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ANALYSIS OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) PUBLISHED EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND ALSO THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR.

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING EACH SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY ITEM OF THE PRESENT TRADE CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRY OF WHICH THE COMMODITY IS A PRINCIPAL PRODUCT.

ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE FIVE INDUSTRY GROUPS HAVING THE HIGHEST CONTRIBUTIONS WERE WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

THEY ACCOUNTED FOR 82 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978.

INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WERE HIGHEST IN THE CASE OF MINING AND QUARRYING, RUBBER PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO, BEING 76 PER CENT, 59 PER CENT AND 44 PER CENT OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1978.

BUT DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE FOUND IN BEVERAGES (-48 PER CENT), AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (-20 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-7 PER CENT), AND CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (-3 PER CENT).

ON IMPORTS, PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES, CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, FOOD, METAL PRODUCTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES TOGETHER TOOK UP 58 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978.

THE HIGHEST INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS BETWEEN THE LAST TWO QUARTERS OF 1978 OCCURRED IN MINING AND QUARRYING (158 PER CENT), NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (39 PER CENT), OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING (36 PER CENT), FORESTRY AND LOGGING (34 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (34 PER CENT).

SLIGHT DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN BEVERAGES (-6 PER CENT), AND PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (-1 PER CENT).

LAST YEAR, 82 PER CENT BY VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE FIVE INDUSTRY GROUPS OF WEARING APPAREL (28 PER CENT), TEXTILES (19 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (17 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (10 PER CENT), AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (8 PER CENT).

ON IMPORTS, THE HIGHEST SHARES WERE CONTRIBUTED BY TEXTILES (16 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (12 PER CENT), CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (9 PER CENT), AND FOOD PRODUCTS (8 PER CENT).

/FURTHER DETAILS.....

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AS WELL AS THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1978, RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN

| INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF TRADED COMMODITIES | DOMESTIC EXPORTS | | (VALUES IN HK\$ MILLION) IMPORTS | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 4TH QUARTER 1978 | WHOLE YEAR OF 1978 | 4TH QUARTER 1978 | WHOLE YEAR OF 1978 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING: | | | | |
| AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION | 3 | 20 | 921 | 3,516 |
| FORESTRY AND LOGGING | - | - | 71 | 237 |
| OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING | 36 | 120 | 122 | 394 |
| MINING AND QUARRYING | 1 | 4 | 956 | 1,739 |
| MANUFACTURING: | | | | |
| FOOD | 199 | 626 | 1,545 | 5,241 |
| BEVERAGES | 1 | 5 | 154 | 597 |
| TOBACCO | 12 | 50 | 106 | 403 |
| TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING) | 2,232 | 7,860 | 3,085 | 10,544 |
| WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR | 3,327 | 11,375 | 366 | 1,100 |
| LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS | 75 | 237 | 248 | 855 |
| FOOTWEAR | 56 | 171 | 76 | 230 |
| WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES | 116 | 399 | 186 | 600 |

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| PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING | 160 | 520 | 461 | 1,469 |
| CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS | 109 | 399 | 1,770 | 5,874 |
| PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL | * | * | 807 | 3,107 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS | 16 | 51 | 48 | 170 |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS | 1,079 | 3,870 | 118 | 377 |
| NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS | 34 | 116 | 354 | 1,177 |
| BASIC METALS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS | 666 | 2,275 | 1,317 | 4,277 |
| MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL | 80 | 289 | 994 | 3,153 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES | 1,975 | 6,836 | 2,341 | 7,550 |
| TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT | 15 | 55 | 598 | 1,991 |
| PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT | 1,133 | 3,327 | 1,393 | 4,223 |
| OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES | 495 | 1,689 | 1,766 | 5,588 |
| MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS | 130 | 416 | 95 | 322 |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>11,953</u> | <u>40,711</u> | <u>19,898</u> | <u>64,734</u> |

NOTE: INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES OF A COLUMN MAY NOT ADD UP EXACTLY TO THE CORRESPONDING TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

* LESS THAN \$0.5 MILLION.

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KCR DOUBLE TRACKING --- PUBLIC WARNED TO BE CAREFUL
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THE FIRST SECTION OF DOUBLE TRACKING RAILWAY BETWEEN KOWLON AND SHA TIN WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN MARCH AND THIS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO PEOPLE USING THE TRACKS AS A FOOTPATH.

ISSUING THIS WARNING TODAY (MONDAY) THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. D.M. HOWES SAID THAT WITH DOUBLE TRACKING TRAINS WILL BE PASSING IN EACH DIRECTION AT THE SAME TIME BETWEEN THESE POINTS COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION WITH A SINGLE LINE.

+BEGINNING FROM MARCH THE SITUATION IN THIS SECTION OF RAILWAY WILL BE MORE HAZARDOUS,+ MR. HOWES SAID.

+PEOPLE USING THE TRACKS AS A FOOTPATH WILL FACE INCREASED RISK OF BEING HIT BY TRAINS. THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO PEOPLE WHO BEHAVE IRRESPONSIBLY ON TRAINS OR AT STATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. HOWES URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL. THEY SHOULD NOT USE THE RAILWAY AS A FOOTPATH AND, AT ALL TIMES, SHOULD EXERCISE GREAT VIGILANCE.

+THEY SHOULD AT NO TIME WALK BETWEEN THE RAILWAYS,+ HE ADDED.

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GLENEALY FLYOVER MORE THAN HALF COMPLETE
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THE NEW FLYOVER AT THE GLENEALY IS NOW MORE THAN HALF COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT MOST OF THE COLUMNS SUPPORTING THE FLYOVER HAD BEEN ERECTED.

WORK ON THE ELEVATED STRUCTURE IN THE GLENEALY VALLEY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, HE ADDED.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF A MAJOR SCHEME TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE MID-LEVELS.

THE FLYOVER AT THE JUNCTION OF THE GLENEALY AND ROBINSON ROAD WILL CONSIST OF AN ELEVATED ROAD SPANNING ABOUT 130 METRES OVER THE JUNCTION TO PROVIDE FREE TRAFFIC FLOW FROM CONDUIT ROAD TO ROBINSON ROAD.

A TWO-LANE BRIDGE STRUCTURE OVER GLENEALY VALLEY WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO PROVIDE A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY FROM ROBINSON ROAD, THUS LEAVING THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL LANES FREE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

THIS WILL ALSO GREATLY FACILITATE THE SETTING DOWN OR PICKING UP OF CHILDREN AT THE NEARBY SCHOOLS.

+THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER,+ THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LUNCH-TIME HI-FI CONCERTS
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FOUR FREE LUNCH-TIME HI-FI CONCERTS WILL BE HELD TO ENTERTAIN CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE WORKERS.

THESE CONCERTS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN COMMERCIAL AREA COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS STARTING TOMORROW AT THE CARITAS CENTRE, 14TH FLOOR, ON LOK YUEN BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

EACH CONCERT WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO SESSIONS TO CATER FOR LISTENERS HAVING DIFFERENT LUNCH BREAKS.

THE FIRST SESSION WILL START AT 12.30 P.M. AND THE SECOND AT 1.20 P.M. WITH EACH LASTING 35 MINUTES.

THE CONCERTS WILL FEATURE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSIC INCLUDING VOCAL, CHORAL AND FOLK MUSIC.

THE CONCERTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG RECORD SOCIETY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOUR FREE LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS FOR OFFICE WORKERS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS STARTING TOMORROW AT 12.30 P.M. AT THE CARITAS CENTRE, 14TH FLOOR, ON LOK YUEN BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONCERTS.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CANTON ROAD, NELSON STREET, NATHAN ROAD, DUNDAS STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET, INCLUDING PORTLAND STREET, SHAN TUNG STREET, SOY STREET AND CHANG SHA STREET.

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MASTER CLASS BY NICOLAS KYNASTON
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL PRESENT A MASTER CLASS BY THE DISTINGUISHED ORGANIST, NICOLAS KYNASTON, ON THURSDAY FROM 7-9 P.M. AT THE CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

TAKING PART WILL BE PETER YUE, WONG NEI-LAN, GRACE TOH AND WONG KIN-YU. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE WORKS BY BACH, HINDEMITH AND OLIVIER MESSIAEN.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MASTER CLASS.

MR. KYNASTON IS IN HONG KONG FOR A RECITAL PRESENTED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AT CHUNG CHI COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY.

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