	6,154	12,004	1,520	8,184	2,738
	% change	3	1	2	14	4	12	19	12	29
LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT	1991	14 328	39 606	25 649	2,262	5,572	9,721	729	4,659	1,887
	1990	12 120	38 392	25 635	2,169	4,881	8,668	710	4,476	1,618
	% change	18	3	*	4	14	12	3	4	17
SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT	1991	97	2 739	2 691	227	1,082	1,742	603	797	434
	1990	99	2 242	2 201	175	981	1,537	108	671	380
	% change	-2	22	22	29	10	13	460	19	14
OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT	1991	392	15 769	15 755	2,702	9,136	16,348	3,232	7,541	4,510
	1990	447	16 631	16 625	2,580	13,865	19,228	8,099	5,819	2,783
	% change	-12	-5	-5	5	-34	-15	-60	30	62
INLAND WATER TRANSPORT	1991	820	5 955	5 166	581	1,199	2,306	451	1,125	526
	1990	676	5 433	4 690	469	1,165	2,076	228	924	443
	% change	21	10	10	24	3	11	98	22	19
SUPPORTING SERVICES TO WATER TRANSPORT	1991	2 112	11 474	9 674	1,224	4,446	6,540	702	2,537	870
	1990	2 259	12 809	10 836	1,309	4,407	6,427	136	2,635	711
	% change	-7	-10	-11	-7	1	2	414	-4	22
AIR TRANSPORT	1991	57	20 509	20 509	5,414	15,271	26,635	5,695	10,492	5,950
	1990	59	16 636	16 636	4,876	14,330	25,106	2,706	9,616	5,899
	% change	-3	23	23	11	7	6	110	9	1
SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT	1991	3 411	33 716	31 661	3,312	52,668	57,508	465	4,855	1,528
	1990	2 454	32 927	31 919	2,937	54,486	59,203	407	4,679	1,780
	% change	39	2	-1	13	-3	-3	14	4	-14
ALL TRANSPORT GROUPS	1991	39 143	178 430	140 767	19,273	95,751	134,258	13,679	41,181	19,234
	1990	35 505	173 336	137 750	17,628	100,268	134,248	13,914	37,004	16,351
	% change	10	3	2	9	-5	*	-2	11	18
GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT	1991	3	1 361	1 361	369	504	2,763	696	2,261	N.A.
	1990	3	1 206	1 206	311	424	2,429	576	2,004	N.A.
	% change	*	13	13	19	19	14	21	13	(-)

- Notes :
- (1) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
 - (2) Individual items may not add up to the corresponding total due to rounding.
 - (3) Value added is a measure of the contribution of an economic sector to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product. The definition can be found in the "1991 Survey of Transport and Related Services" report.
 - (4) * denotes % change less than $\pm 0.5\%$.

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HK PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THEIR APPEARANCE

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NOT ONLY ARE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG HARD WORKING, THEY ARE ALSO METICULOUS ABOUT THEIR APPEARANCE.

THIS IS THE COMMENT BY MRS PATTEN TODAY (SUNDAY).

"AND I AM NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE WOMEN," SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE SEVENTH COSMETIC, HAIR AND BEAUTY EXHIBITION WHICH IS ASIA'S LARGEST EXHIBITION OF ITS KIND, MRS PATTEN SAID IT WAS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT HONG KONG WAS AN IMPORTANT AND A GROWING MARKET FOR BEAUTY PRODUCTS IN THE REGION.

MRS PATTEN EXPECTED THE OUTLOOK OF IMPORTS OF COSMETICS AND HAIR CARE PRODUCTS FOR THIS YEAR WAS VERY GOOD INDEED.

"NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE BECOMING MORE PROSPEROUS, WHICH ENABLES THEM TO SPEND MORE ON BEAUTY CARE AND LOOKING GOOD.

"BUT ALSO AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ABOLISH THE 30 PER CENT DUTY ON COSMETICS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID IT WAS EXPECTED THAT PART OF THIS REDUCTION IN COSTS WOULD BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS, AND THAT THE EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON DOMESTIC SALES AS WELL AS INCREASED PURCHASES BY OVERSEAS VISITORS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

THE IMPORTS HAD BEEN INCREASING AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 11 PER CENT ANNUALLY IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND REACHED A TOTAL VALUE OF HK\$4.7 BILLION LAST YEAR.

SINCE THE EXHIBITION WENT INTERNATIONAL IN 1989, IT HAS ATTRACTED TWICE THE NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS FROM SOME 20 COUNTRIES TO SHOW THEIR PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG. AMONG THEM ARE THE USA, FRANCE, ITALY AND THE UK WHICH ARE ALL WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR BEAUTY INDUSTRIES.

MRS PATTEN SAID SHE WAS HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE EXHIBITION WAS ATTRACTING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BUYERS AND VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY FROM COUNTRIES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION.

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255 REDUNDANT TEACHERS FOUND JOBS

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ALL REDUNDANT TEACHERS REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN VARIOUS AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

"THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SPONSORING BODIES AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN ACCEPTING ALL 255 REDUNDANT TEACHERS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO RESERVE VACANCIES FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE, SET UP IN 1975, HAS SO FAR HELPED SOME 7,000 REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.