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GOODS TRADE FOR 11 MONTHS UP THREE PER CENT

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1982, VALUED AT $243 346 MILLION, INCREASED BY THREE PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1981, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY THREE PER CENT TO $74 641 MILLION, IMPORTS BY THREE PER CENT TO $128 849 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY FIVE PER CENT TO $39 856 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT.

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

	JAN-NOV 1982 ($ MN)	JAN-NOV 1981 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	28 263	26 489	+1 775	+ 7
U.K.	6 363	6 873	- 510	- 7
F.R. OF GERMANY	6 115	6 169	- 54	- 1
CHINA	3 389	2 535	+ 854	+34
JAPAN	2 912	2 697	+ 216	+ 8
AUSTRALIA	2 576	2 467	+ 109	+ 4
CANADA	2 350	2 130	+ 221	+10
SINGAPORE	1 767	1 583	+ 185	+12
NETHERLANDS	1 461	1 397	+ 64	+ 5
FRANCE	1 336	1 323	+ 13	+ 1

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY $875 MILLION OR 42%), CLOTHING (BY $696 MILLION OR 7%) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $385 MILLION OR 25%).

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $598 MILLION OR 28%) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY $160 MILLION OR 24%).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY $209 MILLION OR 7%) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $177 MILLION OR 31%).

/MOST COMMODITIES .....

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $98 MILLION OR 19%) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $62 MILLION OR 13%). HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED BY $40 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY $265 MILLION OR 47%) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $168 MILLION OR 42%) AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY $159 MILLION OR 15%).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS FOLLOWS:

	JAN-NOV 1982 ($ MN)	JAN-NOV 1981 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	25 637	25 154	+ 482	+ 2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	14 338	12 047	+2 291	+19
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	7 250	7 391	- 141	- 2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	5 486	5 310	+ 176	+ 3
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 199	5 071	+ 128	+ 3
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 476	4 809	- 333	- 7

/CHANGES IN .....

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

	JAN-NOV 1982 ($ MN)	JAN-NOV 1981 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	29 451	26 436	+3 015	+11
JAPAN	28 388	29 073	- 684	- 2
U.S.A.	14 061	13 257	+ 804	+ 6
SINGAPORE	9 318	9 616	- 297	- 3
TAIWAN	9 254	9 751	- 498	- 5
U.K.	6 195	5 730	+ 466	+ 8
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	4 046	5 009	- 963	-19
F.R. OF GERMANY	3 154	3 059	+ 95	+ 3
SWITZERLAND	2 371	2 586	- 215	- 8
AUSTRALIA	2 073	1 847	+ 226	+12

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY $916 MILLION OR 28%), IRON AND STEEL (BY $376 MILLION OR 84%), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY $251 MILLION OR 30%) AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY $183 MILLION OR 11%).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES, SPORTING GOODS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES) (BY $143 MILLION OR 11%) AS WELL AS TEXTILE FABRICS (BY $142 MILLION OR 5%). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $493 MILLION OR 17%), ROAD VEHICLES (BY $326 MILLION OR 11%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $318 MILLION OR 12%) AND TEXTILE YARN (BY $215 MILLION OR 27%).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $167 MILLION OR 12%) AS WELL AS TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY $164 MILLION OR 27%). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY $154 MILLION OR 21%), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY $103 MILLION OR 7%) AND TEXTILES (BY $86 MILLION OR 23%).

/INCREASES IN .....

INCREASES IN VALUE WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY $62 MILLION OR 17%) AND IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $307 MILLION OR 26%). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY $618 MILLION OR 17%).

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

	JAN-NOV 1982 ($ MN)	JAN-NOV 1981 ($ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE ($ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	35 850	36 349	- 499	- 1
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	29 040	29 223	- 183	- 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	22 268	20 983	+1 285	+ 6
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	14 570	12 594	+1 976	+16
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	10 474	10 044	+ 430	+ 4
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8 556	8 262	+ 294	+ 4

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. (BY $746 MILLION OR 17%), SAUDI ARABIA (BY $312 MILLION OR 59%), SINGAPORE (BY $283 MILLION OR 9%), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY $262 MILLION OR 21%), INDONESIA (BY $242 MILLION OR 6%), TAIWAN (BY $217 MILLION OR 10%), THE PHILIPPINES (BY $196 MILLION OR 17%) AND MACAU (BY $168 MILLION OR 13%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.K. (BY $255 MILLION OR 30%) AND JAPAN (BY $206 MILLION OR 8%).

/MOST COMMODITIES .....

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY $701 MILLION OR 35%), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES AND JEWELLERY) (BY $388 MILLION OR 22%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY $307 MILLION OR 11%) AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY $252 MILLION OR 22%).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY $492 MILLION OR 8%), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY $358 MILLION OR 19%), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY $312 MILLION OR 52%).

THE NOVEMBER 1982 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 NOVEMBER, WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FEBRUARY 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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SHA TIN NEW TOWN VERY IMPRESSIVE -- JENKIN

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SHA TIN NEW TOWN WAS +A VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE SIGHT+, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, MR PATRICK JENKIN, SAID TODAY.

HE THEN TOOK OUT HIS CAMERA AND CAPTURED THE PANORAMIC VIEW ON FILM.

MR JENKIN FLEW INTO THE NEW TOWN BY HELICOPTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON ; THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, MR GORDON MANZIE, AND THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR CHRISTIAN ADAMS.

HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE LIONS PAVILION, WHICH OVERLOOKS THE NEW TOWN, BY THE PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN), MR KENNETH KWOK, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER (SHA TIN), MR DONALD TSANG, WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE GROWTH, PROGRESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR JENKIN EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT THE TREMENDOUS PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND SAID IT WAS +A VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE SIGHT+.

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POWER STATION'S POLLUTION CONTROLS EXAMINED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) THIS WEEK VISITED THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S COAL-FIRED POWER STATION ON LAMMA ISLAND, TO VIEW AT FIRST HAND THE POLLUTION-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS INCORPORATED INTO THE PLANT'S DESIGN UNDER PLANS DRAWN UP BY THE COMPANY AND AGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

AFTER A VERY THOROUGH TOUR OF INSPECTION THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THEMSELVES PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY SAW. THE PLANS LAID HAD BEEN TURNED INTO REAL CONTROLS.

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION FROM SUCH A POWER STATION FALL INTO FOUR MAIN CATEGORIES -- EMISSIONS FROM THE CHIMNEY, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION FROM THE HANDLING OF THE COAL STOCKS, SIMILARLY, FROM THE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF PULVERISED FLY ASH (PFA) AND FURNACE BOTTOM ASH (FBA) EXTRACTED FROM THE CHIMNEY AND BOILERS, AND EFFLUENTS FROM THE COOLING WATER AND SEWAGE DISCHARGES FROM THE STATION. ALL THESE SOURCES HAD BEEN MADE THE SUBJECT OF ADVANCED TECHNICAL CONTROLS, OPERATED WITH PROFESSIONAL EFFICIENCY.

ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS SEPARATE THE PFA EMISSIONS SO THAT THESE ARE NOT RELEASED THROUGH THE CHIMNEY AS SMOKE AND DUST. THE PFA IS THEN SUCKED BY AIR THROUGH PIPES TO STORAGE BINS IN A TOTALLY ENCLOSED SYSTEM.

FINAL DISPOSAL IS TO THE PRODUCTION OF CEMENT ADDITIVES.

CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR SAFE DISPOSAL AT CONTROLLED TIPS, SHOULD THESE COMMERCIAL OUTLETS AT ANY TIME BE UNABLE TO TAKE UP THE FULL OUTPUT OF PFA FROM THE STATION.

FBA IS EXTRACTED FROM THE BASE OF THE BOILERS AND SLUICED WITH WATER THROUGH PIPES TO A SETTLEMENT BASIN, IN WHICH THE MOISTURISED ASH IS SEPARATED OUT AND LOADED INTO BARGES FOR DISPOSAL TO COMMERCIAL USE -- IN THIS CASE AS MATERIAL FOR CEMENT BLOCKS. SIMILAR CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF THIS FORM OF ASH TO TIPS, SHOULD THE COMMERCIAL OUTLETS PROVE INSUFFICIENT.

EPCOM MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO WATCH THE COAL-HANDLING AND UNLOADING OPERATIONS DIRECTLY, AS THEIR VISIT COINCIDED WITH THE UNLOADING OF AN 82 000 TON SHIPMENT OF AMERICAN COAL FROM A VESSEL RECENTLY ARRIVED AT THE LAMMA STATION.

DESPITE THE WORK IN PROGRESS VERY LITTLE SPILLAGE WAS OBSERVABLE ON THE JETTY AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE IN FORCE TO SWEEP UP AND RETAIN FOR USE SUCH AMOUNTS AS DID ESCAPE IN TRANSFER FROM THE SHIP TO COVERED CONVEYOR BELTS, WHICH MOVE THE COAL EITHER DIRECTLY INTO THE POWER STATION OR TO THE STOCKPILES ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING.

/ON ARRIVAL .....

ON ARRIVAL AT THE LATTER THE COAL IS PACKED TIGHT TO PREVENT DUST EMISSIONS, THE TOP SURFACE OF THE PILE BEING WATERED AS NECESSARY. DESPITE THE DRY, WINDY CONDITIONS PREVAILING, AND THE WORK IN PROGRESS ON THE STOCKPILES, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF DUST HAZARD.

THE COMPANY HAS BUILT ITS OWN SEWAGE AND EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT AND MONITORS THE DISCHARGE FROM THIS AND FROM THE COOLING-WATER USED IN THE POWER STATION IN ORDER TO CHECK THE EFFECTS UPON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

OVERALL, IT WAS CLEAR TO EPCOM MEMBERS THAT THE CONTROL MEASURES ADOPTED AT THE HEC POWER STATION PLACED THE PLANT AT THE FOREFRONT OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION CONTROL IN HONG KONG.

WHILE THE SIZE OF THE OPERATION, AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR POLLUTION SHOULD THINGS GO WRONG, NECESSITATED CONTINUED VIGILANCE BY EPCOM AND THE GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS CONCLUDED FROM THE DAY'S INSPECTION AND DISCUSSIONS THAT THE CORRECT, PROFESSIONAL APPROACH AND PROPER LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN POLLUTION CONTROL WAS BEING ADOPTED BY THE COMPANY.

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HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN PROFILE

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RAILWAYS SHOULD PROVIDE THE BACKBONE OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND THE +SPINE+ FOR MOVEMENT IN THE MAJOR CORRIDORS OF DEVELOPMENT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES' REGIONAL ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD SCURFIELD AT THE SOUTH ISLAND ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR SCURFIELD POINTED OUT THAT TWO LINES OF THE MTR WERE NOW OPERATING AND A THIRD WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE NORTH SHORE OF THE ISLAND.

IN ADDITION, ELECTRIFIED SERVICES WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION ALONG THE WHOLE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

HE SAID THAT IN NOVEMBER 1982, THE KCR CARRIED AN AVERAGE OF 80 000 PASSENGERS PER DAY WHILE THE MTR CARRIED ABOUT 1.15 MILLION OUT OF A TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY PUBLIC TRANSPORT PATRONAGE OF THE TERRITORY OF 8.3 MILLION.

+IF RAILWAYS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM, BUSES ARE THE BULK CARRIER,+ MR SCURFIELD STRESSED.

IN THIS CONTEXT, HE REVEALED THAT BOTH KMB AND CMB CARRIED A TOTAL AVERAGE OF 3.6 MILLION PASSENGERS PER DAY - THREE TIMES CARRIED BY THE RAIL SYSTEMS.

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BECAUSE OF THEIR FLEXIBILITY, BUSES WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO PENETRATE AREAS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO OUR RAIL SYSTEMS AND SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE EASILY.

THE TRAMWAY ON THE ISLAND - THE SECOND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE TERRITORY - EVEN WITH ITS MORE MODERN COMPETITORS, STILL OFFERS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BUSES CARRYING 400 000 PASSENGERS EVERY DAY.

HOWEVER, STUDIES ARE CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY THE ROLE WHICH THE HONG KONG TRAMWAY WILL PLAY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

ON PLBS, MR SCURFIELD SAID THEY HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM SINCE THE LATE 1960S.

+THE UNFRANCHISED, RED PLBS STILL CARRY OVER 1 000 000 PASSENGERS EVERY DAY WHILE THE GREEN FRANCHISED MINIBUSES OBVIOUSLY FULFILL A USEFUL FUNCTION FROM THE PASSENGERS' POINT OF VIEW AND THEY ALSO FULFILL AN ADDITIONAL FUNCTION BY REDUCING THE PEAK HOUR BURDEN PLACED UPON THE OTHER FRANCHISED CARRIERS PARTICULARLY THE BUSES.

+THEY ARE AN EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE MODE OF TRANSPORT PARTLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT ONLY EXERTS LIMITED CONTROL UPON THEM.+

FOR THIS REASON AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN SOME OF THE MAJOR TRANSPORT CORRIDORS, GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE MINIBUSES TO OPERATE IN AREAS WHERE IT CAN PROVIDE A USEFUL SOCIAL SERVICE AND WHERE THEY WILL COMPLEMENT RATHER THAN SUPPLEMENT THE MAJOR CARRIERS SUCH AS THE BUSES AND THE RAILWAYS.

+THE EXPANSION OF THE MAXICAB, OR THE GREEN MINIBUS SYSTEM, IS ONE EXPRESSION OF THIS POLICY,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO TAXIS, MR SCURFIELD SAID THAT THEY COULD STILL FULFILL A PUBLIC DEMAND AND WERE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE GREEN TAXIS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE MID-70S TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE RURAL POPULATION. AND SINCE THEN, THE VOLUME OF ILLEGAL TRANSPORT ACTIVITY HAS DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY.

LANTAU ISLAND WILL ALSO HAVE ITS OWN TAXIS SHORTLY.

ON WATERBORNE TRANSPORT, MR SCURFIELD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF BOTH THE CROSS HARBOUR BUSES AND THE MTR HAVE ERODED THE PATRONAGE OF THE FERRIES, THEY WILL STILL CONTINUE TO CARRY ABOUT 350 000 ACROSS THE HARBOUR EVERY DAY.

THE FERRIES TO THE OUTLYING AREAS WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A VITAL LINK FOR THE ISLAND COMMUNITIES AND AS A RECREATIONAL OUTLET FOR THE URBAN POPULATION.

RETURNING TO RAILWAYS, MR SCURFIELD SAID THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO CONSTRUCT ANY ADDITIONAL RAIL LINES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA.

/+HOWEVER, ...

+HOWEVER, OTHER LINES SUCH AS THE EAST KOWLOON LINE AND THE MTR EXTENSION TO JUNK BAY HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND OUTLINE PLANS DO EXIST FOR THEM. THEY MAY BE BUILT IN THE FUTURE.

+HENCE, IT IS CLEAR THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND ON LAND THE BUSES WILL REMAIN THE BULK PUBLIC TRANSPORT CARRIERS WHILE ON THE WATER THE FERRIES WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

+IN ADDITION, GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE MINIBUSES REINFORCE THEIR COMPLEMENTARY ROLE WITHIN THE URBAN AREA, THAT IS TO SAY, FOR THEM TO SUPPORT THE BUS AND RAIL SERVICES RATHER THAN DIRECTLY COMPETE WITH THESE LARGER CAPACITY MODES.+

AS IN THE URBAN AREAS, THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO BUILD ANY ADDITIONAL HEAVY RAIL LINKS BUT EXTENSIONS TO THE EXISTING SYSTEM HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN DUE COURSE.

HOWEVER, MR SCURFIELD SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM TO SERVE THE TOWNS OF TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY VISITED THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1970 AS THE FIRST OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, DR FRANCIS TIEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR MORRIS MORGAN.

SINCE THE COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, IT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

SIR PHILIP MET TEACHING STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE, AND LATER SAW STUDENTS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES AT WORK IN CLASSROOMS AND WORKSHOPS AS HE TOURED THE CAMPUS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL, MR A. FONG-YAN.

HE ALSO VISITED THE ANNEX, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, TAKEN OVER BY THE INSTITUTE IN 1981 AND CONVERTED IT INTO ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND LECTURE ROOMS.

WITH THE EXTENDED CAPACITY, THE INSTITUTE WAS ABLE TO OFFER MORE PLACES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S IMMEDIATE PROJECTS IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, IN TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND, BY 1986. THIS WILL THEN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT PLACES, FROM THE PRESENT 7 800 TO 15 500.

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HEART HEALTH DISPLAY TO BE HELD

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL MOUNT AN EXHIBITION AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS MONTH TO PROMOTE HEART HEALTH AMONG RESIDENTS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE SPECIALLY OPENED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM EACH DAY, AND WILL THEN BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR FIVE DAYS STARTING NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO LEARN HOW TO KEEP A STRONG AND HEALTHY HEART, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR HEART DISEASES (INCLUDING HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASES) AND CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES TOGETHER CLAIMED OVER 7 000 LIVES, 96 PER CENT OF WHOM WERE AGED 45 AND ABOVE.

+IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE ELDERLY TO KNOW WAYS TO KEEP A HEALTHY HEART,+ HE STRESSED.

MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF WILL EXPLAIN THE DISPLAYS, SHOWING THE CAUSES, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES.

FILM SHOWS AND SLIDE SHOWS WILL ALSO BE SCREENED REGULARLY.

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PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO DO NOT POSSESS PROFESSIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS MAY NOW APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN A NUMBER OF PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THESE COURSES WILL START IN SEPTEMBER, FOR TEACHERS IN AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHO, ALTHOUGH ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED, DO NOT POSSESS THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR CLASSIFICATION AS +QUALIFIED TEACHERS+.

PART-TIME TEACHERS, SUPPLY TEACHERS, KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND EVENING-CLASS TEACHERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE COURSES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IS OF THREE YEARS' DURATION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE OFFERED TWO-YEAR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE AND A THREE-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING COURSE, EACH OF WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED INTO A CHINESE AND AN ENGLISH SECTION.

THE COURSES, PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE, WILL INCLUDE LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHING.

ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING,PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES WHICH ACCORD THEM QUALIFIED TEACHERS STATUS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE FULL-TIME PERMITTED OR REGISTERED TEACHERS IN AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS, OR GRADUATES OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE FROM 1970 ONWARDS, HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE FROM 1976 ONWARDS, OR LINGNAN COLLEGE, HONG KONG FROM 1979 ONWARDS.

FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS OF THESE THREE POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS WISHING TO TAKE THREE-YEAR EVENING COURSES MUST HAVE AT LEAST PASSED FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE RELEVANT TO THE COURSE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THOSE WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR TWO-YEAR DAY RELEASE COURSES MUST BE GRADUATES OF HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE (FROM 1970), HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE (FROM 1976) OR LINGNAN COLLEGE (FROM 1979) OR FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS IN ANY OF THESE COLLEGES.

THE PRIMARY COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON, WHILE THE SECONDARY (CHINESE) AND SECONDARY (ENGLISH) COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN SHA TIN AND NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN BONHAM ROAD RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDANCE NOTES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, 3/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG; ITS KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD ; AND AT THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

COMPLETED FORMS IN DUPLICATE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD AND FORWARDED TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO WHICH ADMISSION IS SOUGHT BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 28, 1983.

TEACHERS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR FORMS THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS, AND FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS OF THE THREE COLLEGES THROUGH THEIR PRESIDENTS.

GRADUATES OF THE THREE COLLEGES SHOULD SUBMIT THE FORMS IN PERSON, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+APPLICATIONS FORWARDED BY POST OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED,+ HE SAID.

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