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PEOPLE URGED TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON EVERY ELIGIBLE PERSON TO SIGN UP AND VOTE IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS HONG KONG'S INTERESTS AT HEART TO VISIBLY DEMONSTRATE HIS SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

+THE SIMPLEST WAY OF DOING SO IS TO REGISTER AND TO VOTE,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE MARKING THE START OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD WHICH OFFICIALLY OPENS ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 15) AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WERE THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR PETER NG, THE ACTING DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR LUI HAU-TUEN; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, MR LEE LAP-SUN; AND THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN.

ANYONE WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO HAS LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE IS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, AND SOME 400 BRANCHES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HANG SENG BANK.

THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 7 NEXT YEAR. IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT JUST OVER ONE MILLION OF THE 2.9 MILLION PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER HAD ALREADY DONE SO. ABOUT 150 000 OF THEM PUT DOWN THEIR NAMES DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS.

MR AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED THIS AS AN +ENCOURAGING START+ BUT URGED THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.

HE WAS CONFIDENT OF A STRONG RESPONSE FROM POTENTIAL VOTERS.

PEOPLE WERE NOW MORE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS CITIZENS, AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAD MORE THAN PROVED THEIR METTLE IN THE SHORT SPAN OF THEIR EXISTENCE, HE SAID.

/+THE SERIOUSNESS

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+THE SERIOUSNESS AND DEDICATION WITH WHICH THEY HAVE GONE ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, NOT JUST IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THEIR DISTRICTS, BUT ALSO IN TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN SEEKING TO DISCUSS MAJOR POLICY ISSUES, HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THE BOARDS AS AN IMPORTANT STRAND IN THE POLITICAL FABRIC OF HONG KONG.

+IN ADDITION, PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER GIVE AN ADDED DIMENSION TO THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ HE SAID.

IN THE COMING ELECTIONS, VOTERS WILL BE SELECTING A TOTAL OF 236 REPRESENTATIVES - NEARLY DOUBLE THE EXISTING NUMBER.

MR AKERS-JONES REMINDED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE REACHING THE AGE OF 21 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR THAT THEY TOO ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.

POINTING OUT THAT REGISTRATION IS VERY SIMPLE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID, +ALL A PERSON HAS TO DO IS FILL IN HIS NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND HOME ADDRESS AND SIMPLY DROP THE COMPLETED FORM IN A POST BOX FOR FREE DELIVERY.+

TO ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL VOTERS TO REGISTER, A SERIES OF POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, SUPPLEMENTED BY SPECIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION MESSAGES AND PROGRAMMES.

IN THE DISTRICTS, A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ARRANGED, INCLUDING TALKS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS ON THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARDS.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ARE ALSO CONDUCTING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN THE CONSTITUENCIES, EXPLAINING THE WORK OF THE BOARDS, ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND ASSISTING RESIDENTS IN COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORMS.

VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES AND OTHER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST IN THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

A SPECIAL FEATURE THIS YEAR IS A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THEME SONG -- COMPOSED AND SUNG BY POPULAR SINGER MICHAEL KWAN -- WHICH CRYSTALLISES THE OVERALL THEME +A VOTE IS A VOICE+.

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SIX-MONTH TRADE SHOWS BIG RISE

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1984, VALUED AT \$205 426 MILLION, INCREASED BY 43 PER CENT OVER THE TRADE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 45 PER CENT TO \$62 641 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 39 PER CENT TO \$105 554 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 55 PER CENT TO \$37 231 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 49 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, SHOWED DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 60 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$4 008 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 213 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 199 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$39 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$6 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$524 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$365 MILLION OR 555 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$133 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$254 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$3 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TEXTILES (BY \$377 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$368 MILLION OR 122 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$161 MILLION OR 157 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$70 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$6 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY \$703 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$158 MILLION OR 161 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$334 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT).

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DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$3 416 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$1 595 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$701 MILLION OR 235 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$348 MILLION OR 145 PER CENT) AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$149 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 371 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$1 120 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$18 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT), AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATION THEREOF (BY \$15 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$917 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$472 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$339 MILLION OR 268 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$175 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$53 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF OFFICE, AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$16 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$102 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$948 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), AS DID IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$254 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$5 960 MILLION OR 139 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$2 275 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$999 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$876 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$594 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$327 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$313 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT) AND MACAU (BY \$279 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$249 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT) AND PHILIPPINES (BY \$101 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$2 424 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 898 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$1 122 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$798 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$97 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$40 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT AND METALLIFEROUS AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$31 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT). THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE JUNE 1984 ISSUE OF THE +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 JUNE 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$12 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).

FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICAL TABLES:

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	27 927	17 465	+10 462	+ 60
U.K.	4 633	3 469	+ 1 164	+ 34
CHINA	4 533	2 497	+ 2 036	+ 82
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 468	3 302	+ 1 166	+ 35
JAPAN	2 308	1 590	+ 718	+ 45
CANADA	2 039	1 512	+ 526	+ 35
AUSTRALIA	1 731	1 086	+ 645	+ 59
SINGAPORE	1 324	988	+ 337	+ 34
NETHERLANDS	1 088	867	+ 221	+ 26
SWITZERLAND	973	746	+ 227	+ 30

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TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	20 981	14 276	+ 6 705	+ 47
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	9 326	6 694	+ 2 632	+ 39
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	5 485	3 509	+ 1 976	+ 56
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4 855	3 169	+ 1 686	+ 53
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 631	3 959	+ 673	+ 17
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 399	3 021	+ 1 378	+ 46

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	26 911	17 776	+ 9 135	+ 51
JAPAN	24 553	17 519	+ 7 033	+ 40

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U.S.A.	11 559	8 732	+ 2 827	+ 32
TAIWAN	8 001	5 320	+2 680	+ 50
SINGAPORE	5 294	4 423	+ 871	+ 20
U.K.	4 378	3 551	+ 828	+ 23
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	3 369	2 114	+ 1 255	+ 59
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 427	1 989	+ 438	+ 22
SWITZERLAND	1 679	1 454	+ 225	+ 15
AUSTRALIA	1 649	1 167	+ 481	+ 41

TABLE 4: IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	31 458	21 062	+10 396	+ 49
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	25 807	17 194	+ 8 613	+ 50
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	18 100	13 713	+ 4 387	+ 32
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	9 775	8 448	+ 1 326	+ 16
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 396	5 558	+ 1 838	+ 33
MINERALS FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	5 754	5 221	+ 532	+ 10

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TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	10 260	4 301	+ 5 960	+139
U. S. A.	5 617	3 342	+ 2 275	+ 68
TAIWAN	2 430	1 432	+ 999	+ 70
SINGAPORE	2 333	2 005	+ 327	+ 16
JAPAN	2 185	1 309	+ 876	+ 67
INDONESIA	1 954	2 036	- 81	- 4
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 731	1 137	+ 594	+ 52
MACAU	1 157	878	+ 279	+ 32
AUSTRALIA	671	357	+ 313	+ 88
PHILIPPINES	643	744	- 101	- 14

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-JUNE 1984 (\$ MN.)	JAN.-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 704	3 280	+ 2 424	+ 74
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	3 832	1 934	+ 1 898	+ 98
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3 059	1 937	+ 1 122	+ 58

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 315	1 848	+	467	+ 25
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	2 083	1 285	+	798	+ 62
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1 443	887	+	556	+ 63

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RECORD JOB PLACEMENTS IN JULY *****

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLACED 5 010 PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT LAST (JULY) MONTH, AN ALL-TIME RECORD SINCE THE INCEPTION OF ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) IN 1964.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 61 533 JOB VACANCIES WERE NOTIFIED TO THE LES FROM JANUARY TO JULY THIS YEAR, UP 18.5 PER CENT OVER THE 51 908 VACANCIES IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THEY INCLUDED 28 680 MANUFACTURING AND 21 385 CLERICAL POSITIONS WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT AND 48 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FOR THE TWO COMPARATIVE PERIODS, THE LES ALSO RECORDED A 14 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENTS, FROM 21 242 TO 24 254.

THE LES PROVIDES A FREE SERVICE TO HELP EMPLOYERS RECRUIT STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT.

THERE ARE 15 LES OFFICES OPERATING IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, ALL LINKED BY A FACSIMILE SYSTEM TO SPEED UP THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON JOB VACANCIES.

EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE MAY CONTACT THE BRANCH OFFICES IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

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SEIZED GOODS YIELD HIGH PROCEEDS
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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SPEND MONEY ON NEW PURCHASES ONLY, BUT IT IS ALSO ACTIVE IN GENERATING REVENUE.

DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1983-84, THE DEPARTMENT REALISED \$27 789 000 FROM THE SALES OF CONFISCATED AND UNCLAIMED GOODS, AS WELL AS OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT ITEMS OR THOSE CONSIDERED NO LONGER SERVICEABLE.

THE SALES OF SURPLUS AND UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS ACCOUNTED FOR OVER \$25 000 000, FIVE TIMES THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S \$5 278 000.

THIS HEFTY INCREASE WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE SALE OF FUEL ORIGINALLY PURCHASED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DESALTING PLANT IN LOK ON PAI.

+WE SOLD SOME 12 000 TONNES OF IT FOR OVER \$13 000 000 AS THE DESALTER WAS SHUT DOWN DUE TO FAVOURABLE WATER STORAGE IN OUR RESERVOIRS,+ THE CONTROLLER OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID.

+ITEMS BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR, SUCH AS RUN-DOWN VEHICLES, MARINE CRAFT, TYPEWRITERS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINES, ARE SOLD FOR THEIR USABLE PARTS,+ MR WONG SAID.

CONFISCATED GOODS GENERALLY YIELD SUBSTANTIAL PROCEEDS. IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, THEY FETCHED \$2 601 000, UP 57 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+THEY COMPRISE ARTICLES SEIZED FROM UNLICENSED HAWKERS, SMUGGLED GOODS CAPTURED FROM BOATS AND VEHICLES, COUNTERFEITS, COURT EXHIBITS AND ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES,+ MR WONG SAID.

UNCLAIMED ARTICLES CONSIST MAINLY OF UNDELIVERED POSTAL PARCELS. MANY OF THEM WERE SENT TO CHINA BUT ENDED UP IN THE POST OFFICE DUE TO WRONG OR UNCLEAR ADDRESSES, HE SAID.

THESE POSTAL ARTICLES, RANGING FROM TOYS, CLOTHES AND TOWELS TO BOOKS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND COMMERCIAL SAMPLES, YIELDED \$60 000 LAST FISCAL YEAR.

ALL THE GOODS ARE SOLD EITHER BY TENDER OR BY AUCTION.

+GENERALLY, MORE VALUABLE GOODS LIKE VEHICLES, VESSELS AND X-RAY FILMS ARE SOLD BY TENDER. THEY ARE ADVERTISED THROUGH GOVERNMENT GAZETTES AND USUALLY ATTRACT MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION AND HIGHER PRICES,+ MR WONG SAID.

AUCTIONS ARE CONDUCTED ON ALTERNATE THURSDAYS AT THE HONG KONG AUCTIONEERS AND ESTATE AGENCY LTD.

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THE PUBLIC CAN OBTAIN SALES INFORMATION FROM THE AUCTION LISTS AND CAN INSPECT THE GOODS AT DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT STORES ON THE TWO DAYS BEFORE THE AUCTION.

+ALSO, MEDICINES, FOODSTUFFS AND WEAPONS ARE DESTROYED FOR HEALTH OR SECURITY REASONS. WOODEN VESSELS USED BY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND COUNTERFEITS WITH FORGED BRAND NAMES ARE DESTROYED AS WELL.

+THEIR DESTRUCTION MUST BE WITNESSED AND CERTIFIED. SOMETIMES PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE ARTICLES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PROPERLY DISPOSED OF,+ HE ADDED.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS ISLANDS' DEVELOPMENTS

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL STUDY THE LAYOUT PLANS FOR CHEUNG CHAU EAST AND PUI O VILLAGE ON SOUTH LANTAU AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

ON CHEUNG CHAU EAST, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT FA PENG AND CHI MA HANG, UPGRADING OF EXISTING FOOTPATHS TO FACILITATE ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND MORE INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS NEAR THE CARITAS MING FAI CAMP AND SOUTH OF THE FA PENG VALLEY.

THE PUI O VILLAGE LAYOUT PLAN IS FOR REDEVELOPMENT IN THREE VILLAGES: PUI O SAN TSUEN, PUI O KAU TSUEN AND LO UK TSUEN. ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND TO ENHANCE PUI O'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS A POPULAR RESORT.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NAMING OF 15 NEW ROADS ON THE RECLAIMED AREA ON NORTH CHEUNG CHAU.

THE GREEN PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF \$12 500 FOR TWO SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS AND \$9 000 FOR STAGING NINE EXHIBITIONS AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

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RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON STARTING SOON

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HONG KONG'S RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND RESIDENT ANGLERS MAY APPLY FROM WEDNESDAY FOR A LICENCE FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT ONLY LICENCE HOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH IN THE 16 RESERVOIRS OPEN FOR THE SPORT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY UNTIL MARCH 31, 1985.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IS SIMPLE AND THAT THOSE WHO APPLY IN PERSON WILL BE ISSUED WITH LICENCES IMMEDIATELY.

APPLICANTS HAVE ONLY TO SHOW THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, GIVE THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES AND AGE, AND PAY A \$20 FEE AT EITHER ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRES.

THE CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF LEIGHTON CENTRE, LEIGHTON ROAD, WHILE THE CENTRE IN KOWLOON IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MAINLAND DEPOT, ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK.

WHEN APPLYING BY POST, APPLICANTS SHOULD GIVE THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AGE AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS, TOGETHER WITH A \$20 CROSSED CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SENT TO THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 11TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG. FISHING LICENCES WILL BE MAILED DIRECT TO APPLICANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED ANGLERS OF THE NEED TO ABIDE BY THE RULES WHICH ARE STATED AT THE BACK OF THE LICENCE.

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COUNCIL GRANTS SUBSIDY FOR TENNIS CLASSIC

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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO WAIVE 50 PER CENT OF THE HIRING CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE VICTORIA PARK CENTRE COURT FOR THE COMING HONG KONG TENNIS CLASSIC, A SUBSIDY EXPECTED TO TOTAL ABOUT \$100 000.

+THE COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GENEROUS SUPPORTER OF TENNIS, AND IN PARTICULAR SPENT \$5 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPECTATOR STANDS AT THE CENTRE COURT FOR THE CLASSIC,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

+ADDITIONALLY IT HAS PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED VENUE CHARGES FOR THE CLASSIC FROM \$350 000 TWO YEARS AGO TO \$202 000 LAST YEAR.

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+HOWEVER, WITH TENNIS GROWING IN POPULARITY IN HONG KONG, THE COUNCIL BELIEVES IT SHOULD FURTHER HELP FOSTER THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION, AND SO HAS DECIDED TO WAIVE HALF OF THE VENUE CHARGES FOR THE 1984 CLASSIC.

+OVER THE YEARS, MANY OF THE WORLD'S FINEST TENNIS PLAYERS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE CLASSIC, ENABLING YOUNG HONG KONG PLAYERS AND LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS IN GENERAL TO SEE THE STYLES OF SOME OF THE RECOGNISED CHAMPIONS.

+ARGUABLY THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVING STANDARD OF TENNIS IN HONG KONG AMONG OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE COUNCIL BELIEVED THAT THE HONG KONG TENNIS PATRONS' ASSOCIATION DESERVED ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ITS ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE GAME IN HONG KONG, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION HAD DECIDED TO GRANT THE SUBSIDY.

THE CLASSIC IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF OCTOBER AT VICTORIA PARK TENNIS COURTS.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR SHA TIN
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A NEW SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE LOCATED ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION WILL BE OPENED AT 9 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20).

OPERATING IN LARGER PREMISES WITH IMPROVED FACILITIES, THE NEW POST OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE DELIVERY, FRANKING MACHINE RESETTING AND P.O. BOX FACILITIES CURRENTLY PROVIDED IN THE SHA TIN POST OFFICE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE. IT WILL ALSO OFFER A FULL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES.

THE NEW OFFICE'S BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, AND ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 0-6979813.

THE EXISTING SHA TIN POST OFFICE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, WHICH WILL BE RENAMED WO CHE STREET POST OFFICE, WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A COUNTER OFFICE OFFERING THE NORMAL RANGE OF COUNTER SERVICES.

IT WILL ALSO REMAIN AS A PAYING OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES.

BUSINESS HOURS OF THE WO CHE STREET POST OFFICE WILL BE 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER REMAINS UNCHANGED (0-611501).

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CAS WORK RECOGNISED
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TWO POWER CHAIN SAWS FOR USE IN ROAD CLEARANCE WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 15) AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE.

THE SAWS HAVE BEEN DONATED BY THE HUNG SHUI KIU RESIDENTS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND THE KAM TIN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION IN APPRECIATION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS RENDERED BY THE CAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON ELLEN IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

MR CHAN YUEN-WAH, DISTRICT COMMANDER, NEW TERRITORIES WEST, WILL RECEIVE THE SAWS ON BEHALF OF THE CAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 16) AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 6TH FLOOR, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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BRIDGES TO BE REPLACED
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TWO ROAD BRIDGES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR TAI LAM CHUNG WILL BE REBUILT AS THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUBSTANDARD.

THE BRIDGES WERE BUILT BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND HAVE A LOAD-CARRYING CAPACITY LOWER THAN THAT IMPOSED BY HEAVY VEHICLES NOW IN USE.

THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES WIDENING AND RESURFACING 200 METRES OF APPROACH ROAD LEADING TO THE BRIDGES.

WORK WILL START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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PARKING METERS FOR YUEN LONG

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PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN YUEN LONG AT MA MIU ROAD, PING WUI ROAD, PING SHUN STREET, PO LOK SQUARE, KIK YEUNG ROAD AND ON NING ROAD ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 15).

OTHERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT TUNG LOK STREET, PAU CHEUNG SQUARE, WANG CHAU ROAD, TAI HANG STREET, TAI FUNG STREET, TAI CHEUNG STREET, TUNG TAI STREET ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 17).

THE PARKING FEE FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES WILL BE \$1 FOR PRIVATE CARS AND 50 CENTS FOR GOODS VEHICLES.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 15), LAN KWAI FONG IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FOR ROAD WORKS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY, THOMSON ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LUARD ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES WEST OF THIS JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNDER A PEDESTRIANISATION SCHEME.

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WATER FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 83 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 486.738 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 502.884 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 85.8 PER CENT OF CAPCITY.

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LEAKAGE TEST IN NORTH POINT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 16) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM NORTH VIEW STREET TO COMFORT TERRACE.

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