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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR MAY

THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 6 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY SO THAT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 7 PER CENT IN MAY 1983 AS COMPARED WITH MAY 1982, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 9 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT SO THAT AN 8 PER CENT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT.

SINCE THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1983 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 6 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. AS THE PRICES OF IMPORTS WERE 5 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE SAME PERIOD, IMPORTS RECORDED A 2 PER CENT GROWTH IN VOLUME TERMS.

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF COMPARISON TO THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY THIS YEAR WITH THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 1982, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 4 PER CENT AND THOSE OF RE-EXPORTS BY 6 PER CENT. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE WAS REGISTERED IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, SO THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. HOWEVER, A ONE PER CENT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM 2 PER CENT FOR TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD TO 45 PER CENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-3 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-9 PER CENT).

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+138 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+40 PER CENT FOR EACH CATEGORY). HOWEVER, SLIGHT TO MODERATE DECREASES IN EXPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-1 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-6 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (-14 PER CENT).

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THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED, RANGING FROM 6 PER CENT FOR BOTH RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES AND FUELS TO 13 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOOD STUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AND SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT DECLINED SLIGHTLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, WATCHES, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH SILK FABRICS, YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK, RAW COTTON, FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS, IRON AND STEEL AND CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC. EXCEPT GLASS DROPPED MODERATELY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ALL THE MAJOR IMPORTED CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, OFFICE MACHINES AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORT VOLUME VARIED AMONG THE FIVE END-USE CATEGORIES, RANGING FROM A 4 PER CENT DECREASE FOR CAPITAL GOODS TO A 62 PER CENT INCREASE FOR FUELS.

A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT AS THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES GREW AT A FASTER RATE THAN THEIR RE-EXPORTS, RETAINED IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN VOLUME TERMS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT DOMESTIC EXPORT PERFORMANCE WILL REMAIN STRONG IN THE COMING MONTHS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MAY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING MAY 1983 WITH MAY 1982

COMMODITY GROUP	EXPORT VALUE	EXPORT UNIT VALUE	EXPORT VOLUME
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+10%	+ 5%	+ 5%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+29%	+ 6%	+22%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+43%	+ 2%	+40%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+40%	+22%	+15%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	- 4%	- 3%	- 1%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+57%	+45%	+ 9%
FOOTWEAR	-11%	+ 4%	-14%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 6%	+ 4%	+ 2%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+202%	+27%	+138%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+28%	- 9%	+40%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	- 3%	+ 4%	- 6%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+19%	+ 5%	+14%
ALL COMMODITIES	+17%	+ 6%	+10%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING MAY 1983 WITH MAY 1982

END-USE CATEGORY	IMPORT VALUE	IMPORT UNIT VALUE	IMPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+20%	+10%	+ 9%
CONSUMER GOODS	+15%	+13%	+ 2%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+25%	+ 6%	+18%
FUELS	+11%	+ 6%	+ 4%
CAPITAL GOODS	+40%	+12%	+26%
ALL COMMODITIES	+23%	+ 9%	+13%

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TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING MAY 1983 WITH MAY 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 5%	+ 8%	- 2%
CONSUMER GOODS	+20%	+12%	+ 7%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 9%	+ 5%	+ 4%
FUELS	+75%	+ 8%	+62%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 8%	+12%	- 4%
ALL COMMODITIES	+13%	+ 9%	+ 4%

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PUBLIC URGED NOT TO GAMBLE WITH EYESIGHT

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STATISTICS SHOW THAT AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE A WEEK SMASH HEAD FIRST THROUGH A VEHICLE WINDSCREEN IN HONG KONG BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT WEARING SEAT BELTS.

AND ACCORDING TO MEDICAL EXPERIENCE, ONE WILL BE BLINDED AND THE OTHER WILL NEVER REGAIN FULL SIGHT.

+TRAFFIC INJURIES ARE MANY AND VARIED AND THE USE OF SEAT BELTS CAN PREVENT A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF THEM. INJURY TO THE EYES IS ONE OF THESE PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS, + THE CONSULTANT OPHTHAMOLOGIST OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR T.K.C. LIU, SAID.

DR LIU HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SUCH EYE INJURIES.

WHEN A PERSON'S HEAD GOES THROUGH A WINDSCREEN, THE CHANCES ARE THAT RAZOR-SHARP SHARDS OF GLASS WILL PUNCTURE THE EYEBALL LEADING TO A VIRTUAL EXPLOSION OF ITS CONTENTS, SPRAYING INTER-OCCULAR TISSUE OUTWARDS.

+A LOT OF TISSUE JUST GOES OUT THE OPEN WINDOW. IF THIS IS LOST THEN ALL YOU CAN DO IS CLEAN UP THE SOCKETS AND PREPARE FOR THE INSERTION OF GLASS EYES FOR PURELY COSMETIC REASONS. THE PERSON IS BLIND+, HE SAID.

WHERE INTER-OCCULAR TISSUE IS NOT LOST, THE 'LUCKY' PATIENT HAS SOME CHANCE OF REGAINING SOME SIGHT - BUT AT GREAT COST TO THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY.

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IMMEDIATE SURGICAL ATTENTION TO THE EYES AND A LONG STAY IN HOSPITAL WITH TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE OPERATIONS MAY SAVE A DEGREE OF SIGHT.

SUCH WINDSCREEN INJURIES TO THE EYES COULD BE PREVENTED IF THE PERSONS CONCERNED WORE SEAT BELTS.

+REPAIR OF THE EYE IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THESE INJURIES+, SAID DR LIU. +AN ACCIDENT LIKE THIS REQUIRES AN AWFUL LOT OF RESOURCES FROM US AND THE RESULT MOST OF THE TIME IS NOT VERY REWARDING.+

AS HE SPOKE, A CROWDED WAITING ROOM WAS FILLED WITH PATIENTS WAITING FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF EYE CONDITIONS. TREATMENT FOR THESE PATIENTS CAN BE DELAYED BY THE HEAVY DEMANDS THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PATIENTS MAKE ON SCARCE MEDICAL RESOURCES.

+AND THESE PATIENTS COULD HAVE AVOIDED THEIR PROBLEMS IN MOST CASES BY THE SIMPLE ACT OF WEARING A SEAT BELT+, DR LIU SAID.

THE VERY NATURE OF GLASS MAKES IT SOMETHING OF A NIGHTMARE TO DEAL WITH WHEN IT IS SMASHED INTO THE DELICATE TISSUE OF THE EYE.

BEING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SEE, DOCTORS HAVE GREAT PROBLEMS IN ENSURING THAT EVERY MINUTE SLIVER IS REMOVED.

METALLIC FRAGMENTS CAN BE LOCATED WITH THE HELP OF SURGICAL MAGNETS, BUT THESE ARE USELESS WHERE GLASS IS INVOLVED.

+THE PROGNOSIS, OR CHANCE OF RECOVERY, FOR WINDSCREEN INJURY IS VERY POOR,+ SAID DR LIU. +AND THE DAMAGE IS USUALLY VERY EXTENSIVE.+

IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, WHERE A PERSON HAS NOT BEEN WEARING A SEAT BELT, THE INJURY TO THE EYES MAY ONLY CONSTITUTE PART OF SERIOUS OVERALL PROBLEMS - WITH DOCTORS BATTLING TO MAINTAIN LIFE AND REPAIR LIMBS AS WELL.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +WHY GAMBLE WITH YOUR SIGHT? WEAR A SEAT BELT.+

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SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND READY SOON

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STANDARD SPORTS GROUND IN SHA TIN IS PROGRESSING STEADILY AND THE COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE READY TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE \$25-MILLION SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND SHOULD PROVE POPULAR WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NEW TOWN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPORTS GROUND OCCUPIES A 3.2-HECTARE SITE ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER OPPOSITE WO CHE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WHERE A SERIES OF MODERN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES HAVE BEEN BUILT.

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NEXT TO THE SPORTS GROUND ARE THE YUEN WO ROAD PLAYGROUND, SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS AND TENNIS COURTS, AND THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

THE NEW SPORTS GROUND IS DESIGNED AND BEING BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. ON COMPLETION, IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO NTSD FOR MANAGEMENT.

ITS MAIN FEATURE WILL BE A STANDARD-SIZE TURFED SOCCER PITCH, SURROUNDED BY A 400-METRE AND ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK WITH EIGHT LANES.

A FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE SPORTS CENTRE WILL HAVE A COVERED STAND FOR 3 000 SPECTATORS, AN OFFICE BUILDING, TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS WITH HOT AND COLD WATER SHOWERS.

FLOODLIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR EVENING FOOTBALL MATCHES AND OTHER SPORT ACTIVITIES.

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MORE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

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CAREERS EDUCATION SERVICE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WILL BE EXTENDED NEXT WEEK WHEN RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION ARE RELEASED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS WILL BE STATIONED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE AT LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING AND ADVISORY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION TO THE CAREERS TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL ADVICE, STUDENTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN USE THE CENTRE'S PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR INFORMATION ON FURTHER EDUCATION OR CAREERS.

THE LIBRARY HAS A LARGE VARIETY OF LITERATURES AND JOURNALS ON CAREERS EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SPECIALLY PREPARED MATERIAL ON A WIDE RANGE OF STUDIES, TRAINING AND PROFESSIONS.

FORM FIVE STUDENTS SHOULD FIND A BOOKLET ENTITLED 'INFORMATION ON MATRICULATION COURSES FOR 1983/84+' ESPECIALLY USEFUL SINCE IT CONTAINS THE SUBJECTS OR COURSES A SCHOOL WILL RUN FOR ITS FORM SIX STUDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LAW COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS

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JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON LAW TO BE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO WIDEN THEIR PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED AT THE REQUEST OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, COVERS BASIC CONCEPTS ON LAW AND LEGISLATION.

TOPICS SUCH AS COURT PROCEDURE AND REPORTING, ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW AND THE POWERS OF THE POLICE AND ICAC ARE SOME OF THE ASPECTS TO BE COVERED.

THE COURSE, COMPRISING 17 LECTURES LASTING ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS EACH, WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY.

THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SERIES OF PRACTICAL COURSES AND SEMINARS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF JOURNALISM IN HONG KONG.

ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND NEWS TRANSLATION, TWO OF THE COURSES OFFERED EARLIER, WERE WELL RECEIVED BY JOURNALISTS.

AS THE INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON LAW IS SUBSIDISED BY THE COUNCIL, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL ONLY BE REQUIRED TO PAY A NOMINAL FEE OF \$100.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 45 AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, ON 5-8932341, EXT 283 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR FARMERS' CHILDREN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS INTRODUCING A NEW SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLING AS A PREREQUISITE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION.

THE ASSISTANCE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND GRANTS UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, BOTH ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM STUDENTS IN FORMS FOUR TO SEVEN, WHOSE FAMILY BACKGROUND SHOULD BE CLOSELY RELATED TO AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, MARINE FISH, OR FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG. THE CLOSING DATE IS AUGUST 31.

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APPLICATION FORMS MAY NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE NEW ASSISTANCE SCHEME IS AN EXTENSION OF THE TWO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WHICH HAVE BEEN BENEFITTING STUDENTS PURSUING STUDIES ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS WELL AS MARKETING AT TERTIARY INSTITUTES.

THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS WILL DEPEND ON THE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS.

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CALL FOR ROAD SAFETY EFFORT BY ALL USERS
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ROAD SAFETY DEPENDS ON THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL ROAD USERS, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, WONG TAI SIN, MR KEITH TIDEY SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN ROAD SAFETY DAY HELD ON A ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND IN CHOI HUNG ESTATE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON, MR TIDEY URGED THAT DUE CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED BY ALL WHILE CROSSING THE ROAD.

HE SAID THAT LAST YEAR, PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE 457 DEATHS CAUSED BY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT MEAN OTHER ROAD USERS COULD BE LESS CAREFUL THAN PEDESTRIANS.

MR TIDEY SAID THAT IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, POLICE OFFICERS WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS IN WONG TAI SIN TO EDUCATE PEDESTRIANS AS TO HOW BEST TO CROSS THE ROAD.

"IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-WEEK PROSECUTION PERIOD WHEN ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ALL ROAD USERS WHO DO NOT CONFORM TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS," HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE SPEECH, MR TIDEY, TOGETHER WITH MR PHILIP CHOK, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN, AND MRS NG CHOW MAY-LIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN ROAD SAFETY ORGANISING COMMITTEE PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AND PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY SLOGAN COMPETITION, MODEL PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

THE ROAD SAFETY DAY FEATURED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE POLICE BAND AND THE BAND OF THE ST. BONAVENTURE COLLEGE, A VARIETY SHOW, THE DISPLAY OF A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION CENTRE AND A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN.

THE WONG TAI SIN ROAD SAFETY DAY MARKED THE END OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN. EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AIMED AT BRINGING HOME THE MESSAGES OF ROAD SAFETY WERE MOUNTED DURING THAT PERIOD WHICH STARTED IN JUNE.

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NEW BUILDING TO PROVIDE MORE OFFICE SPACE

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A 10-STOREY GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING WILL SOON BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN THE AREA.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE NEW BUILDING WILL HOUSE A POST OFFICE, WITH A SORTING AND A PARCEL DELIVERY OFFICE, ON THE GROUND AND LOWER FLOORS, AND WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 3 200 SQUARE METRES OF GENERAL OFFICE SPACE, A STAFF CANTEEN AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1984.

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SWIMMERS URGED TO FOLLOW SAFETY RULES

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BEACHGOERS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO OBSERVE WATER SAFETY RULES WHILE PURSUING SEA ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, AT A BEACH CARNIVAL AND A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT TUNG WAN ON CHEUNG CHAU.

HE URGED BEACHGOERS TO REFRAIN FROM SWIMMING AT NON-GAZETTED BEACHES WHERE NO LIFE-GUARD SERVICE IS PROVIDED.

+TO DO SO WILL BE EXTREMELY RISKY,+ HE SAID.

MR YAP ADDED THAT BEACHGOERS SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHILE SWIMMING AT GAZETTED BEACHES, ESPECIALLY WHERE THE WAVES AND CURRENTS ARE STRONG.

UNDER UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, EVEN EXPERIENCED LIFE GUARDS MIGHT SOMETIMES NOT BE ABLE TO RENDER HELP, HE SAID.

AT TODAY'S CARNIVAL, ABOUT 500 MEMBERS FROM OVER 20 LIFE-SAVING TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIA, TOOK PART IN LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS, TELEMATCHES AND OTHER COMPETITIONS.

THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE IN LIFE-SAVING.

MR YAP ALSO INSPECTED A PARADE BY 500 PARTICIPANTS BEFORE THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED AN ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR FUNG CHI-KANG, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHEUNG CHAU LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION, MR NG KAU.

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TWO-DAY MUSIC CAMP FOR CHILDREN

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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY CHILDREN CHORUS THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON GAVE A SINGING PERFORMANCE IN FRONT OF EIGHT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WHO WERE VISITING THE CHORUS AT THE SUEN DOUH CAMP IN FANLING.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TWO-DAY MUSIC CAMP IS ORGANISED FOR THE CHORUS' 30 MEMBERS AS WELL AS 90 PRIMARY STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME PROVIDED AT THE CAMP.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHORUS, MISS WONG LAI-FUN, TOLD THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT TALENTS WOULD BE IDENTIFIED AND THOSE WHO WERE INTERESTED WOULD BE RECRUITED INTO THE CHORUS TO FORM A JUNIOR GROUP.

THE CHORUS, FORMED IN JUNE LAST YEAR, HAS GIVEN SIX PERFORMANCES SO FAR. IT WILL GIVE ITS FIRST FULL CONCERT AT THE COMING CHINESE NEW YEAR.

+IT HAS GRADUALLY BUILT UP ITS IMAGE AS A CHORUS REPRESENTING KOWLOON CITY THROUGH THESE PERFORMANCES,+ SHE SAID.

AT THE MUSIC CAMP WHICH BEGAN TODAY, THERE ARE SINGING SESSIONS AND A WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY AN INSTRUCTOR OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, MR TONG SHIU-WAI, AS WELL AS GAMES AND FILM SHOWS FOR THE CHORUS MEMBERS AND THE STUDENTS.

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LAND RECLAMATION AT JUNK BAY

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A PORTION OF A SEAWALL AT JUNK BAY BY RECLAIMING ABOUT 0.93 HECTARE OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE PURCHASED ON ORDER) OR AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

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NEW ROADS FOR CHAI WAN
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW ROADS IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF CHAI WAN.

THE PROPOSED ROADS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE PAK CHAI WAN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION AND DEPOT AS WELL AS TO THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUNK SEWER AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS TO SERVE THE SAME AREA.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 884-886 KING'S ROAD.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MURRAY BUILDING, 20TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BY OCTOBER 4, 1983.

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TRAFFIC BAN TO BE LIFTED
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 9), THE RIGHT-TURN BAN ON VEHICLES FROM FENWICK STREET NORTHBOUND INTO JAFFE ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

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