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## AUSTRALASIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS MEET IN HONG KONG

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DELEGATES TO THE FIFTH AUSTRALASIAN AND PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR BEGAN A TWO-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG TODAY AT THE END OF THEIR REGIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH BEGAN IN CANBERRA LAST MONTH.

THE SEMINAR, ATTENDED BY 28 DELEGATES FROM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN THE ASIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND THE PACIFIC REGION, OPENED IN CANBERRA ON AUGUST 25 AND HAS INCLUDED SESSIONS IN SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR AND PENANG.

THE SEMINAR BEGAN ITS CLOSING SESSION IN HONG KONG THIS MORNING WITH AN INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS ON HONG KONG'S SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

THE PARLIAMENTARIANS LATER VISITED SHA TIN NEW TOWN, AND TOURED TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK IN THE AFTERNOON.

THIS EVENING THEY WILL ATTEND AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION BY THE GOVERNOR AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THEIR VISIT TO SHA TIN BEGAN WITH A BRIEFING BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, ON NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY WERE THEN DRIVEN THROUGH WO CHE AND LEK YUEN ESTATES TO SUI WO COURT, A MAJOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT, WHERE THEY WERE MET BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK.

FROM A VANTAGE POINT AT SUI WO COURT, THE PARTY WERE GIVEN FURTHER DETAILS OF PLANS TO DEVELOP SHA TIN INTO A 'GARDEN CITY' OF THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION PEOPLE BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

ALL THE MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT WERE POINTED OUT TO THEM BEFORE THEY LEFT THE NEW TOWN FOR LUNCH AT ISLAND HOUSE, MR AKERS-JONES'S HOME.

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## ANALYSIS OF RE-EXPORT TRADE IN JANUARY TO JUNE

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THE RE-EXPORT TRADE OF HONG KONG SHOWED A REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, WITH AN INCREASE OF 44 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979.

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR THE HALF YEAR WAS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

RE-EXPORTS BY .....

RE-EXPORTS BY MARKET

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE CHANGES IN HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE FIVE MAJOR MARKETS :

	<u>JAN - JUNE 80</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>JAN - JUNE 79</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CHINA	1 662	444	+ 1 218	+ 274
USA	1 259	914	+ 345	+ 38
INDONESIA	1 226	760	+ 466	+ 61
TAIWAN	1 203	864	+ 339	+ 39
JAPAN	1 095	1 379	- 284	- 21

REMARKABLE INCREASES WERE OBSERVED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 218 MILLION OR 2.7 TIMES), WHICH NOW BECOMES THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. THE COMMODITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE TEXTILE YARN (BY \$229 MILLION OR 7.8 TIMES), PLYWOOD CONSISTING SOLELY OF SHEETS OF WOOD (BY \$87 MILLION OR 20.0 TIMES), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRE (BY \$84 MILLION OR 11.1 TIMES), CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$78 MILLION OR 2.4 TIMES), AND TELEVISION RECEIVERS (BY \$61 MILLION OR 1.8 TIMES).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WERE REGISTERED IN WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND INFANTS' OUTER GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (OTHER THAN KNITTED OR CROCHETED GOODS) (BY \$40 MILLION OR 146 PER CENT), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$20 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT), AND EXPLOSIVES AND PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS (BY \$16 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA SHOWED INCREASES FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER CYCLES (BY \$164 MILLION OR 328 PER CENT), TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$26 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT), POLYMERIZATION AND COPOLYMERIZATION PRODUCTS (BY \$23 MILLION OR 120 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE YARN (BY \$18 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$155 MILLION OR 126 PER CENT), CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$21 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN DROPPED (BY \$284 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). NOTABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$165 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATION THEREOF (BY \$63 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$26 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ARE SHOWN AS FOLLOWS :

	<u>JAN - JUNE 80</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>JAN - JUNE 79</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$ M.)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
CHINA	3 638	2 578	+ 1 060	+ 41
JAPAN	2 467	1 513	+ 954	+ 63
USA	1 521	1 089	+ 432	+ 40
TAIWAN	772	374	+ 398	+ 106
SWITZERLAND	420	301	+ 119	+ 40

CHINA MAINTAINED ITS POSITION AS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS. INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN WERE NOTED FOR NON-TEXTILE CLOTHING (BY \$90 MILLION OR 195 PER CENT), UNDER GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$53 MILLION OR 105 PER CENT), CRUDE VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$48 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (BY \$48 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

MOST RE-EXPORT COMMODITIES OF JAPAN ORIGIN SHOWED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$194 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER CYCLES (BY \$153 MILLION OR 330 PER CENT), MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GOODS OR MATERIALS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE MOTOR VEHICLES (BY \$41 MILLION OR 139 PER CENT), AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$38 MILLION OR 163 PER CENT).

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF U.S. PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS (BY \$139 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT), AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$34 MILLION OR 232 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR OFFICE AND DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$28 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF TAIWAN ORIGIN WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILE YARN (INCREASED BY \$106 MILLION OR 180 PER CENT), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (INCREASED BY \$53 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (INCREASED BY \$21 MILLION OR 90 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF SWISS ORIGIN ALSO SHOWED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH, PARTICULARLY FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$110 MILLION OR 111 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

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WHEN ANALYSED BY ORIGIN AND THEN BY DESTINATION, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO THE U.S. (BY \$289 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$183 MILLION OR 61 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$84 MILLION OR 132 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY \$181 MILLION OR 124 PER CENT). INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO INDONESIA (BY \$258 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$191 MILLION OR 134 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (BY \$111 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT). SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF U.S. ORIGIN TO TAIWAN (BY \$169 MILLION OR 123 PER CENT) AND CHINA (BY \$106 MILLION OR 225 PER CENT).

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HK REPRESENTATIVE LEFT FOR AIR TALKS IN OTTAWA

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THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR NORMAN LATHAM, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY TO REPRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AT AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD IN OTTAWA BETWEEN UK AND CANADIAN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL ROUND IN A SERIES OF TALKS WHICH BEGAN IN APRIL 1978.

A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN TO SECURE TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO ENABLE A UK DESIGNATED AIRLINE TO OPERATE A COMPETITIVE SERVICE TO CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES ON THE TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND VANCOUVER. CANADIAN PACIFIC HAVE ENJOYED SOLE RIGHTS ON THE ROUTE SINCE 1949 AND CURRENTLY OPERATE THREE TIMES WEEKLY B747 SERVICE VIA TOKYO.

CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND LAKER AIRWAYS HAVE BOTH MADE APPLICATIONS TO THE HONG KONG AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) FOR A LICENCE TO OPERATE TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES CALLING AT VANCOUVER AS WELL AS U.S. POINTS. THE ATLA HAS YET TO SET A DATE TO CONSIDER THESE APPLICATIONS.

LAKER AIRWAYS, BUT NOT CPA, WOULD ALSO NEED A LICENCE FROM THE UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY TO FLY FROM HONG KONG TO VANCOUVER.

ON A ROUTE BECOMING AVAILABLE FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ATLA TO EXERCISE THEIR DISCRETION TO GRANT OR TO REFUSE A LICENCE TO THE APPLICANTS AND FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE THE AIRLINE OR AIRLINES TO WHOM A LICENCE IS SO GRANTED.

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HONG KONG/NORWAY TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS  
START TOMORROW  
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CONSULTATIONS WILL START TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WITH A NORWEGIAN DELEGATION ON ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE NORWAY'S EXISTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

THESE CONSULTATIONS FOLLOW A DECISION BY THE GATT COUNCIL IN JUNE THAT NORWAY'S RESTRICTIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GATT. THE COUNCIL MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO BOTH PARTIES TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT.

THE SEVEN-MEMBER NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS HEADED BY MR ARNE LANGELAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING. HONG KONG'S DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR K.Y. YEUNG.

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ANOTHER SURVEY ON THE LABOUR FORCE  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A LABOUR FORCE SURVEY IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THIS MONTH. IT WILL BE ONE OF A SERIES OF SIX-MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEYS AIMED AT COLLECTING CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

THE SEPTEMBER SURVEY WILL BE TAKEN ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING ABOUT 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG.

BEFORE THE FIELD ENUMERATION BEGINS, AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION.

ENUMERATORS, WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS ON A DAY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15 AND 30.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED INCLUDE AGE, SEX, AND EDUCATION ATTAINMENT OF INDIVIDUALS- TENURE AND RENT OF HOUSEHOLDS- ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, EARNINGS, AND HOUR OF WORK OF THOSE WORKING- AND FOR THOSE UNEMPLOYED, DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, REASON OF NOT SEEKING JOB, AND WHETHER THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ON FOREIGN TRAVEL AND ON PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE EXISTENCE OF SOME GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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MORE LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG

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ABOUT 20 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY USES AND OPEN SPACES.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SITE FORMATION AND ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT TO BE LET WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DRAINS AND SEWERS IN THE AREA.

IT WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HONG KONG), FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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IMPROVED ACCESS TO EAST TSIM SHA TSUI

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WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER ON ROADS AND DRAINS IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE THERE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 1 000 METRES OF CARRIAGEWAY OF ABOUT 10.3 METRES WIDE.

THIS WILL MAINLY INVOLVE THE EXTENSION OF HING CHEUNG ROAD AND CHING YEE ROAD AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MING KWONG ROAD TO JOIN HING CHEUNG ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD.

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WILL ALSO BE BUILT ACROSS CHING YEE ROAD EXTENSION NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE BEING INVITED, WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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EDUCATION ON ROAD SAFETY  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED HEADS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR STAFF, ESPECIALLY THOSE TEACHING ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL STUDIES, TO EDUCATE THEIR STUDENTS ON ROAD SAFETY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO QUEUE UP IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AT BUS STOPS AND TO OBSERVE THE CODE FOR CROSSING THE ROAD.

+FURTHERMORE, THEY SHOULD NOT BOARD OVERCROWDED BUSES AND NOT STEP OUT ONTO THE ROAD WHILE WAITING FOR BUSES,+ HE SAID.

THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO ASKED FOR SUPPORT FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PROPER USE OF THE ROADS.

+IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS WOULD GIVE THIS VERY NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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