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HONG KONG'S JANUARY EXTERNAL TRADE
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY 1983, VALUED AT \$21 695 MILLION, INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT OVER JANUARY 1982, ACCORDING TO TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT TO \$6 439 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 15 PER CENT TO \$11 537 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 12 PER CENT TO \$3 718 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	2 536	2 206	+330	+15
F.R. OF GERMANY	548	545	+ 3	+ 1
U.K.	437	566	-129	-23
CHINA	352	293	+ 59	+20
JAPAN	230	229	+ 1	INSIGNIFICANT
CANADA	219	166	+ 53	+32
AUSTRALIA	188	284	- 96	-34
SINGAPORE	161	142	+ 19	+14
NETHERLANDS	136	140	- 4	- 3
SWITZERLAND	118	118	-	-

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 15 PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$143 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$107 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$71 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$63 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$8 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN VALUE, INCLUDING CLOTHING (BY \$11 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$3 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECREASED BY \$4 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT.

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$85 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$13 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$30 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AS WELL AS FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (EXCLUDING UNMILLED CEREALS) (BY \$21 MILLION OR 2 313 PER CENT) AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$9 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED BELOW:-

	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2 261	2 279	- 18	- 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	938	1 059	-121	-11
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	628	537	+ 91	+17
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	523	460	+ 63	+14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	430	433	- 3	- 1
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	418	391	+ 27	+ 7

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

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	JAN. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	2 964	2 371	+593	+25
JAPAN	2 340	1 913	+427	+22
U.S.A.	1 206	1 127	+ 79	+ 7
TAIWAN	858	775	+ 83	+11
SINGAPORE	723	768	- 44	- 6
U.K.	565	492	+ 73	+15
F.R. OF GERMANY	311	242	+ 69	+29
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	296	379	- 83	-22
SWITZERLAND	206	171	+ 35	+20
AUSTRALIA	178	152	+ 26	+18

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$114 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$57 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$54 MILLION OR 636 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$40 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$101 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT) AS WELL AS IRON AND STEEL (BY \$67 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MACHINERY SPECIALIZED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$29 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES, N.E.S. (BY \$10 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$64 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$9 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$18 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$10 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$8 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$12 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$44 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY \$34 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:-

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	<u>JAN. 1983</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN. 1982</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	2 910	2 720	+190	+ 7
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	2 507	2 134	+372	+17
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	1 999	1 572	+427	+27
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	1 514	1 253	+260	+21
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	938	970	- 32	- 3
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	868	661	+208	+31

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$126 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$100 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), THE U.S.A. (BY \$99 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$37 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), MALAYSIA, WEST (BY \$36 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT), VIETNAM (BY \$35 MILLION OR 160 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$34 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), AND SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$32 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$96 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$42 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$41 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$41 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$154 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$38 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALIZED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$23 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

THE JANUARY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE 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 JANUARY, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY APRIL 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-214375).

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HONG KONG'S MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO WASTE DISPOSAL

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THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPANDING ITS REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE GROWING QUANTITIES OF WASTE BEING PRODUCED DAILY IN HONG KONG.

POTENTIAL SITES FOR NEW LONG-TERM WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES ARE BEING EXAMINED, ACCORDING TO MR RICHARD HOARE, THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WASTE MANAGEMENT).

THE NEED FOR SPECIAL WASTE DISPOSAL PLANTS IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED TO DEAL WITH TOXIC WASTE AND ACIDIC AND ALKALINE WASTE WHICH ARE BEING PRODUCED IN INCREASING QUANTITIES BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION.

MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE GENERATED EACH DAY TOTAL SOME 6 500 TONNES, OR 1.25 KILOGRAMMES PER HEAD OF POPULATION. THE VOLUME OF REFUSE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 10 000 TONNES A DAY BY THE END OF THE DECADE, MUCH OF WHICH WILL ARISE FROM INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

WHILE THE PRESENT PER CAPITA FIGURE IS LOWER THAN IN SUCH INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES AS JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND MOST OF EUROPE, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HONG KONG'S REFUSE DAY AFTER DAY IS AN IMMENSE TASK WHICH COSTS THE GOVERNMENT \$500 MILLION A YEAR. WITH THE INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ACCEPTABLE SITES CLOSE TO THE URBAN AREAS AND WITH THE HIGH STANDARDS OF DISPOSAL NOW EXPECTED BY THE COMMUNITY, THESE COSTS ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MR HOARE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMISSIONED CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP A SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER-BASED WASTE DISPOSAL PLANNING MODEL WHICH SHOULD BE READY IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, MR HOARE DISCLOSED.

+THE MODEL WILL ASSIST US IN ENSURING THAT AS THE PROBLEMS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG BECOME MORE AND MORE COMPLEX, THE SERVICE REMAINS EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE,+ HE EXPLAINED.

AT THE SAME TIME, A STUDY HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED ON THE PRESENT CONTRIBUTION BEING MADE BY THE RECYCLING OF WASTE. A REPORT ON THE RESEARCH OUTLINING THE EXISTING RECYCLING METHODS AND EXPLORING NEW APPROACHES WILL BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH, MR HOARE SAID.

HE ALSO COMMENDED THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE RECYCLING OF WASTE.

+UNLIKE OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE RECYCLING INVOLVES LARGE CAPITAL-INTENSIVE PLANTS AND HEAVY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY, IN HONG KONG THE OPERATIONS, THOUGH LABOUR-INTENSIVE, ARE HIGHLY COST EFFECTIVE. EXPORT OF RECYCLED WASTE PRODUCTS EARNS SOME \$660 MILLION EACH YEAR,+ HE POINTED OUT.

/+ALMOST ALL

+ALMOST ALL DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE IS MANUALLY HANDLED AT SOURCE. THIS METHOD PROVIDES A HIGHLY EFFICIENT MEANS OF INSPECTION AND EXTRACTION OF MATERIAL FOR RECYCLING,+ HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT ABOUT 65 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DAILY SOLID WASTE IS DISPOSED OF AT FOUR CONTROLLED TIPS, AND SOME 35 PER CENT AT THREE INCINERATORS LOCATED IN KWAI CHUNG, KENNEDY TOWN AND LAI CHI KOK. INCINERATION OF REFUSE IN THE DENSELY DEVELOPED URBAN AREAS IS CONSIDERED LESS DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATED POLLUTION PROBLEMS, MR HOARE SAID.

FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANY MORE INCINERATORS WILL BE BUILT WITHIN THE URBAN AREA WHILE ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS ARE PRESENTLY BEING INSTALLED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR TO CUT EMISSION OF POLLUTANTS TO THE MINIMUM. THE KWAI CHUNG PLANT, THE LAST OF THE THREE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1979, WAS FITTED WITH PRECIPITATORS BEFORE COMMISSIONING.

CONTROLLED TIPPING IS THE MOST FLEXIBLE METHOD OF DISPOSAL AS ITS DAILY CAPACITY CAN BE ADJUSTED TO MEET ANY FLUCTUATING NEEDS, HE SAID. EVERY DAY, SOME 4 000 TONNES OF WASTE IS DUMPED AT THE FOUR CONTROLLED TIPS IN MA YAU TONG, JUNK BAY, SIU LANG SHUI AND SHUEN WAN.

THE TIP AT JUNK BAY, IN OPERATION SINCE 1979, IS AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, MR HOARE POINTED OUT. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A MODERN STEEL-WHEEL COMPACTOR WHICH CAN CHOP UP BULKY WASTE, THUS MAKING IT MORE COMPACT. TO EXTEND ITS +LIFE EXPECTANCY+, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO DEVELOP THE SECOND STAGE OF THE JUNK BAY TIP, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF SIX TO TEN MILLION CUBIC METRES, LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE TIP TO FUNCTION TILL 1989. THE PRESENT CAPACITY OF FOUR MILLION CUBIC METRES FOR THE STAGE-ONE TIP AT THE SITE WILL BE EXHAUSTED BY 1985.

+WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING INTO NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW IDEAS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT. NEW DISPOSAL FACILITIES WILL BE CAREFULLY ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL, COST AND OTHER CRITERIA,+ HE SAID. HE CITED AN EXPERIMENTAL COMPOSTING PLANT IN CHAI WAN WHERE WASTES ARE BEING DISPOSED OF TO DETERMINE WHETHER REFUSE COMPOSTING IS SUITED TO HONG KONG.

+COMPOSTING IS A PROCESS OF CONVERTING ORGANIC CONTENT IN THE WASTE INTO AN INOFFENSIVE PRODUCT FOR BENEFICIAL USES.

+IT IS VITAL THAT A MARKET IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE COMPOST IN ORDER THAT WE CAN MAKE THE BEST ADVANTAGE OF THE PROCESS WHICH COULD HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO HONG KONG'S WASTE DISPOSAL NEEDS,+ MR HOARE SAID.

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UPDATED HK DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE INDEX EXPLAINED

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS REVISED THE WEIGHTS USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATE INDEX FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

THE NEW WEIGHTS NOW REFLECT THE PATTERN OF HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN 1981, WHEREAS THE OLD WEIGHTING SYSTEM WAS DERIVED FROM HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN 1972.

THE INDEX CONTINUES TO USE EXCHANGE RATES PREVAILING ON DECEMBER 18, 1971 AS 100 WHEN THE SMITHSONIAN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "UPDATING THE TRADE WEIGHTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE INDEX FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR" APPEARS IN THE JANUARY 1983 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS, WHICH WILL BE ON SALE SOON.

THE ARTICLE EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF COMPILING THE INDEX, AND GIVES DETAILS OF THE WEIGHTING SYSTEM, THE METHOD OF COMPILATION, THE EFFECT OF UPDATING THE TRADE WEIGHTS, AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE INDEX.

THE UPDATING OF THE TRADE WEIGHTS SEEMS TO HAVE A MODERATE EFFECT ON THE OVERALL TRADE-WEIGHTED AND THE IMPORT-WEIGHTED INDEXES, AND A GREATER EFFECT ON THE EXPORT-WEIGHTED INDEX. FOR INSTANCE ON JANUARY 3, 1983, THE OVERALL INDEX, CALCULATED WITH THE 1981 TRADE WEIGHTS, STOOD AT 79.3, WITH THE IMPORT-WEIGHTED INDEX AT 77.1 AND THE EXPORT-WEIGHTED INDEX AT 82.6. WITH THE OLD 1972 WEIGHTS, THE CORRESPONDING INDEXES WERE 79.8, 79.5 AND 84.2 RESPECTIVELY.

THE NEW OVERALL TRADE-WEIGHTED AND EXPORT-WEIGHTED INDEXES WERE LOWER BECAUSE SOME CURRENCIES WITH INCREASED WEIGHTS (E.G. THE RENMINBI) HAD APPRECIATED MORE AGAINST THE HONG KONG DOLLAR THAN OTHER CURRENCIES WITH DECREASED WEIGHTS (E.G. THE POUND STERLING) WHEN COMPARED WITH THE BASE DATE.

THERE IS NO IMPLICATION, HOWEVER, THAT THE HONG KONG DOLLAR HAS SUDDENLY DEPRECIATED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE DIFFERENCE.

IN THE NEW SET OF TRADE WEIGHTS, THE SHARE OF THE RENMINBI AMONG THE 15 CURRENCIES HAS INCREASED TO 18 PER CENT FROM 11 PER CENT. HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT PART OF THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND/OR SEMI-MANUFACTURES TO CHINA FOR FURTHER PROCESSING WORK AFTER WHICH THEY ARE IMPORTED BACK INTO HONG KONG.

THE WEIGHT ATTACHED TO RENMINBI MAY BE OVERSTATED TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PROCESSING TRADE MAY LEAD TO DOUBLE COUNTING AT LEAST IN PART, OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH CHINA.

FURTHER DETAILS ON UPDATING THE EFFECTIVE (TRADE-WEIGHTED) EXCHANGE RATE INDEX FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR ARE CONTAINED IN THE REVIEW ARTICLE.

THE DIGEST OF STATISTICS MAY BE PURCHASED SHORTLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$25 A COPY.

REMINDER ON TAX PAYMENTS
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TAXPAYERS ARE URGED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TO CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES TO ENSURE THAT THE TAX DUE IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE.

TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE PAID THE FIRST INSTALMENT EARLIER SHOULD NOW CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES AND ENSURE THAT THE SECOND INSTALMENT IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DATE STIPULATED, HE POINTED OUT.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE AT THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION OFFICES:-

HONG KONG - WINDSOR HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

KOWLOON - PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON.

TSUEN WAN - FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, N.T.

PAYMENTS MAY ALSO BE MADE BY POSTING A CROSSED CHEQUE, IN FAVOUR OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE DEMAND NOTE TO:

THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,
G.P.O. BOX 132,
HONG KONG.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR WAN CHAI
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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH A +STREET MANAGEMENT+ PILOT SCHEME TO IMPROVE STREETS WITH LONGSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANCIS HO, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY BECAUSE SUCH PROBLEMS TENDED TO AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

HE NOTED THAT AT PRESENT MANY STREETS IN WAN CHAI WERE IN GENERAL NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED OR MANAGED. +AS A RESULT, MANY OF THESE STREETS ARE FREQUENTLY OBSTRUCTED BY ILLEGAL HAWKERS, ILLEGAL PARKING, AND GOODS AND ARTICLES BELONGING TO SHOP AND COOKED-FOOD STALL OPERATORS,+ HE SAID.

+THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAS THUS PROPOSED THAT A TRIAL SCHEME BE CARRIED OUT IN SELECTED AREAS WHERE THE SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY BAD.+

+UNDER THE SCHEME, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CO-ORDINATE JOINT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS TO CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS AND IMPROVE THE PARKING PROBLEM IN THESE TARGET AREAS.+

A SECTION OF JOHNSTON ROAD BETWEEN LUARD AND O'BRIEN ROADS -- A PROMINENT EYESORE IN THE DISTRICT -- WILL BE THE SPOT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT EXERCISE TO BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS PEGGY LAM SAID: +AFTER A SITE VISIT TO ALL LOCATIONS RECOMMENDED, THE COMMITTEE BELIEVED THAT JOHNSTON ROAD SHOULD DESERVE TOP PRIORITY AS THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WILL BENEFIT MOST PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+IT IS HOPED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE STREET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME CAN THEN BE PLANNED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE TO BE GAINED FROM THIS PILOT EXERCISE,+ SHE ADDED.

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30 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THIRTY NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT THIS FEBRUARY, COMPARED WITH 64 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 14 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE FOR KOWLOON, AND 13 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BUILDINGS INCLUDE A CINEMA IN SOY STREET AND A SEA-SCOUT ACTIVITIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$582 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$728.7 MILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED TOTALLED 235 253.8 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 191 398.5 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 43 855.3 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 34 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A LANDSCAPED GARDEN AND UNDERGROUND CARPARKS IN ELECTRIC ROAD, A CARGO SHIPPING TERMINAL IN KENNEDY TOWN, A SQUASH COURT IN KAI TAK AIRPORT, A SCHOOL IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION IN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR POK OI HOSPITAL.

ALTOGETHER, 46 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN FEBRUARY, INCLUDING A SCHOOL IN TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR 33 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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DISTRICT BOARD TO SUPPORT CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL SPEND \$315 000 TO PROMOTE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

+THESE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE TRAINING COURSES FOR BALLET DANCING, DRAWING, CALLIGRAPHY, ORIENTAL DANCING, CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND THE TUEN MUN CHILDREN'S CHOIR,+ THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YAU OI CHILDREN DAY AT YAU OI ESTATE, HE SAID THESE GROUP ACTIVITIES MIGHT HELP STIMULATE LOCAL CHILDREN'S INTERESTS TO DEVELOP HEALTHY HOBBIES, AS WELL AS TO INJECT A SENSE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

+I HOPE THEY WILL ALL BECOME CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS AND BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY IN FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR FUNG ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WATCHING CLOSELY PROBLEMS CONCERNING LOCAL CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY IN PROVIDING THEM WITH FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION.

+IN EVERY NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, UNITS ARE ALWAYS RESERVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CHILD CARE CENTRES, KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.

+TAKE ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES FOR EXAMPLES,+ HE SAID, +THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED QUICKLY TO THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES BY BUILDING TWO MORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND PLANNING TO CONVERT THE COVERED PLAYGROUNDS IN FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTO TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS TO COPE WITH THE URGENT NEED,+ HE SAID.

MR FUNG ADDED THAT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WERE ALSO AVAILABLE IN EVERY HOUSING ESTATES FOR CHILDREN.

SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, TODAY'S EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF YAU OI ESTATE, PENINSULA JAYCEES AND THE YAU OI ESTATE OFFICE.

MORE THAN 5 000 PARENTS AND CHILDREN ENJOYED THEMSELVES WITH AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME INCLUDING BAND PERFORMANCES, MAGIC SHOWS, CHILDREN TELEMATCH AND SINGING, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES BY TELEVISION ARTISTS.

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SMOKING CONTROL POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION
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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN A +SMOKING CONTROL+ POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT MAKING THE COMMUNITY AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING, ENCOURAGING SMOKERS TO STOP SMOKING, DISCOURAGING NON-SMOKERS FROM SMOKING AND AT PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF NON-SMOKERS TO A SMOKE-FREE ATMOSPHERE.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS TO CATER FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY. NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED.

A STUDENT MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF DESIGNS WHICH MUST CONFORM TO THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ORGANISATION A2 SIZE OF 420 MM X 594 MM.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BEAR ON THE BACK IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH THE NAME, AGE AND HOME ADDRESS OF THE PARTICIPANT, AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SCHOOL'S ENTRY FORM.

THE WINNER OF THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED BOOK/ STATIONERY TOKEN WORTH \$300 WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP WILL RECEIVE TOKENS WORTH \$200 AND \$100 RESPECTIVELY. TOKENS WORTH \$50 EACH WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO 30 MERIT PRIZE WINNERS.

SELECTED POSTERS WILL BE FORWARDED FOR DISPLAY AT THE 5TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 10 TO 15 IN WINNIPEG, CANADA.

POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA SCHOOL HEADS TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 437, LEE GARDENS, 4/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 22.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION MAY BE MADE AT THE SECTION AT TEL. NO. 5-8392376-80.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN NT

WITH THE APPROACH OF THE HOT AND HUMID SEASON, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID THE UNPRECEDENTED TORRENTIAL RAINFALL DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS IS EXPECTED TO BRING SERIOUS MOSQUITO NUISANCE.

AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO, STAFF OF THE NTSD ARE NOW VISITING POTENTIAL BREEDING PLACES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES TO ELIMINATE THE NUISANCE, HE SAID.

APART FROM THAT, THE NTSD WILL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION LEAFLETS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADVISE THEM ON VARIOUS PRACTICAL WAYS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING.

SUPPORT WILL ALSO BE ENLISTED FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, INCORPORATED OWNERS OF MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS AND MANAGEMENT OF LARGE HOUSING ESTATES.

AS MOSQUITOES BREED ONLY IN STAGNANT WATER, THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE FOLLOWING MEASURES :

- * DISCARD ALL TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTACLES AND OLD TYRES ;
- * KEEP WATER STORAGE TANKS WELL COVERED AND IN GOOD CONDITION ;
- * ENSURE DRAINAGE IS IN ORDER TO PREVENT CHOKAGE ; AND
- * CHANGE WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY WEEK AND SEE THAT NO WATER ACCUMULATES IN TRAYS AND/OR FLOWER BEDS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ADVISED TO KEEP THEIR SURROUNDINGS IN HYGIENIC CONDITION TO HELP ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBLE BREEDING PLACES.

THEY ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW MOSQUITO BREEDING IN PREMISES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES. OFFENDERS WILL FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IF YOU ENCOUNTER ANY MOSQUITO NUISANCE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE PEST CONTROL UNIT OF VARIOUS URBAN SERVICES OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR ASSISTANCE,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, ANTI-MOSQUITO TEAMS OF THE NTSD ARE CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS AT POSSIBLE MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS IN RURAL AND BUILT-UP AREAS, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION SITES.

WHEN ANY LARVAE OR PUPAE OF MOSQUITO IS DETECTED, THE PEST CONTROL OFFICERS WILL KILL THEM BY SPRAYING INSECTICIDES ON THEM.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND ON TUESDAY (APRIL 5) FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM THAT DAY, A SECTION OF PEEL RISE NEAR ABERDEEN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO APPLY TO MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD FROM SHEK PAI WAN ROAD TO ABERDEEN CHINESE CEMETERY.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE REROUTED:

- * CONSORT RISE ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BISNEY ROAD;
- * CAPE COLLINSON ROAD ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO SHEK O ROAD;
- * LIN SHING ROAD ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM WAN TSUI ROAD TO CAPE COLLINSON ROAD;
- * WAN TSUI ROAD ONE-WAY CLOCKWISE; AND
- * WAH HA STREET ONE-WAY FROM LIN SHING ROAD TO CHAI WAN ROAD.

FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM THAT DAY, PARKING SPACES ALONG CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, LIN SHING ROAD, WAH HA STREET AND SHEK O ROAD (FROM CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE TO TAI TAM ROAD) WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

THE CAR PARK AT UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THIS PERIOD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT URGED MOTORISTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON THE APPROACH ROADS TO VARIOUS CEMETERIES.

HE ADDED THAT BUSES ON TWO SPECIAL ROUTES -- NO. 57 (CENTRAL - CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY) AND NO. 89 (SHAU KEI WAN - CHAI WAN CEMETERY) -- WILL RUN FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM ON APRIL 5 AT EIGHT-MINUTE INTERVALS.

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