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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED TWO YOUTH CAMPS TO SEE HOW THE 15TH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME PROVIDES HEALTHY RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR YOUNGSTERS IN HONG KONG.

HE SPENT THE AFTERNOON TOURING A FORESTRY WORK CAMP IN THE PAK TAM AU COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE BEFORE VISITING THE HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IN STANLEY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION (CCCYR), MR F. DE S. OZORIO; ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) MRS RUBY LAU; AND ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR K.C. IU, SIR PHILIP ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER AT THE FORESTRY WORK CAMP AT 2.45 PM.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE SUMMER FORESTRY WORK CAMP SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 90 CAMPS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR YOUNGSTERS OVER THE AGE OF 15 AT 18 DIFFERENT COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRES.

AFTER A SITE INSPECTION, SIR PHILIP TALKED TO 20 YOUNG CAMPERS FROM ST. SIMON'S LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND SHOWED MUCH INTEREST IN WATCHING HOW THEY TEND THE PLANTS AND MAINTAIN THE FOOTPATHS.

AT ABOUT 3.40 PM, HE DEPARTED FOR THE MUSIC CAMP ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR 400 RESIDENT AND DAY CAMPERS.

ON ARRIVAL, SIR PHILIP WAS RECEIVED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (ADMINISTRATION) MR M.W. LOW AND ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL) MR THOMAS WANG.

THE HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, HELD FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, AIMS AT PROVIDING YOUNG MUSIC STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERGO INTENSIVE TRAINING IN A CAREFREE ATMOSPHERE AND AT THE SAME TIME, TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

DURING A REHEARSAL SESSION, SIR PHILIP WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNGSTERS PRACTISING WESTERN AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF RENOWNED MUSICIANS, BOTH LOCAL AND FROM OVERSEAS.

HE LEFT THE CAMP BY HELICOPTER SHORTLY AFTER 5 PM.

THE ACTIVITIES WITNESSED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR TODAY WERE AMONG SOME 8 000 SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE CCCYR THIS YEAR WITH THE AIM OF HELPING YOUNGSTERS TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIALS, TO ACQUIRE NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, AND TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

MORE THAN $12 MILLION IS BEING SPENT ON THE 1983 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, OF WHICH $4.5 MILLION IS DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE.

THREE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE A. THESE ARE MR PETER K.Y. TSAO, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES; MR R.G.B. BRIDGE, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR; AND MR J.R. TODD, DIRECTOR OF LANDS.

EIGHT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B1. THESE ARE MR E.B. WIGGHAM, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE; MR J.W. HAYES, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR; MR A.K. CHUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES; MR H.S. GREWAL, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE; MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, DIRECTOR, COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH; MR J.F. YAXLEY, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY; MR H.G. ARDLEY, POSTMASTER GENERAL; AND MR P.F. LEEDS, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

SIX OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE B. THESE ARE MR PAUL K.C. WONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY; MR M. PAGLIARI, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE; MRS S.E. MACE, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT; MR G.L. MORTIMER, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS; MR J.C.C. CHAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE; AND MR J.H. BAMFORTH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

ALL THE PROMOTIONS TOOK EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1983.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1983

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1983, VALUED AT $143 212 MILLION, INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982 ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 14 PER CENT TO $43 160 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 11 PER CENT TO $76 076 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 12 PER CENT TO $23 975 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY 13 PER CENT.

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

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 25 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $1 508 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $639 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $629 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY $359 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (BY $30 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $380 MILLION OR 1 383 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY $53 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY 33 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY $134 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $51 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $75 MILLION OR 320 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $32 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY $14 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY $259 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY $97 MILLION OR 549 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY $34 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT).

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

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

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY $609 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY $424 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY $152 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY $123 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $109 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $804 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY $460 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY $342 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY $128 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $547 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $398 MILLION OR 912 PER CENT) AND OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPEMTN (BY $366 MILLION OR 268 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY $108 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY $78 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

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DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY $111 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY $1 038 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY $76 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT) AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY $148 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY $729 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY $368 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY $332 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY $248 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT), CHINA (BY $182 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY $157 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT), MACAU (BY $144 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT) AND NETHERLANDS (BY $131 MILLION OR 154 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY $189 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (BY $158 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

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

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY $619 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $366 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY $307 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY $180 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY $197 MILLION OR SIX PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY $186 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT) AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY $82 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE JUNE 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY 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 JUNE 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AT HK$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375). ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-444436).

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FOLLOWING ARE THE SIX TABLES:

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
USA	17 465	13 966	+3 499	+25
UK	3 469	3 180	+ 289	+ 9
F.R. OF GERMANY	3 302	3 075	+ 227	+ 7
CHINA	2 497	1 819	+ 678	+37
JAPAN	1 590	1 360	+ 230	+17
CANADA	1 512	1 134	+ 378	+33
AUSTRALIA	1 086	1 304	- 218	-17
SINGAPORE	988	906	+ 82	+ 9
NETHERLANDS	867	762	+ 105	+14
SWITZERLAND	746	675	+ 71	+10

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	14 276	13 049	+1 227	+ 9
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	6 694	6 988	- 295	- 4

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3 959	3 426	+ 532	+16
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	3 509	2 965	+ 544	+18
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 169	2 658	+ 511	+19
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 021	2 402	+ 619	+26

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	17 776	15 307	+2 469	+16
JAPAN	17 519	15 249	+2 270	+15
USA	8 732	7 243	+1 490	+21
TAIWAN	5 320	5 131	+ 189	+ 4
SINGAPORE	4 423	5 078	- 655	-13
UK	3 551	3 289	+ 262	+ 8
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 114	2 306	- 193	- 8
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 989	1 656	+ 332	+20
SWITZERLAND	1 454	1 312	+ 142	+11
AUSTRALIA	1 167	1 180	- 13	- 1

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TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	21 062	19 876	+1 186	+ 6
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	17 194	15 325	+1 869	+12
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	13 713	11 495	+2 218	+19
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	8 448	7 405	+1 044	+14
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	5 558	4 664	+ 894	+19
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	5 221	5 469	- 248	- 5

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	4 301	4 119	+ 182	+ 4
USA	3 342	2 613	+ 729	+28
INDONESIA	2 036	2 194	- 158	- 7
SINGAPORE	2 005	1 637	+ 368	+22

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TAIWAN	1 432	1 275	+ 157	+12
JAPAN	1 309	1 280	+ 29	+ 2
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 137	804	+ 332	+41
MACAU	878	734	+ 144	+20
PHILIPPINES	744	712	+ 32	+ 4
SAUDI ARABIA	646	398	+ 248	+62

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN-JUNE 1983 ($ MN)	JAN-JUNE 1982 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 280	3 478	- 197	- 6
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1 937	1 318	+ 619	+47
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	1 934	1 627	+ 307	+19
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1 848	1 482	+ 366	+25
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1 285	1 104	+ 180	+16
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	1 158	1 239	- 82	- 7

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DROP IN FATAL, SERIOUS TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH OR INJURY DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983 DROPPED BY 10.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE FOR THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER LAST YEAR.

REVIEWING TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/TRAFFIC, MR ERIC MCCOSH, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD STOOD AT 4 295, A DECREASE OF 514 OVER THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982.

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FELL FROM 108 TO 77, SERIOUS INJURY ACCIDENTS DROPPED FROM 2 173 TO 1 568 WHILE THOSE INVOLVING MINOR INJURY INCREASED FROM 2 528 TO 2 650.

CASUALTIES FOR THE QUARTER AGAINST THE SAME QUARTER IN 1982 DECREASED FROM 6 356 TO 5 828, A DROP OF 8.3 PER CENT, MR MCCOSH SAID.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED FELL FROM 110 TO 85, THOSE SERIOUSLY INJURED FROM 2 547 TO 1 902 WHILE THOSE SLIGHTLY INJURED HAS RISEN FROM 3 699 TO 3 841.

''WE CAN THEREFORE REPORT THAT OUR STATISTICS, BOTH IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, ARE DOWN FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER, WHICH IS ENCOURAGING, BUT THESE ARE JUST STATISTICS AND I WOULD SUGGEST WE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE WAY TO GO TO IMPROVE OUR ACCIDENT RECORD,'' MR MCCOSH SAID.

''ACCIDENTS DO NOT JUST HAPPEN, THEY ARE CAUSED, USUALLY BY ONE OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED, A MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS, INATTENTION OR AGGRESSIVENESS.

''BUT THAT MOMENT OF INDISCRETION AFFECTED 5 828 PERSONS LAST QUARTER, SOME OF THEM UNFORTUNATELY, PERMANENTLY,'' HE NOTED.

TURNING TO VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, MR MCCOSH NOTED THAT PRIVATE CARS REMAINED THE PREDOMINANT CLASS. THEY WERE INVOLVED IN 32.5 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS AS COMPARED WITH 38.7 PER CENT IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PRIVATE CARS FELL FROM 44 TO 33, SERIOUS INJURY FROM 1 171 TO 687 AND SLIGHT INJURY FROM 1 476 TO 1 274.

GOODS VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED IN 17.4 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS AS COMPARED WITH 14.3 PER CENT IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR. FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING GOODS VEHICLES DROPPED FROM 24 TO 23, WHILST SERIOUS ACCIDENTS FELL FROM 424 TO 389. SLIGHT INJURY ACCIDENTS INCREASED FROM 547 TO 654.

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TAXIS WERE INVOLVED IN 15.7 PER CENT OF ALL ACCIDENTS AS COMPARED WITH 14.3 PER CENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982. FATAL ACCIDENTS INNVOLVEMEENT DECCREEASSED FROM 11 TO 10, AND SERIOS INJURY ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT FROM 373 TO 272. SLIGHT INJURY INVOLVEMENT ROSE FROM 610 TO 680. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, TAXI REGISTRATION INCREASED BY 1 497 VEHICLES OR 12.5 PER CENT.

MOTOR CYCLES WERE INVOLVED IN 11.3 PER CENT OF ALL INJURY ACCIDENTS AS COMPARED WITH 12.2 PER CENT IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR. FATAL INVOLVEMENT DECREASED FROM 20 TO 15, SERIOUS INVOLVEMENT FROM 371 TO 237 AND SLIGHT INVOLVEMENT FROM 455 TO 446.

THE NUMBER OF FATAL AND INJURY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING FRANCHISED PUBLIC BUSES INCREASED FROM 436 TO 470 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER OF 1982.

REFERRING TO PERSONS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS, MR MCCOSH SAID PEDESTRIANS CONTINUED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES -- 2 019 OUT OF A TOTAL CASUALTY LIST OF 5 828 OR 34.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. THEY ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES -- 54 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 85.

HOWEVER, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982 PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES HAVE DECREASED FROM 2 270 TO 2 019, WHILE PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES HAVE DECREASED FROM 78 TO 54.

THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MOTOR CYCLISTS KILLED OR INJURED THIS QUARTER COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1982, WITH CASUALTIES DROPPING FROM 629 TO 543 AND FATALITIES FROM EIGHT TO SEVEN. THE NUMBER OF CYCLISTS KILLED OR INJURED HAS ALSO DROPPED FROM 216 TO 185.

THE NUMBER OF DRIVER AND PASSENGER CASUALTIES HAVE DECREASED SLIGHTLY, 1 264 AND 1 817 AS OPPOSED TO 1 308 AND 1 933 IN THE SAME QUARTER OF 1982.

TEN DRIVERS AND 12 PASSENGERS WERE KILLED COMPARED WITH 12 AND NINE IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

ADVOCATING THE USE OF SEAT BELTS, MR MCCOSH NOTED THAT NINE DRIVERS AND FOUR FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN PRIVATE CARS DIED DURING THE QUARTER, NONE OF THEM WERE WEARING SEAT BELTS.

''I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM WOULD STILL BE ALIVE HAD THEY BEEN WEARING BELTS ?''

ANOTHER 952 FRONT SEAT OCCUPANTS SUSTAINED HEAD INJURIES. AGAIN HOW MANY OF THESE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN INJURED OR SUSTAINED LESSER INJURY HAD THEY WORN SEAT BELTS, HE QUESTIONED.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO PARENTS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR CHILDREN.

''MY ADVICE TO ALL PARENTS WOULD BE TO MAKE THEIR CHILDREN SIT IN THE REAR SEAT AND EVEN THEN, ALTHOUGH THE LAW DOES NOT AS YET REQUIRE IT, HAVE THEM PROPERLY RESTRAINED,'' MR MCCOSH SSAIID.

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MANPOWER SURVEY SET FOR TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY

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THE FIRST SURVEY ON THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 14.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO COLLECT AND COLLATE MANPOWER INFORMATION IN THE AIR AND SEA FREIGHT TRANSPORT, WAREHOUSING, TRUCKING AND CARGO HANDLING TERMINAL SECTORS.

IT IS PLANNED BY THE TRANSPORT AND PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

+INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY EMPLOYERS IS VITAL IN FORMULATING PLANS TO MEET MANPOWER AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY. THUS EMPLOYERS' COOPERATION IN THE SURVEY IS IMPORTANT,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR PATRICK TSAI, SAID.

HE ASSURED THEM THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM SAMPLING.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THEM.

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PUBLIC DUMP TO BE OPENED IN TAI PO

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A PUBLIC DUMP WILL BE OPENED FROM SEPTEMBER 21 IN TAI PO, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ACCESS TO THE DUMPING AREA WILL BE FROM DAI FAT STREET, OFF TING KOK ROAD IN THE NEW TOWN.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHATIN.

LICENCES WOULD ONLY BE ISSUED FOR THE DUMPING OF APPROVED SOFT EARTH WHICH MAY CONTAIN UP TO 25 PER CENT ROCK WHICH IS LIMITED TO 250 MILLIMETRES IN SIZE AND EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE MASS OF THE MATERIAL.

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APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS, POSTAL ADDRESS OF LICENSEES, AND THE ORIGIN, TYPE, AND APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED.

DUMPING, WHICH MUST BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTION OF THE DUMP SUPERVISOR, CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS. DUMPING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL DUMPING LICENCES AT ANY TIME OR TO CLOSE THE DUMP WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

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HANDBOOK ON YUEN LONG PUT OUT FOR RESIDENTS

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS JUST PUBLISHED A RESIDENT'S HANDBOOK GIVING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ORGANISATIONS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 58-PAGE HANDBOOK, PRINTED IN CHINESE, CONTAINS SPECIAL CHAPTERS ON THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND LANDS REGISTRY, AS WELL AS THE RURAL COMMITTEES.

THE HISTORY OF YUEN LONG, POPULAR ATTRACTIONS, LOCATIONS OF COUNTRY PARKS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

IT ALSO LISTS OUT THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ASSOCIATIONS, PUBLIC FACILITIES, RURAL COMMITTEES AND SERVICES ORGANISATIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR JAMES WILSON, SAID IN THE FOREWORD THAT THE HANDBOOK KEEPS RESIDENTS INFORMED OF THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE, AND PROVIDES USEFUL INFORMATION TO NEW RESIDENTS ON COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE YUEN LONG NEW TOWN IS IN A DEVELOPING STAGE AND TREMENDOUS CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMING YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+BUT THE POTENTIALITIES OF ANY NEW TOWN COME FROM ITS RESIDENTS AND ITS COMMUNITY.

+THROUGH THIS HANDBOOK, IT IS HOPED THAT RESIDENTS CAN MAINTAIN A CLOSE LINK WITH THE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.+

SOME 9 000 COPIES WERE PRINTED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND RURAL COMMITTEES. FREE COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES.

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STILL TIME FOR VIEWS ON EDUCATION REPORT

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE REPORT OF THE PANEL OF VISITORS IN THE OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION CAN STILL DO SO BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN MAY THIS YEAR AND THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO COMMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT BEFORE AUGUST 31.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, ROOM 1322 PRINCE'S BUILDING, HONG KONG.

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ADVENTURE SHIP JI FUNG OPEN TO PUBLIC

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THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL'S TRAINING SHIP JI FUNG WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR TWO DAYS FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 13).

ADMISSION IS FREE, AND THE 132-FEET BRIGANTINE WILL BE BERTHED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

THE SCHOOL PROVIDES A NUMBER OF COURSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE ADVENTURE COURSE ON BOARD THE JI FUNG.

EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, ANNOUNCED A SCHEME TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO JOIN OUTWARD BOUND COURSES.

THE SCHEME IS SUBSIDISED BY A GOVERNMENT GRANT OF $670 000.

UNDER THE SCHEME, ABOUT 1 000 YOUNG PERSONS, INCLUDING HANDICAPPED AND UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS LAND AND SEA-BASED COURSES.

MEANWHILE, TWO SKILLS COURSES IN INTERMEDIATE CANOEING AND TWO IN INTERMEDIATE SAILING, EACH LASTING FOR THREE DAYS, WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL IN TAI MONG TSAI, SAI KUNG.

THE FIRST CANOEING AND SAILING COURSES WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND THE SECOND ON SEPTEMBER 30.

A TOTAL OF 80 SUBVENTED PLACES ARE BEING OFFERED AND THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY AUGUST 19.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE 19 OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CAS TO HOLD FOOTDRILL COMPETITION
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD THEIR INTER-UNIT FOOTDRILL COMPETITION THIS YEAR AT CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 14).

+THE COMPETITION IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD IN TURNOUT AND SENSE OF DISCIPLINE OF CAS MEMBERS,+ A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BEST THREE TEAMS OUT OF 18 PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL ENTER THE FINALS, TO COMPETE FOR THE +KAN YUET-KEUNG CHALLENGE CUP+.

THE CAS NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR KU HONG-CHEONG, WILL PRESENT THE TROPHY TO THE CHAMPION TEAM AFTER THE COMPETITION, AT ABOUT 3.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AND REACH THE FINAL ROUNDS AT ABOUT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOUTH ACTIVITY VARIETY SHOW TO BE STAGED
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A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SINGING PERFORMANCES, GAMES AND A QUIZ, WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY PLAZA IN TAI KOO SHING ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 13) AS PART OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW, STARTING FROM 2 PM, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

SINGER MR ALBERT AU, AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL PERFORM AT THE SHOW, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, RTHK AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES; THE HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE OF RTHK, MR P.H. CHU; THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS CHOW SUN FONG-CHUNG; AND THE COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT, MRS LEE CHENG KIT-HOI, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND THE SHOW.

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TUNNEL TO BE CLOSED FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM TEST

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THE AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM ON SATURDAY TO 6 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 14) TO FACILITATE THE TESTING OF THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

MOTORISTS FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA EAST KOWLOON WAY, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

MOTORISTS FROM WAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR HUNG HOM ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

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