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HK EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JAN-OCT 1980

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1980, VALUED AT $169 536 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 30 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1979.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 25 PER CENT TO $56 030 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 29 PER CENT TO $89 482 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 49 PER CENT TO $24 023 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

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

	JAN-OCT 80 (HK$ MN.)	JAN-OCT 79 (HK$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	18 961	15 323	+3 638	+ 24
F.R. OF GERMANY	6 022	5 007	+1 015	+ 20
U.K.	5 464	4 797	+ 667	+ 14
JAPAN	1 902	2 243	- 341	- 15
AUSTRALIA	1 627	1 439	+ 188	+ 13
SINGAPORE	1 490	1 148	+ 342	+ 30
CANADA	1 438	1 313	+ 125	+ 10
NETHERLANDS	1 275	1 084	+ 191	+ 18
CHINA	1 197	416	+ 781	+188
FRANCE	1 088	751	+ 337	+ 45

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO U.S.A. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY $913 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $547 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $460 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $435 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $340 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY $596 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $114 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $86 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT).

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AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K., INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY $244 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $70 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY $122 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

THE DOWNWARD TREND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN CONTINUED. DECREASES WERE NOTED MAINLY FOR FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND THEIR PREPARATIONS (BY $98 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY $114 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION :-

	JAN-OCT 80 (HK$ MN.)	JAN-OCT 79 (HK$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	19 081	16 348	+2 733	+ 17
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	9 274	7 644	+1 630	+ 21
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5 731	4 028	+1 703	+ 42
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4 154	3 201	+ 953	+ 30
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	3 693	2 608	+1 085	+ 42
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 669	3 226	+ 443	+ 14

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

	JAN-OCT 80 (HK$ MN.)	JAN-OCT 79 (HK$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	20 477	15 683	+4 794	+ 31
CHINA	17 342	11 897	+5 445	+ 46
U.S.A.	10 866	8 469	+2 397	+ 28
TAIWAN	6 255	4 781	+1 474	+ 31
SINGAPORE	5 692	3 925	+1 767	+ 45
U.K.	4 362	3 579	+ 783	+ 22
REP. OF KOREA	3 010	2 029	+ 981	+ 48
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 405	2 284	+ 121	+ 5
SWITZERLAND	2 314	2 083	+ 231	+ 11
AUSTRALIA	1 412	1 281	+ 131	+ 10

IN CONTRAST WITH DECLINING DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY $866 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY $599 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY $491 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $462 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $413 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY $928 MILLION OR 117 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY $762 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY $762 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY $271 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), AND MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY $176 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. WERE LARGELY OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $360 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY $258 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY $184 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $145 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY $1 384 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $244 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $165 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN.

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

	JAN-OCT 80 (HK$ MN.)	JAN-OCT 79 (HK$ MN.)	INCREASE (HK$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	26 901	21 773	+5 128	+ 24
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	20 090	15 158	+4 932	+ 33
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	13 928	9 978	+3 950	+ 40
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	9 293	7 779	+1 514	+ 19
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 571	5 466	+1 105	+ 20
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	6 270	4 072	+2 198	+ 54

AS FOR RE-EXPORTS, SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY $2 465 MILLION OR 264 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY $870 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY $743 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY $583 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY $442 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY $374 MILLION OR 141 PER CENT), THE U.K. (BY $373 MILLION OR 153 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, A DECLINE WAS REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN (BY $334 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG SHOWED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY $1 136 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $689 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $654 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY $551 MILLION OR 154 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY $510 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $483 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT), AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY $255 MILLION OR 108 PER CENT).

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+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS -- SUMMARY+ -- A SUMMARY REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN OCTOBER 1980, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT $3 A COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY JANUARY AND WILL BE PRICED AT $10 A COPY. ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, ICE HOUSE STREET. (TEL : 5-214375).

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TEXTILE TALKS WITH EEC SUSPENDED

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TALKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EEC ON THE INCLUSION OF GREECE IN THE HK/EEC TEXTILE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED, MR PETER TSAO, COMMISSIONER OF TRADE SAID TODAY.

MR TSAO EXPLAINED THAT GREECE WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EEC ON JANUARY 1, 1981, AND IT IS THE POLICY OF THE EEC THAT THE TEXTILE AGREEMENTS IT HAS CONCLUDED UNDER THE MULTI-FIBRE TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW MEMBER STATE. THE MAIN REASON WHY THE TALKS WITH HONG KONG COULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WAS BECAUSE THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT AGREE ON THE RESTRAINT LIMITS FOR PRODUCTS THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC QUOTAS.

MR TSAO ADDED THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE EEC WILL INTRODUCE UNILATERAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS INTO GREECE FROM JANUARY 1, 1981, AND THE REGULATIONS WILL BE PROMULGATED BY THE EEC BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

MR TSAO WARNED THAT WHILE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENCES ON APPLICATION FOR SHIPMENTS TO GREECE, IN VIEW OF THE INSTITUTION OF IMPORT MEASURES BY THE EEC, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE ENTRY INTO GREECE OF GOODS COVERED BY SUCH LICENCES. DETAILS OF PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS WILL BE SET OUT IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS TO BE ISSUED EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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TAI TAM RESIDENTIAL SITE SOLD

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A LARGE HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE AT RED HILL OFF TAI TAM ROAD HAS BEEN SOLD BY TENDER FOR ABOUT $1 300 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE 135 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY VERMILLION LAND CO. LTD.

A TOTAL OF FIVE TENDERS WERE RECEIVED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS THE LARGEST SINGLE HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE OFFERED FOR SALE IN URBAN AREA IN RECENT YEARS.

WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, IT WILL PROVIDE SOME 500 HIGH-CLASS UNITS OF ACCOMMODATION EACH WITH A FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 240 SQUARE METRES.

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NEW BUS SERVICE TO CHAI WAN

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THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL INTRODUCE A NEW ROUTE, 81M FROM CHAI WAN (HING WAH) TO ADMIRALTY ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 22).

THE NEW ROUTE WILL OPERATE AT 10-MINUTE INTERVALS DURING PEAK HOURS AND 15 MINUTES, OFF PEAK.

BUS FARE FOR THE WHOLE JOURNEY WILL BE $1 WITH SECTION FARES OF 80 CENTS, 70 CENTS AND 50 CENTS RESPECTIVELY BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN, QUARRY BAY, NORTH POINT AND ADMIRALTY.

THERE WILL BE HALF FARES FOR CHILDREN. STUDENT HALF FARE PASSES AND BUS COUPONS ARE VALID.

THE SERVICE WILL START AT 6.05 AM AT HING WAH ESTATE BUS TERMINUS AND FINISH AT 7.55 PM AT ADMIRALTY.

MEANWHILE THE SERVICE OF BUS ROUTE 20 BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CENTRAL (POTTINGER STREET) WILL BE EXTENDED TO 11 PM AT SHAU KEI WAN AND 11.45 PM AT POTTINGER STREET.

THE EVENING SERVICE WILL BE OPERATING DIRECT TO SHAU KEI WAN INSTEAD OF VIA TAI KOO SHING.

THE PEAK HOUR FREQUENCY OF BUS ROUTE 20 M BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (EAST) WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM NINE MINUTES TO EIGHT MINUTES AND THE OFF-PEAK FREQUENCY FROM 15 MINUTES TO NINE MINUTES ON WEEKDAYS.

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THE WEEKDAY PEAK HOUR FREQUENCY OF BUS ROUTE 21 FROM TAI KOO SHING TO CENTRAL (HILLIER STREET) WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED FROM TEN MINUTES TO EIGHT MINUTES AND THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 6.30 AM INSTEAD OF 6.50 AM.

IN ADDITION, AN EVENING SERVICE AT 15-MINUTE FREQUENCY WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 8 PM TO 11.30 PM FROM CENTRAL ON ALL DAYS.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE BUS ONLY LANE ON KING'S ROAD ON DECEMBER 30, TUESDAY BUS ROUTES 23, 23B AND 80 WILL CEASE TO OPERATE ALONG JAVA ROAD FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 22). THESE ROUTES WILL OPERATE ALONG KING'S ROAD IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

ON JOURNEYS TO CHAI WAN, BUS ROUTE 82 WILL BE DIVERTED FROM JAVA ROAD TO KING'S ROAD VIA TIN CHIU STREET.

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FREE VACCINATION FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO IMMUNISE CHILDREN OF THE FISHING FOLK AGAINST DISEASES.

AN INNOCULATION TEAM OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE FROM A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 22) AND AT THE LEI YUE MUN TYPHOON SHELTER ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 23).

THE TEAM WILL GIVE FREE VACCINATION TO FISHING FOLK'S CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND 10 YEARS OLD AGAINST MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA-TETANUS AND POLIO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED THE FISHERMEN TO MAKE USE OF THIS SPECIAL SERVICE TO GIVE ADDED PROTECTION TO THEIR CHILDREN AGAINST DISEASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE DATES WERE CHOSEN TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHINESE FESTIVAL OF WINTER SOLSTICE WHEN MOST OF THE FISHERMEN ARE IN PORT TO CELEBRATE.+

HE NOTED THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN OF THE MARINE POPULATION RESPONDING TO IMMUNISATION IS RELATIVELY LOWER THAN THAT LIVING ON LAND.

+THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE AS THE BOAT PEOPLE MAY NOT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO VISIT THE MANY MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES ON LAND,+ HE ADDED.

FOR THIS REASON, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKING THE INITIATIVE OF BRINGING TO THEM A SERIES OF VACCINATION PROGRAMMES.

VACCINATION AGAINST THESE DISEASES PRODUCES LONG TERM PROTECTION AND IS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND AT ANY OF THE 37 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

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MUI WO FOOTBRIDGE BEING REBUILT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS REBUILDING A BRIDGE USED BY RESIDENTS OF A VILLAGE NEAR MUI WO, LANTAU.

THE BRIDGE, OVER A STREAM, DEVELOPED CRACKS ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND COLLAPSED IN AUGUST, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE TO THE 1 000 RESIDENTS OF LUK TEI TONG, WHO USED IT TO TRANSPORT THEIR PRODUCE TO MARKET.

IT WAS ALSO USED BY CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL.

A TEMPORARY WOODEN BRIDGE WAS BUILT, WHILE THE LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEE APPROACHED ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE FOR HELP IN BUILDING A NEW BRIDGE.

THIS WAS AGREED AND WORK STARTED LAST MONTH. THE BRIDGE BEING REBUILT AT A COST OF $70 000 IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY.

THE NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE IS ON THE SITE OF THE OLD ONE. IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ENGINEER, MR RAYMOND WONG.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO HOLD LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE FAIR IN TUEN MUN, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TOWN, WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN SAN HUI PLAYGROUND.

SEVENTY STALLS AT THE SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION ON JANUARY 9 IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF TAI HING ESTATE.

THE FAIR IN YUEN LONG WILL BE STAGED AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM. A TOTAL OF 142 STALLS WILL BE AUCTIONED AT PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE ON JANUARY 8.

THE UPSET PRICE OF EACH OF THE STALLS IN BOTH FAIRS IS $50. THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 5, 1981.

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PLAN PROPOSED TO BUILD PIER ON JUNK ISLAND

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD A PIER AT FAT TAU CHAU (JUNK ISLAND) TO PROVIDE LANDING FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH A RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 19.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING= OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (SAI KUNG), SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, FIRST FLOOR, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF $662 400 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF CITY HALL, SAW REGISTRATION NUMBER CC 6666 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $130 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CK 1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $75 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $1 000 FOR AW 1132, CG 7776, XX 2140, CH 1947, CG 7988, CG 6088, CH 1136, CH 1798.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

CK 663	$ 8 500	CH 168	$56 000	CJ 500	$13 000
CC 28	$45 000	CH 3288	$ 6 500	CK 6	$60 000
CH 500	$26 000	CH 1668	$30 000	CG 8138	$ 3 000
CH 17	$12 000	CH 2888	$20 000	CH 311	$ 3 200
CG 3500	$ 4 000	CJ 161	$ 5 500	CJ 200	$ 6 000
CH 1291	$ 2 100	CJ 13	$ 8 000	CK 1234	$22 000
CH 51	$ 9 000	CC 828	$60 000	AJ 619	$ 1 600
CF 31	$11 000	CH 9980	$ 2 000	CH 1698	$10 000
CF 828	$25 000				

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THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 59TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO $16 529 132.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN TAI KOK TSUI FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 23) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, MAPLE STREET BETWEEN TUNG CHAU STREET AND BEDFORD ROAD, AND FUK TSUN STREET BETWEEN WALNUT STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

MAPLE STREET BETWEEN BEDFORD ROAD AND LARCH STREET, AND BEECH STREET BETWEEN ANCHOR STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

MAPLE STREET BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND WILLOW STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT WEEK FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 22-24).

PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 4 PM ON MONDAY AND BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIME.

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