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EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES

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THE TOTAL VALUE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$71,701 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1977, ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE FIGURES ALSO SHOWED THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE WORTH \$25,012 MILLION, INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT= IMPORTS AT \$38,572 MILLION, UP 23 PER CENT= AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$8,117 MILLION, UP 30 PER CENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN.-AUG. 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	8,812	9,675	+863	+ 10%
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,299	2,625	+326	+ 14%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,863	2,267	+404	+ 22%
JAPAN	867	1,005	+138	+ 16%
AUSTRALIA	828	902	+ 75	+ 9%
CANADA	777	798	+ 21	+ 3%
SINGAPORE	564	642	+ 77	+ 14%
THE NETHERLANDS	484	557	+ 73	+ 15%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHENSTEIN	381	440	+ 60	+ 16%
NIGERIA	255	389	+134	+ 53%

BY COUNTRY, EXPORTS TO U.S.A. ROSE BY 10 PER CENT DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$4,020 MILLION, +13 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$451 MILLION, +50 PER CENT). THESE MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECLINES IN EXPORTS OF RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (\$396 MILLION, -38 PER CENT) AND OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$788 MILLION, -4 PER CENT).

EXPORTS TO THE U.K. PICKED UP ACTIVELY BECAUSE OF A SIGNIFICANT UPTURN IN DELIVERIES OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$1,174 MILLION, +28 PER CENT). SHIPMENTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO THE U.K. ALSO ROSE SHARPLY (\$128 MILLION, +86 PER CENT).

EXPORT SALES TO WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA WERE BOOSTED BY INCREASED DELIVERIES OF CLOTHING.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	<u>JAN.-AUG. 77</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-AUG. 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	9,008	9,831	+823	+ 9%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	3,740	4,106	+366	+ 10%
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,203	1,817	+614	+ 51%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,821	1,748	- 73	- 4%
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,730	1,697	- 33	- 2%
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	1,093	1,306	+213	+ 20%

/BY COMMODITY.....

BY COMMODITY, PROMINENT ADVANCES WERE RECORDED IN EXPORTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$9,831 MILLION, +9 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,493 MILLION, +59 PER CENT), HOUSEHOLD-TYPE ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (\$473 MILLION, +32 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (\$571 MILLION, +21 PER CENT). DEMAND FOR RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (\$963 MILLION, -31 PER CENT) DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

EXPORTS OF TEXTILE YARN (\$224 MILLION, -18 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$200 MILLION, -11 PER CENT) ALSO SHOWED A DECLINE.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

	JAN.-AUG. 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-AUG. 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	7,353	8,843	+1,489	+ 20%
CHINA	5,025	6,282	+1,257	+ 25%
U.S.A.	3,976	4,850	+ 873	+ 22%
TAIWAN	2,154	2,544	+ 390	+ 18%
SINGAPORE	1,921	2,030	+ 110	+ 6%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,395	1,753	+ 358	+ 26%
F.R. OF GERMANY	943	1,275	+ 332	+ 35%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHENSTEIN	815	1,190	+ 375	+ 46%
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,067	1,113	+ 46	+ 4%
AUSTRALIA	626	821	+ 195	+ 31%

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO A RISE IN TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,199 MILLION, +20 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$742 MILLION, +31 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (\$542 MILLION, +62 PER CENT) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$767 MILLION, +31 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM CHINA ROSE BY 25 PER CENT BECAUSE OF INCREASED ARRIVALS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$658 MILLION, +78 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (\$452 MILLION, +79 PER CENT), ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$331 MILLION, +29 PER CENT).

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IN ADDITION, INCREASES IN THE IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS FROM CHINA WERE RECORDED, INCLUDING AN 18 PER CENT INCREASE IN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (\$439 MILLION) AND A 29 PER CENT INCREASE IN MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (\$314 MILLION).

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$463 MILLION, +58 PER CENT) FROM U.S.A.

IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE BOOSTED BY THE RISE IN ARRIVALS OF TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (\$1,027 MILLION, +8 PER CENT) WHILE THE INCREASE FROM SINGAPORE WAS DUE MAINLY TO MORE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$104 MILLION, +98 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

	<u>JAN.-AUG. 77</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-AUG. 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	9,443	12,313	+2,870	+ 30%
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	6,191	7,563	+1,372	+ 22%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	4,683	5,178	+ 495	+ 11%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	3,850	5,168	+1,317	+ 34%
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,372	2,869	+ 498	+ 21%

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ACCELERATED INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF MAJOR RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMER GOODS, INCLUDING PEARLS, SEMI-PRECIOUS AND PRECIOUS STONES (\$3,152 MILLION, +54 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$3,312 MILLION, +30 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,816 MILLION, +36 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (\$1,222 MILLION, +35 PER CENT).

IN ADDITION, IMPORTS OF ROAD VEHICLES (\$896 MILLION, +45 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$773 MILLION, +46 PER CENT) OBSERVED SIZEABLE INCREASES.

RE-EXPORT ACTIVITIES REGISTERED MARKED ADVANCE IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1978. THERE WERE INCREASED DEMANDS FROM JAPAN (\$1,394 MILLION, +56 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (\$887 MILLION, +30 PER CENT), INDONESIA (\$835 MILLION, +37 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$760 MILLION, +37 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (\$738 MILLION, +37 PER CENT).

THE GOODS RE-EXPORTED WERE MAINLY PEARLS, SEMI-PRECIOUS AND PRECIOUS STONES (\$1,194 MILLION, +50 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$556 MILLION, +20 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$462 MILLION, +44 PER CENT), TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (\$340 MILLION, +31 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$189 MILLION, +99 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEXES FOR JULY 1978 (1973=100) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	217	138	157
IMPORTS	209	143	146

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR JULY IS 97.

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NEW TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER ASSUMES OFFICE

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MR. ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER FROM MR. IAN MACPHERSON AS COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR. ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT, 49, JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS AN ENGINEER IN 1953. HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS GRADE IN 1974.

HIS LAST POSTING PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WAS ACTING DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY. PREVIOUS TO THAT HE WAS A DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

THE OUTGOING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, WILL BE TAKING UP HIS NEW DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES TOMORROW.

HE HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT SINCE 1974.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY, 1978, SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$396.1 MILLION COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$78.6 MILLION IN JULY LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$25.4 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$53.8 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$868.5 MILLION, WAS \$288.6 MILLION MORE THAN IN JULY, 1977.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$472.3 MILLION, WERE \$29 MILLION LESS THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE CENTENARY OF PO LEUNG KUK

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THE POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE TWO SPECIAL STAMPS ON NOVEMBER 8 TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK.

THE STAMPS, WITH DESIGNS BASED ON PAINTINGS DONE BY CHILDREN OF THE KUK, ARE IN 20 CENTS AND \$1.30 DENOMINATIONS. THEY WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES, ON NOVEMBER 8.

THESE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR PUBLIC COUNTER OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 30.

FIRST DAY COVERS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THIS ISSUE WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 25) AT 20 CENTS EACH. THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIREMENTS EARLY.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE- KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE IN NATHAN ROAD- AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE IN SALISBURY ROAD.

FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST. THE CHARGE WILL BE \$1.70 PER COVER WHICH IS MADE UP OF THE COST OF THE TWO STAMPS AND A SERVICE FEE OF 20 CENTS.

THE COVER MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT AND NOT LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON OCTOBER 25.

PEOPLE ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON NOVEMBER 9 FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER IS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY ORDINARY SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL AND/OR REGISTRATION CHARGES. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS IS 5 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 4.

A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON NOVEMBER 8 AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEREBY FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POSTMARK.

/THE CONDITIONS.....

THE CONDITIONS FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:-

- * ONLY ARTICLES BEARING AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE +FIRST DAY COVERS+ WILL BE SO TREATED=
- * THE ARTICLES MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL ADDRESS=
- * THE ARTICLES MUST NOT BEAR ANY OTHER CANCELLATIONS= AND
- * NO REGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE PROCEEDED BY THIS METHOD.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 8 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY POSTMARKED BEFORE THEY ARE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN FANLING SWIMMING POOL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE \$12 MILLION FANLING SWIMMING POOL ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 21).

THE NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL SERVE THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE AREA.

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT 11 A.M. AND BE WELCOMED BY AN OFFICIAL PARTY COMPRISING THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES= THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON= THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR. JACK STEAN= THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR. KENNETH KAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. STEPHEN WONG.

THE GOVERNOR WILL THEN UNVEIL THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE OF THE SWIMMING POOL TO DECLARE IT OPEN.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, SIR MURRAY WILL WATCH THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL MEDLEY RELAY RACES AS WELL AS +SCIENTIFIC SWIMMING+ BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL BY THE GOVERNOR AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TOURIST COACHES WILL LEAVE MIDDLE ROAD BEHIND THE PENINSULA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9.15 A.M. TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO FAN LING.

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COURSES FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND PART-TIME LECTURERS
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TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS CAN NOW IMPROVE THEIR METHOD OF TEACHING BY ATTENDING A TWO-WEEK TRAINING COURSE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COLLEGE TODAY (THURSDAY) INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO A BLOCK RELEASE INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE.

THE COURSE, WHICH COMMENCES IN EARLY NOVEMBER, OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY TEACHING DUTIES. THE FEE FOR EACH COURSE IS \$60.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +FROM THIS COURSE THEY WILL LEARN TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF TEACHING, AND TO STUDY EDUCATION THEORIES AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.+

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE EITHER TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS AND MUST BE FULLY SKILLED IN THEIR TRADE. THEY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN ADEQUATE SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND PREFERABLY HAVE ATTENDED TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS OR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

THE COURSE WILL REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE FOR TWO WEEKS FULL-TIME, AND TUTORS MAY VISIT STUDENTS AT THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT WHEN THE COURSE IS COMPLETED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 28.

IN ADDITION, THE COLLEGE ALSO RUNS A TWO-YEAR EVENING COURSE FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS WHO WISH TO BROADEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF TEACHING.

+THE COURSE, WHICH MEETS ONCE EVERY WEEK, IS FOR PART-TIME TEACHERS, LECTURERS AND OTHERS DESIRING TO BROADEN THEIR THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF TEACHING, PARTICULARLY OF PART-TIME TEACHING IN FURTHER EDUCATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TWO-YEAR COURSE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

IN THE PRESENT SESSION THERE ARE 59 STUDENTS IN THE SECOND YEAR AND 90 IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE COURSE.

MOST OF THESE STUDENTS ARE IN-SERVICE PART-TIME TEACHERS OR LECTURERS WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF DEGREE, HIGHER DIPLOMA OR HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS STUDIES, AND WITH YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THOSE GRADUATES FROM THE COURSE, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY TEACHING PART-TIME ARE SENT TO THE PRINCIPALS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR CONSIDERATION TO FILLING PART-TIME TEACHING POSTS IN THESE INSTITUTES.+

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS TWO-YEAR COURSE ARE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS IN JUNE EVERY YEAR. A CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TWO-YEAR COURSE.

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RECORD SET IN LAND OFFICE'S WORK

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THE LAND OFFICE HAD AN EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY MONTH IN SEPTEMBER, DURING WHICH A NUMBER OF RECORDS WERE SET IN RESPECT OF ITS WORK.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR. P. JACOBS, SAID THAT DURING THE MONTH 16,884 DEEDS WERE LODGED FOR REGISTRATION, 974 MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET IN JUNE THIS YEAR, AND 5,276 MORE WHEN COMPARED WITH FIGURE IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A RECORD NUMBER OF 19,845 DEEDS WERE ACTUALLY REGISTERED AS AGAINST THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 16,126 SET IN OCTOBER 1977.

THE TOTAL FEES COLLECTED BY THE LAND OFFICE FOR THE MONTH WHICH AMOUNTED TO JUST OVER \$1.5 MILLION WAS ALSO THE HIGHEST ON RECORD.

MR. JACOBS SAID: +THE MONTH ALSO PROVIDED A RECORD IN RESPECT OF THE TOTAL PREMIUM FOR LOTS SOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT AT PUBLIC AUCTION. THE FIGURE REACHED A TOTAL OF \$1,103,570,000 AS AGAINST THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF \$684,775,000 SET LAST MONTH.+

THE NEWLY FORMED HOME OWNERSHIP SECTION OF THE LAND OFFICE WAS ALSO VERY BUSY.

DURING THE MONTH 1,151 DEEDS OF ASSIGNMENT WERE EXECUTED. ON EACH OCCASION THE FLAT OWNER CALLED AT THE LAND OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.

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NEW REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTERING FOR IDENTITY CARDS

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THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM NOVEMBER 1, ALL APPLICANTS FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND LATE APPLICANTS FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SIZE OF TWO INCHES BY ONE-AND-A-HALF INCHES AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE SAID THIS NEW REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS WHO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD OF ONE MONTH OF REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

HE ALSO REMINDED PARENTS AND GUARDIANS THAT THEY SHOULD REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR 11TH BIRTHDAY.

ALL NEW ARRIVALS, WHO INTEND TO STAY IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS, SHOULD ALSO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR ARRIVAL, HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SEEK ADVICE ON THESE MATTERS AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE OR ANY OF ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

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ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE SPREADS TO AP LEI CHAU
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WILL SPREAD ITS ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO AP LEI CHAU IN ABERDEEN THIS WEEKEND.

PEOPLE LIVING ON AP LEI CHAU WILL NOT ONLY GET THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON SATURDAY BUT WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO A LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

THE VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY TV ARTISTES, AND AN ACROBATIC DISPLAY IS PART OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WHICH STARTED LAST SUNDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SAID THE VARIETY SHOW IS THE FIRST EVER TO BE STAGED ON AP LEI CHAU.

+THE RESIDENTS HERE MIGHT HAVE SEEN THIS KIND OF SHOW ON TELEVISION BUT THEY HAVE NEVER WATCHED TV ARTISTES SINGING AND PERFORMING LIVE ON THE ISLAND.

+MANY AP LEI CHAU RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WATCHING THE SHOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE DISTRICT-WIDE CAMPAIGN IS THE SECOND OF THREE DISTRICT-LEVEL EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED BY ACAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VARIETY SHOW WHICH WILL BE HELD AT AP LEI CHAU FOOTBALL PITCH FROM 7.30 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 13 AT 11 A.M.

ONE OF THE LOTS, MEASURING 4,500 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER SITE WHICH OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 2,386 SQUARE METRES AT KUNG LOK ROAD, KWUN TONG, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405, NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CONTRACT FOR CHEUNG CHAU DEVELOPMENT TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW
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A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHWESTERN SHORE OF CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF P.W.D. AT TSUEN FAT BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 19 CHUEN HING PATH, TSUEN WAN, AT 11 A.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE AT MURRAY BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 9.45 A.M. A SMALL BUS WILL LEAVE FOR TSUEN WAN AT 9.50 A.M. SHARP.

AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, ENGINEERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE STOPPED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 21) TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORK BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE 1-19 AND 2-36 VILLAGE ROAD- ALL PREMISES IN VILLAGE TERRACE, FUNG FAI TERRACE AND YU KWONG TERRACE- 14-26 SHAN KWONG ROAD AND 2-10 WANG TAK STREET.

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