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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 1986. TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1986, VALUED AT \$388 175 MILLION, INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT TO \$108 386 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT TO \$85 353 MILLION, SO THAT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT TO \$194 437 MILLION.

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE PRINCIPAL MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH RAPID GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED FRANCE (46 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (38 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (29 PER CENT), JAPAN (24 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (21 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TWO LARGEST MARKETS, THE U.S. AND CHINA, HOWEVER, GREW LESS RAPIDLY BY NINE PER CENT AND SIX PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY THREE PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED OVER THE SAME PERIOD, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM SWITZERLAND (57 PER CENT), CHINA (39 PER CENT), ITALY (24 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (18 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (18 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (EIGHT PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (ONE PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE U.S. AND TAIWAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 102 PER CENT, 80 PER CENT, 49 PER CENT, 48 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA RECORDED A DECLINE (22 PER CENT), AS DID THOSE TO MACAU (FIVE PER CENT).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER.

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

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COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY NINE PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 406 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$979 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$603 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$89 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT) AS WELL AS POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$42 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$917 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$313 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$174 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$857 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$295 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 288 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$356 MILLION OR 198 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$161 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$98 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$3 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS UP BY 16 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$886 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$134 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 24 PER CENT IN VALUE, WITH INCREASES RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$258 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$171 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$236 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT); AND FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$33 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

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

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

IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT IN VALUE IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$4 472 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$3 996 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 524 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$499 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$355 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY ONE PER CENT. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$950 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$658 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$649 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 708 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$736 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WAS UP BY SIX PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$924 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$189 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$104 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$211 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); AS WELL AS NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$198 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

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IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. DROPPED BY ONE PER CENT IN VALUE, WITH DECREASES REGISTERED FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$385 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$154 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT). IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE DROPPED BY EIGHT PER CENT IN VALUE. DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1 117 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$184 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$265 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AND FOR IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$266 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

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

COMPARING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 22 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 456 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 830 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 694 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT). HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$744 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT); AS WELL AS LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$430 MILLION OR 170 PER CENT).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT IN VALUE. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$2 967 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 067 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$201 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$70 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$57 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT).

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THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WAS UP BY 10 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$168 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$152 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT); AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$149 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$307 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT), AS WELL AS TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$254 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN RECORDED A 29 PER CENT INCREASE IN VALUE. THERE WERE INCREASES IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$542 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$80 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT). OVERALL VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA INCREASED BY 49 PER CENT.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$462 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$369 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$83 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT); AND FOR RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF (BY \$37 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE SEPTEMBER 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY DECEMBER AT \$13.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASEKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-444436.

Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
U.S.A.	45,947	42,209	3,738	9
China	12,204	11,522	682	6
F.R. of Germany	7,662	5,567	2,094	38
U.K.	7,021	6,078	944	16
Japan	4,126	3,337	789	24
Canada	3,633	3,208	425	13
Australia	2,411	2,475	-64	-3
Singapore	2,009	1,655	354	21
Netherlands	1,908	1,480	428	29
France	1,824	1,251	572	46

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	36,860	31,989	4,871	15
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	18,157	15,565	2,592	17
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,164	7,624	1,541	20
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	7,913	7,606	306	4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	7,831	6,743	1,088	16
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,397	5,520	1,877	34

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Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	56,665	40,757	15,908	39
Japan	40,243	39,918	325	1
Taiwan	16,517	15,630	888	6
U.S.A.	16,443	16,545	-102	-1
Singapore	7,876	8,552	-676	-8
Republic of Korea	7,574	6,393	1,180	18
U.K.	6,721	6,059	661	11
F.R. of Germany	5,780	4,903	877	18
Switzerland	3,863	2,463	1,400	57
Italy	3,164	2,547	617	24

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	30,100	23,705	6,394	27
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	16,623	14,571	2,052	14
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13,801	8,882	4,919	55
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	11,672	9,337	2,335	25
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	10,250	8,032	2,218	28
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	9,388	9,392	-3	-*

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Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
China	27,903	35,578	-7,675	-22
U.S.A.	15,705	10,624	5,081	48
Japan	4,384	3,974	410	10
Taiwan	4,226	3,268	957	29
Republic of Korea	4,139	2,770	1,369	49
Singapore	3,897	3,139	757	24
Macau	1,886	1,989	-103	-5
F.R. of Germany	1,823	1,014	809	80
Indonesia	1,794	1,804	-11	-1
U.K.	1,668	828	841	102

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Sep 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Sep 1985 (HKD Mn.)	Increase (HKD Mn.)	Percentage Increase (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	13,824	11,514	2,310	20
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,484	5,421	4,063	75
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	7,166	5,385	1,780	33
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	6,727	7,081	-354	-5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4,346	5,645	-1,299	-23
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	4,034	4,168	-134	-3

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ELDERLY URGED TO REMAIN SOCIALLY ACTIVE

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BY TAKING PART IN MORE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ENRICH THEIR DAILY LIFE AND MAINTAIN A CHEERFUL AND CONTENTED OUTLOOK, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT WOULD ALSO HELP THEM, SHE ADDED, TO ENHANCE THEIR ADAPTABILITY TO SOCIETY, TO BUILD UP HARMONIOUS INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS AND TO ENJOY COMMUNITY LIFE.

MRS DOE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A SPECIAL CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE IN HONOUR OF THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE ENDEAVOURS AT THE NORTH POINT KAIFONG HALL.

SHE NOTED THAT THERE WERE AT PRESENT 104 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE TERRITORY, WHICH APART FROM PROVIDING A GOOD RENDEZVOUS, ALSO ORGANISED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS FOR THE ELDERLY.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE MANY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS WHICH CARED VERY MUCH ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND ORGANISED FUNCTIONS REGULARLY TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY, MRS DOE SAID, CITING THE ENDEAVOURS AS ONE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAD TO LIVE APART FROM THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS DESERVED EVEN MORE OF OUR ATTENTION AND CARE.

+THE OBJECTIVE OF PUBLISHING THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IS TO ASSIST THESE HOMES TO ATTAIN THE BASIC STANDARD OF SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

+UNDERLYING ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS A CONVICTION THAT CARE FOR THE ELDERLY INCLUDES BOTH RESIDENTIAL CARE AND SOCIAL CARE.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE THEIR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING AS WELL AS RESPECT FOR THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS,+ MRS DOE ADDED.

SHE STRESSED THAT GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ORGANISED IN THE HOMES FOR THE AGED TO MINIMISE THE INSTITUTIONALISED ATMOSPHERE AND TO PROVIDE A MORE HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ELDERLY.

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HELP FOR ELDERLY TO REMAIN WITHIN COMMUNITY

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THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS TO ENABLE THEM TO RETAIN THEIR SELF-RESPECT AND TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE WHILE RESIDENTIAL CARE GENERALLY CATERED FOR OLD PEOPLE WHO CANNOT LIVE INDEPENDENTLY OR WITH THEIR FAMILIES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MISS NANCY LAW, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIK SIK YUEN HO NING SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT SHEK LEI ESTATE, MISS LAW SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES JOINTLY PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO HELP THE ELDERLY TO FACE OLD AGE POSITIVELY AND TO PASS THEIR REMAINING YEARS HAPPILY.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDED RESIDENTIAL CARE AND HOME HELP SERVICES AS WELL AS DAY CARE, MULTI-SERVICES AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

+SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE SET UP IN THE HOPE THAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED FOR THE ELDERLY THROUGH VARIOUS SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ MISS LAW SAID.

+THE PRESENT PLANNING RATIO IS ONE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY FOR EVERY 30 000 POPULATION AND INCLUDING THE HO NING CENTRE, THERE ARE AT PRESENT 81 SUBVENTED SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN HONG KONG,+ SHE ADDED.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE AT THE MOMENT ONE CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME, ONE HOSTEL AND THREE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY OPERATED BY SIK SIK YUEN, MISS LAW SAID SHE WAS GLAD THAT THE ASSOCIATION WAS PLANNING OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES AND WOULD DIVERSIFY INTO THE CHILD CARE FIELD.

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WATER SUPPLY PLANNED FOR SQUATTERS

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PROGRESS REPORTS ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE PRESENTED AT A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

SOME OF THESE PROJECTS INVOLVE SERVING SQUATTER AREAS FROM THE TSUEN WAN WEST ULTRA HIGH LEVEL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRAMME TO BUILD BUS SHELTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

WAYS OF IMPROVING ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES AT SHAM TSENG, FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON TRANSPORT SERVICES IN TSUEN WAN AND ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 5.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON NOVEMBER 14 IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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LAUNCH PICNIC TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION
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A LAUNCH PICNIC TO ENABLE KWUN TONG RESIDENTS TO KNOW THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS BETTER WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

TO MARK THE EVENT, A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON BOARD A YAUMATI FERRY AT 10 AM AT KWUN TONG FERRY PIER.

KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE LAUNCH PICNIC WILL INCLUDE A QUIZ ON CIVIC KNOWLEDGE, SINGING AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON BOARD A YAUMATI FERRY AT THE KWUN TONG FERRY PIER (CENTRAL LINE BERTH). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME OF THE LAUNCH PICNIC SHOULD CONTACT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE INFORMATION OFFICER ON 3-416315.

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KOWLOON PEAK RUN FOR FIREMEN

THE ANNUAL KOWLOON PEAK MOUNTAIN RUN ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE 2.2-KILOMETRE RUN WILL START FROM FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD ABOUT 200 METRES FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TO THE GILWELL CAMP SITE.

MORE THAN 100 UNIFORMED AND CIVILIAN STAFF ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE RUN AND CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR JOHN BREDBURY, OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT NGAU CHI WAN FIRE STATION BEFORE 2 PM FOR TRANSPORT TO THE STARTING POINT.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS

TAI PO RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 35 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A TRAINING CAMP ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD THE CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ON DECEMBER 20 AND 21.

THE CAMP IS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP INCLUDE TALKS ON CIVIC EDUCATION, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND ROLE-PLAYING GAMES.

A FEE OF \$20 PER PERSON WILL BE CHARGED AND ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 1 TING KOK ROAD, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT THE TAI YUEN AND THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALLS, THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE AT THE SHUEN WAN AND THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

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CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAREERS EXHIBITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 6.30 PM ON NOVEMBER 15 (SATURDAY), 16, 22 AND 23.

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DRAWING COMPETITION TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST
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CHILDREN INTERESTED IN DRAWING ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A COMPETITION AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THE COMPETITION, ON THE THEME OF +HONG KONG - MY HOME+, HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI AREA COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE AN APPRECIATION OF ART AMONG CHILDREN.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN THREE AND SIX AND A PAINTING CONTEST FOR THOSE BETWEEN SIX AND 12.

THREE WINNING AND 20 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FROM EACH SECTION WILL BE SELECTED AND AWARDED PRIZES. THESE ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE PARK LANE BOULEVARD.

ALL ENTRIES WILL LATER BE SENT TO JAPAN WHERE THEY WILL BE ENTERED IN AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SUNDAY'S COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM. CHILDREN WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD ARRIVE EARLIER IN ORDER TO PUT IN THEIR APPLICATIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DRAWING COMPETITION TO BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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HEALTHY LIVING CARNIVAL FOR SUNDAY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON AT THE HEALTHY LIVING CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT VICTORIA PARK THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16).

THEME OF THE CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IS +HEALTHY LIVING, EVERYONE A WINNER+.

THE CARNIVAL, BEGINNING AT 1 PM TO 5 PM, IS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR LEE SHIU-HUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE GAMES STALLS, A HEALTH AND FITNESS EXHIBITION AND A SLOGAN RECITAL COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN. THERE WILL ALSO BE A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

PEOPLE VISITING THE CARNIVAL MAY ALSO TAKE PART IN THE +FITNESS TEST+. THERE WILL BE DENTAL CHECK-UP AND HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FREE T-SHIRT PRINTING FOR EVERYONE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SUNDAY CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE NUMBER 4 FOOTBALL PITCH OF VICTORIA PARK AT 2.30 PM.

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FREE SHOW FOR MONG KOK EAST RESIDENTS
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RESIDENTS IN THE MONG KOK EAST AREA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCES AND MUSIC, ON SATURDAY EVENING.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES OF POPULAR SONGS, A MAGIC SHOW AND A LUCKY DRAW.

THE SHOW WILL START AT 7.30 PM IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE EAST AREA COMMITTEE.

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THREE CARNIVALS IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO THREE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVALS TO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THREE DIFFERENT VENUES IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16) AFTERNOON.

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MAIN CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.45 PM AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A LION DANCE, VARIETY SHOW, STALL GAMES, EXHIBITION, GIRL GUIDE PARADE, AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT CHATER GARDEN WHERE THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO EXHIBITIONS. ONE WILL BE ON +HOME SAFETY KNOWLEDGE+ FOR THE PUBLIC WHILE THE OTHER ONE ON +ROAD TO GOOD HEALTH+ WILL BE AIMED AT ELDERLY PEOPLE.

TO TIE IN WITH THE HEALTH EXHIBITION, A FREE SIMPLE MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

A CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD IN THE GARDEN AND BE FOLLOWED BY A DEMONSTRATION BY EMINENT CHESS PLAYERS.

AT 2.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY, ANOTHER DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, WILL BEGIN AT THE CAR PARK OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

MR CHAU WILL ALSO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THIS CARNIVAL. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A LION DANCE, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE, WESTERN DANCING, ORIENTAL FOLK DANCING, STRINGS ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE, AND MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCES.

THE CARNIVALS ARE AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVALS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AT 1.45 PM AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL AND AT 2.30 PM AT THE CAR PARK OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TRAINING FOR MINI-TENNIS COACHES

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MORE THAN 20 KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI RESIDENTS WILL UNDERGO AN INSTRUCTOR'S REFRESHER COURSE IN TENNIS AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE STARTING SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) FOR TRAINING YOUNGSTERS IN THE SPORT.

THE TWO-SESSION REFRESHER COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING MINI-TENNIS CLUB IN CONJUNCTION WITH HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE GROUP WILL BECOME COACHES FOR CHILDREN IN A SERIES OF MINI-TENNIS TRAINING PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE CLUB IN END-NOVEMBER.

KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PROVIDE VENUES FREE FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AT SEVEN COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES.

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