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DUKE OF EDINBURGH ARRIVES

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, ARRIVED FROM LONDON TODAY (MONDAY) FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT AS PRESIDENT OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND INTERNATIONAL.

THE DUKE WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE. ALSO PRESENT TO MEET HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WERE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS; THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN; THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG; THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO AND THE PRESIDENT OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND HONG KONG, SIR KENNETH FUNG.

THE DUKE WILL BE STAYING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE DURING HIS VISIT.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND PRESS FACILITIES ARRANGED:

11.00 AM UNVEILING PLAQUE FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING CAMP, TAI PO

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR SPECIAL PRESS BADGES. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS PARTY WILL LEAVE CGO, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, AT 9.15 AM. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO/ZOOM LENSES. THERE WILL BE ONE FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE CAMP. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

4.30 PM VISIT TO ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR SPECIAL PRESS BADGES AND ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE GARDENS AT ALBANY ROAD AT 4 PM SHARP. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO/ZOOM LENSES. GIS OFFICERS WILL ESCORT THEM TO THEIR PRESS POSITIONS.

8.10 PM WORLD WILDLIFE FUND BALL AT HILTON HOTEL

THERE WILL BE A FIXED PRESS POSITION FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HILTON HOTEL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE IN POSITION NOT LATER THAN 7.50 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST.

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NOTE:

THE USE OF FLASH LIGHTS SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE MINIMUM AND THEY MAY NOT BE USED WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS. SUN GUN FLASHES ARE NOT ALLOWED.

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PUBLIC INTEREST PUT FIRST - BRAY

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY SAID TODAY THAT HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE IN HAVING A HIGHLY MOTIVATED CIVIL SERVICE AND ONE WHICH WAS CREATED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

+THE HONG KONG STYLE OF CIVIL SERVICE PUTS THE PUBLIC INTEREST FIRST. IT IS QUITE THE REVERSE OF THE ROLE OF OFFICIALDOM ELSEWHERE WHERE THE OFFICIAL IS REGARDED WITH APPREHENSION IF NOT FEAR,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, MR BRAY ASKED CIVIL SERVANTS NOT TO FORGET THIS, ALTHOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME SOME DO.

+THIS IS EXCEPTIONAL AND QUITE RIGHTLY PUBLIC INDIGNATION IS EXPRESSED OVER THESE LAPSES. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF SERVICE AND INTEGRITY IS HIGH THAT SUCH LAPSES STAND OUT,+ HE SAID.

HE ASKED GRADUATES TO REMEMBER THAT INTEREST IN THEIR WORK SHOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN CHOOSING A CAREER.

+UNLESS THEY FIND THEIR WORK INTERESTING THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE IT THE SORT OF DEVOTION THAT IS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SERVICE. AND THIS DEVOTION IS NECESSARY FOR THE HONG KONG STYLE OF CIVIL SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE AT PRESENT 59 DEPARTMENTS OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF CHALLENGING JOBS SUITABLE FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

+EACH FIELD OFFERS A CHALLENGING AND SATISFYING CAREER WITH GOOD PROSPECTS OF ADVANCEMENT TO THE MOST SENIOR RANKS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNMENT HELPS IMPROVE PRODUCT QUALITY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY HELPING TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THAT, ON THE ADVICE OF THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF SERVICES AIMED AT PROVIDING MANUFACTURERS WITH CERTAIN FACILITIES WHICH WILL HELP THEM TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

MR YAXLEY WAS OPENING A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE AT WHICH A NUMBER OF EXPERTS FROM JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM WILL SPEAK.

/MR YAXLEY

MR YAXLEY POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE SERVICES SECTOR IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, MANUFACTURING FOR EXPORT REMAINED +VERY MUCH THE MAJOR FEATURE OF THE ECONOMY+.

IT ACCOUNTED FOR 25 PER CENT OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT LAST YEAR AND 40 PER CENT OF EMPLOYMENT, HE ADDED.

HE SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT AS HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING OUTPUT MOVED UP MARKET, AS A RESULT OF COMPETITION AND AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED AND DEMANDING PURCHASING PUBLIC, WORLD WIDE, IT SHOULD DEVOTE MUCH MORE ATTENTION TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE GOODS PRODUCED.

+IF WE DO NOT DO SO THEN OUR CONTINUING SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE JEOPARDISED,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDED THE SETTING UP BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF A STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WITH A STAFF OF ABOUT 40 AND WITH EQUIPMENT COSTING ABOUT \$16 MILLION.

+IT WILL INITIALLY PROVIDE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION FACILITIES FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES. IN ADDITION, PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF CERTAIN MASS, LENGTH AND FORCE STANDARDS TO SUPPORT A SYSTEM OF TESTING LABORATORIES ACCREDITATION IN HONG KONG.

MR YAXLEY ALSO SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS EXAMINING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM TO ASSESS THE COMPETENCE OF THE LABORATORIES TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS TYPES OF TESTS SO THAT TEST CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THEM WERE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY.

+CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE US AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TESTING INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS, IS NOW BEING FORMED TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE PRODUCT TESTING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE YEARS TO THE ECONOMY OF HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY TO THE UPGRADING OF THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT PRODUCTS, MR YAXLEY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THESE LABORATORIES AND TO THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM.

DISCUSSING PRODUCT STANDARDS, MR YAXLEY SAID SO FAR THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S INVOLVEMENT HAD BEEN LIMITED TO THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF OVERSEAS STANDARDS, AND CONSULTATION WITH TRADE AND INDUSTRY ON THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH STANDARDS ON THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. AND, UPON REQUEST FROM INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT MADE REPRESENTATION TO OVERSEAS STANDARDS BODIES WHERE SUCH STANDARDS UNREASONABLY AFFECT HONG KONG'S INTEREST.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW REVIEWING THIS ROLE TO SEE WHETHER ANY STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF ITS ROLE IN THIS FIELD IS NEEDED,+ HE ADDED.

MR YAXLEY SAID HE FELT THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL MORE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD DO IN THE AREA OF QUALITY ASSURANCE.

+PUBLIC FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR THIS CONFERENCE IN THE HOPE THAT FURTHER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

+IT IS OUR HOPE THAT, THROUGH THIS CONFERENCE, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCLUDING THE WORK FORCE, AND THE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG'S CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER QUALITY PRODUCTS AND TO DEVISE A CONCERTED PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE FUTURE,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

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EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY TO AUGUST
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - AUGUST 1983, VALUED AT \$202 905 MILLION, INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1982, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORT ROSE BY 18 PER CENT TO \$62 979 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 15 PER CENT TO \$106 377 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 17 PER CENT TO \$33 548 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 31 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$2 383 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 176 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$993 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$327 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$61 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$560 MILLION OR 1 877 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$73 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$50 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$84 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$39 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$100 MILLION OR 317 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$52 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$24 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$376 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$106 MILLION OR 374 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$66 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 111 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$877 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$186 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$174 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$166 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 248 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$829 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$440 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$145 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$921 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$578 MILLION OR 1 209 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$272 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$167 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$79 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$21 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1 361 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$226 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$244 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 212 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$1 089 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$546 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$466 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$324 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$322 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$196 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (BY \$180 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$316 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY \$226 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$878 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$605 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$590 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$315 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$272 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$119 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$118 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE AUGUST 1983 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS-SUMMARY+ WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375). ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-444436).

Table 1 : Domestic exports by ten major markets

<u>Major Markets</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Percentage change</u> (%)
U.S.A.	26,057	19,857	+6,200	+31
U.K.	5,213	4,488	+ 725	+16
F.R. of Germany	4,912	4,523	+ 388	+ 9
China	3,574	2,434	+1,140	+47
Japan	2,298	2,009	+ 289	+14
Canada	2,282	1,642	+ 639	+39
Australia	1,620	1,841	- 221	-12
Singapore	1,367	1,241	+ 126	+10
Netherlands	1,227	1,078	+ 149	+14
Saudi Arabia	1,051	864	+ 187	+22

Table 2 : Domestic exports by major commodity divisions

<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Percentage change</u> (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	21,031	18,750	+2,280	+12
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly plastic toys and dolls, jewellery, gold- smiths' and silversmiths' wares, and artificial flowers)	10,199	10,179	+ 20	+0.2
Photographic apparatus, equip- ment, supplies and optical goods, watches and clocks	5,602	4,791	+ 801	+17

/COMMODITY DIVISIONS

<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Percentage change</u> (%)
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances (mainly transistors and diodes and household type appliances)	4,964	3,988	+ 977	+24
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4,812	3,685	+1,127	+31
Textile yarn, fabrics, made- up articles and related products	4,235	3,210	+1,025	+32

Table 3: Imports from ten major sources

<u>Major sources</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u> (£ Mn)	<u>Percentage change</u> (%)
China	25,214	20,835	+4,379	+21
Japan	24,320	20,462	+3,858	+19
U.S.A.	12,117	10,098	+2,019	+20
Taiwan	7,648	6,804	+ 843	+12
Singapore	6,057	6,795	- 738	-11
U.K.	4,727	4,488	+ 239	+ 5
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	3,021	2,932	+ 89	+ 3
F.R. of Germany	2,868	2,223	+ 646	+29
Switzerland	1,982	1,722	+ 260	+15
Australia	1,661	1,530	+ 131	+ 9

Table 4 : Imports by commodity sections

<u>Commodity sections</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (mainly textile products, diamonds, iron and steel, and paper)	29,734	26,194	+3,540	+14
Machinery and transport equipment	24,024	21,097	+2,927	+14
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly watches and clocks, articles of apparel)	19,129	15,621	+3,508	+22
Food and live animals chiefly for food	11,626	10,206	+1,421	+14
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	7,937	6,226	+1,712	+27
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7,023	7,381	- 358	- 5

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Table 5 : Re-exports by ten major markets

<u>Major markets</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
China	6,529	5,317	+1,212	+23
U.S.A.	4,769	3,680	+1,089	+30
Singapore	2,791	2,245	+ 546	+24
Indonesia	2,606	2,923	- 316	-11
Taiwan	2,050	1,728	+ 322	+19
Japan	1,830	1,699	+ 132	+ 8
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	1,540	1,074	+ 466	+43
Macau	1,195	1,000	+ 196	+20
Philippines	1,023	957	+ 67	+ 7
Saudi Arabia	910	586	+ 324	+55

Table 6 : Re-exports by major commodity divisions

<u>Commodity divisions</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1983</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Jan.-Aug. 1982</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u> <u>(\$ Mn)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>change</u> <u>(%)</u>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4,602	4,435	+ 166	+ 4
Electrical machinery apparatus and appliances	2,804	2,214	+ 590	+27
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2,791	1,914	+ 878	+46
Photographic apparatus, equipment, supplies and optical goods, watches and clocks	2,557	1,952	+ 605	+31
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,810	1,496	+ 315	+21
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	1,568	1,686	- 118	- 7

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1983

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TRAFFIC PLAN FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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SPECIAL TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16) WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE DISPLAY, ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, IS TO TAKE PLACE IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. IT WILL START AT 9 PM AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT 25 MINUTES.

ON BOTH HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PEDESTRIAN-ONLY AREAS TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO VIEW THE FIREWORKS FROM GOOD VANTAGE POINTS.

THERE WILL BE EXTRA BUS, TRAM, FERRY AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASED PUBLIC DEMAND BEFORE AND AFTER THE DISPLAY.

TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AMPLE SPACE FOR ALL WHO WISH TO SEE THE DISPLAY, AND THAT DISRUPTION TO TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM, A NUMBER OF ROAD CLOSURES AND OTHER ALTERATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN GAVE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPLAY. THESE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FULL AGAIN IN ADVERTISEMENT SECTIONS OF MAJOR NEWSPAPERS ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14).

IN CENTRAL, THE SUNDAY-PUBLIC HOLIDAY PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AT CHATER ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

IN THE PEAK AREA, UPHILL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, MAXICABS, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD BEYOND THE MAGAZINE GAP ROAD JUNCTION FROM 7 PM UNTIL CROWDS HAVE DISPERSED. HOWEVER, DOWNHILL TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

PEAK RESIDENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE AREA DURING THE CLOSURE MAY CONTACT THE PEAK POLICE STATION ON 5-96242.

A NUMBER OF ROADS IN THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7.30 PM. MANY OTHERS ON COASTAL TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 10.30 PM. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH TRAFFIC SIGNS.

ADDITIONAL TRIPS WILL BE OPERATED ON CMB ROUTE 8 AND 15. A SPECIAL ROUTE, NO. 15M, FROM ADMIRALTY MTR STATION TO THE PEAK WILL RUN FROM 6.30 PM. HOWEVER, SERVICES ON KMB ROUTE 5M WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 7 PM.

HYF WILL CANCEL ITS 8.40 PM, 9 PM AND 9.20 PM SAILINGS BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND JORDAN ROAD.

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FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, ALL ENTRANCES OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION EXCEPT THE CAMERON ROAD ENTRANCE WILL BE RESERVED FOR OUT-GOING PASSENGERS ONLY. AFTER 9 PM, ALL EXCEPT THE CARNARVON ROAD ENTRANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO IN-COMING PASSENGERS ONLY. THE HUMPHREYS AVENUE ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. TO AVOID CONGESTION PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO USE JORDAN STATION.

SPECIAL ENTRY AND EXIT ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED AT JORDAN STATION IN THE EVENT OF OVERCROWDING.

THE STAR FERRY BUS TERMINUS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 10.30 PM, AND TERMINAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE KMB COACH TERMINUS AT PEKING ROAD AND THE TEMPORARY LAY-OVER AREAS AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

ACCESS TO CAR PARKS AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL, NEW WORLD CENTRE, KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION AND MIDDLE ROAD WILL BE BANNED BETWEEN 8.15 PM AND 10.30 PM.

ALL PARKING FACILITIES AT THE PEAK AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI COASTAL AREAS WILL BE SUSPENDED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS REMINDED ABOUT PLACES SCHEME

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN INVITED ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALLOCATION OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES SYSTEM IN 1985 FOR THEIR CURRENT PRIMARY 5 PUPILS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED CIRCULARS TO ALL SCHOOLS REMINDING THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM PARENTS IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE OCTOBER 24.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS OF A PARTICIPATING PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A THREE-YEAR FREE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE, AND WOULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF CHOOSING THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL, BUT THIS WAS NOT SO FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS.

+SCHOOLS NOT TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME SHOULD CLEARLY INFORM PARENTS OF THE CONSEQUENCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A PRIMARY 6 PUPIL'S CHANCES OF BEING ALLOCATED A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF HIS CHOICE DEPEND ON THE SCHOOL'S INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF HIS PRIMARY 5 YEAR, AND AT THE END OF THE FIRST AND TOWARDS THE END OF THE SECOND TERM OF HIS PRIMARY 6 YEARS ON ALL SUBJECTS, EXCEPT PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ALL SCHOOLS AND BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE IN SOME SCHOOLS.

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, PUPILS OF ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE TO TAKE THE DEPARTMENT'S ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO SCALE AND CONVERT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT INTO AN OVERALL ORDER OF MERIT.

+THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IS NECESSARY AS DIFFERENT SCHOOLS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT CURRICULUMS AND THE STANDARD OF MARKING OR ASSESSMENT MAY VARY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG IS DIVIDED INTO 25 +SCHOOL NETS+ BASED ON THE LOCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

IN EACH NET IS A COMPARABLE MIX OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AIDED SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS. PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT LIMITED TO PARTICULAR NETS.

EACH PRIMARY 6 PUPILS HAS A CHOICE OF UP TO 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN HIS NET.

ALL THE PUPILS LISTED IN THE ORDER OF MERIT ARE THEN GROUPED INTO FIVE BANDS AND FED INTO A COMPUTER FOR ALLOCATION OF A PLACE IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL BASED ON PARENTAL CHOICE.

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NEW ROAD PLANNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A 1.5-KILOMETRE-LONG EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD FROM HOI HA TO WAN TSAI PENINSULA IN THE SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF A PROJECT FOR THE RECLAMATION OF LAND IN MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 6.

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ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING PLAN PROPOSED
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A PROPOSED ACCOUNTING TRAINEESHIP SCHEME DESIGNED TO TRAIN CLERICAL STAFF TO BECOME ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS, IS BEING STUDIED.

THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT AN INDUSTRY-WIDE TRAINEESHIP SCHEME SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

THERE IS A LACK OF TRAINING FACILITIES FOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN THIS FIELD OF WORK, SAID MR R.S. SHELDON, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD IN THE 1982 ACCOUNTANCY MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED RECENTLY.

THESE EMPLOYEES USUALLY JOIN THE FIELD OF WORK AFTER COMPLETING MATRICULATION OR FORM FIVE, WITHOUT FIRST TAKING A COURSE IN ANY OF THE REQUIRED SUBJECTS IN OR RELATING TO ACCOUNTANCY.

+UNDER THE PROPOSED SCHEME, THE SERVING STAFF COULD BE TRAINED FOR HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS,+ THE CHAIRMAN REVEALED.

EMPLOYERS WILL THUS ALSO BENEFIT FROM A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED MID-LEVEL PERSONNEL, HE ADDED.

THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE A FOUR-YEAR, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMME, COMPLEMENTED BY RELATED COURSES ON A PART-TIME DAY RELEASE BASIS.

THOSE COMPLETING THE COURSE ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPETENT FOR A SUPERVISORY POSITION IN THE FIELD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN RECOGNISED PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS AT INTERMEDIATE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

+EMPLOYERS' RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED SCHEME IS ENCOURAGING,+ MR SHELDON SAID.

APART FROM THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD, OTHER TRAINING BOARDS IN THE SERVICING SECTORS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THIS COMMERCIAL TRAINEESHIP SCHEME FOR FORM FIVE GRADUATES.

EACH SUMMER, THERE ARE ABOUT 70 000 FORM FIVE SCHOOL-LEAVERS AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT HALF OF THEM ARE EMPLOYED AS JUNIOR CLERKS IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE CONTAINED IN THE 1982 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON ACCOUNTANCY, ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING IN CENTRAL, AT \$12.50 A COPY.

THE REPORT ALSO GIVES, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING SITUATION IN THE ACCOUNTING SECTOR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB LOOKING OVER PRIVATE STREETS
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PRIVATE STREETS WILL TOUR A NUMBER OF PRIVATE STREETS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE FOUR PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN NORTH WHICH WILL BE RESUMED FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT UNDER A PILOT SCHEME. THEY ARE SHIM LUEN STREET, YIN ON STREET, TSUN FAT STREET AND HOK LING STREET.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT SOME OF THE PRIVATE STREETS IN TO KWA WAN SOUTH, HUNG HOM NORTH AND HUNG HOM SOUTH.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO JOIN THE TOUR SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 2 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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SPORTS GROUND KIOSK AVAILABLE
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TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SINCE ITS OPENING IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE SPORTS GROUND HAS BECOME A POPULAR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING VENUE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SAI KUNG NEW TOWN, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START HIS BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT FIRST FLOOR, 69 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE OCTOBER 28.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 3-2813635.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 97.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 570.791 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 479.257 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 81.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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