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762 CANDIDATES REGISTERED AS NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES

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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 762 NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AFTER THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES TODAY (MONDAY).

THE NUMBER HAS EXCLUDED FIVE WITHDRAWALS AND FIVE INVALIDATED NOMINATIONS.

FORTY-EIGHT CONSTITUENCIES EACH HAD ONLY ONE CANDIDATE STANDING AND THEREFORE WERE UNCONTESTED.

SEVENTY-ONE NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED ON THE LAST DAY OF NOMINATIONS TODAY.

THE FIVE CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATIONS WERE INVALIDATED WERE MR YEN HO-YIN OF PO LAI CONSTITUENCY, SHAM SHUI PO; MR YEUNG MAN-WAI OF WANG TAU HOM CONSTITUENCY, WONG TAI SIN; MR CHAN PO-MING ERIC OF ALLWAY CONSTITUENCY, TSUEN WAN; MR LAU SAN-CHING OF LAI KING CONSTITUENCY, KWAI TSING; AND MR CHIN CHING-MAN OF TSUI PING CONSTITUENCY, KWUN TONG.

THE CANDIDATES WITHDREW WERE MR LI KOON-SHING OF QUEEN'S HILL CONSTITUENCY, NORTH; MR LAM KIN-MAN OF TO KWA WAN CONSTITUENCY, KOWLOON CITY; MR CHAN CHEONG OF LAM TIN CONSTITUENCY, KWUN TONG; MR NG WAI-WAH OF HANG WAI CONSTITUENCY, KWAI TSING; AND MR DING CHIN-KWAI SIMON OF HOI TSUI CONSTITUENCY, KWAI TSING. MR LAM KIN-MAN SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATIONS AGAIN FOR WHAMPOA WEST CONSTITUENCY OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

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GOOD OVERALL RESULT FOR DB ELECTION NOMINATIONS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) DESCRIBED AS "A GOOD RESULT OVERALL" THE RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18.

HE SAID THE 762 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED REFLECTED THE COMMUNITY'S FAITH IN HONG KONG'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM, AND THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

NOTING THAT CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES WOULD INTENSIFY IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS OR SO, THE SPOKESMAN URGED VOTERS TO CAREFULLY STUDY THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS, AND EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT AND MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR VOTE ON POLLING DAY.

"OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN A FAIR AND OPEN MANNER. TO THIS END, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL PROVIDE THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATE WITH THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ELECTORAL PROCESS," HE STRESSED.

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JOB QUOTAS ALLOCATION ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS TO INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES TO BRING IN 11,000 IMPORTED WORKERS UNDER THE GENERAL LABOUR IMPORTATION SCHEME.

THESE WORKERS ARE TO REPLACE THOSE WHO ARE DUE TO LEAVE HONG KONG UPON THE EXPIRY OF THEIR CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS YEAR.

"THE OVERALL LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF IMPORTED WORKERS WHO MAY BE BROUGHT IN AT ANY ONE TIME UNDER THE SCHEME REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 25,000," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH STRESSED.

"IN WORKING OUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTAS, RELEVANT FACTORS INCLUDING NUMBERS OF VACANCIES, WAGE RATES AND TRENDS, LABOUR UTILISATION AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES TO THE ECONOMY HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OF THE 11,000 IMPORTED WORKERS, THE LARGEST SHARE GOES TO THE RETAIL (1,733), CATERING (1,624) AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES (1,473).

"THE NUMBER OF IMPORTED WORKERS ALLOWED FOR EACH INDUSTRY OR SERVICE SECTOR REPRESENTS A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THEM," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"IN FACT, THE NUMBER OF IMPORTED LABOUR UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEME IS LESS THAN 1 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL WORKFORCE," HE ADDED.

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE LETTERS TO SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYERS WHO WILL BE GIVEN FOUR MONTHS TO ARRANGE THE IMPORTATION OF WORKERS.

EMPLOYERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO TAKE UP THE QUOTA SHOULD INFORM THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE QUOTA CAN BE REALLOCATED.

"THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THE QUOTA IN THE EVENT OF BREACH OF CONDITIONS BY AN EMPLOYER," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE BREACHED THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHEME WILL BE DEBARRED FROM TAKING PART IN FUTURE IMPORTATION SCHEMES," HE SAID.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND ASSIST IMPORTED WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS TO FIND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE LABOUR IMPORTATION SCHEME WOULD NOT MEAN AN AMNESTY OR JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED AS SOON AS THEY ARE APPREHENDED," HE WARNED.

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LBAC DISCUSSES PROPERTY MARKET SITUATION

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THE LAND AND BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LBAC) WAS BRIEFED TODAY (MONDAY) ON THE PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TASK FORCE ON LAND SUPPLY AND PROPERTY PRICES, WHICH SOUGHT TO COOL OFF THE PROPERTY MARKET.

THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR CHENG HON-KWAN, WAS INFORMED THAT SINCE THE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDED MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE, PROPERTY AGENTS REPORTED THAT THE VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS HAD DECREASED BY ABOUT 50%-60% WITH PRICES REPORTED TO HAVE DROPPED BY 5%-10%.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS REGARDS DEMAND AND SUPPLY, MEMBERS ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION USED IN FORECASTING AND MONITORING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ACCURATE AND TIMELY.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE REPORT ON THE PROPERTY MARKET FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1994 PREPARED BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE MARKET FOR THE INITIAL PART OF THE YEAR WAS CHARACTERISED BY VERY STRONG BUYING INTEREST AND HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES, PUSHING PRICES UP BY ABOUT 30%-35% IN THE MASS RESIDENTIAL MARKET AND 35%-40% IN THE LUXURY MARKET.

MOST ANALYSTS ATTRIBUTED THE ESCALATING PROPERTY PRICES PARTICULARLY IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR TO SPECULATION BY "CASH-RICH" OVERSEAS INVESTORS, SPECIAL FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS OFFERED BY DEVELOPERS AND "SPECULATIVE HOARDING" ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS FOR WEST KOWLOON, SOUTH EAST KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN - KWAI TSING.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE TOTAL POPULATION OF WEST KOWLOON WAS ENVISAGED TO DECREASE FROM 648,000 IN 1991 TO ABOUT 592,000 IN 2001, WITH THE LARGEST DECREASE IN MONG KOK AND CHEUNG SHA WAN, THE TWO MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING KAI TAK AIRPORT AND THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WILL MAKE 580 HECTARES OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH EAST KOWLOON BY 2010.

MEMBERS COMMENTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BALANCE THE INTENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURAL PARAMETERS AND RELAYED FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

THE DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE PREPARATION OR REVISION OF THE RELEVANT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND TOWN PLANS. THEY ALSO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR DETAILED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE DESIGNATED DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT AREAS.

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STAGE IV OF S6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE ENDS TOMORROW

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STAGE IV OF THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE WILL END AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY). SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE REMINDED TO REGISTER WITH ONE OF THE SCHOOLS THEY HAVE APPLIED TO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE FIRST DAY OF STAGE V WOULD BEGIN AT 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 17).

CURRENT YEAR HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) STUDENTS WHOSE RESULTS SATISFYING THE MINIMUM A-LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND STILL HAVE NOT OBTAINED A SECONDARY 6 PLACE MAY APPLY AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CENTRES:

- HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
8 PERTH STREET, KOWLOON
- KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL
332 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, KOWLOON
- TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL
OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI
- TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
70 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN
- SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL
11-17 MAN LAI ROAD, SHA TIN

THE RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE SAME CENTRE WHERE STUDENTS HAVE APPLIED FOR THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT 9 AM ON AUGUST 23.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ALLOCATION SLIP TO THE CHOSEN SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE 3.30 PM ON THE SAME DAY.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED THREE MORE SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOLS NOT FOLLOWING ADMISSION PROCEDURES SINCE LAST FRIDAY. THE THREE HAD BEEN SETTLED AFTER INVESTIGATIONS BY OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

THIS BRINGS TO FIVE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS.

UP TO 5.30 PM TODAY, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HOTLINE (782 7624, 782 7625, 782 7626 AND 782 7621) AND THE 19 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES HANDLED 125 AND 365 ENQUIRIES RESPECTIVELY ON THE SECONDARY 6 ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 303 VISITORS AND 140 TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER STUDIES, LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS, AND CAREERS.

THIS BRINGS TO 1,987 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITED AND 1,196 CALLERS TELEPHONED THE CENTRE SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE HKCEE RESULTS ON AUGUST 9.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CROSS-BORDER COACH SERVICES INVITED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED OPERATORS IN HONG KONG TO PROVIDE CROSS-BORDER COACH AND/OR HIRE CAR SERVICES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA THROUGH THE LOK MA CHAU BORDER CONTROL POINT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG, IN ROOM 28, M/F, MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE COUNTRY PORT OF PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF SHENZHEN PORT OFFICE.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE, HE ADDED.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING GIVING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * APPLICANTS' PERSONAL PARTICULARS, INCLUDING NAME, IDENTITY DOCUMENT, ADDRESS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. IN THE CASE OF A COMPANY, THE NAME OF THE PERSONS TO BE CONTACTED AND INFORMATION ON COMPANY REGISTRATION;
- * DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE, THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF VEHICLES USED, AND SEATING CAPACITY;
- * IN RESPECT OF CROSS-BORDER COACH SERVICE, THE PROPOSED SCHEDULES OF CROSSINGS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA, CROSSING TIME AT LOK MA CHAU CONTROL POINT, ROUTEING AND TERMINAL FACILITIES ON HONG KONG SIDE;
- * RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING SIMILAR TRANSPORT SERVICES;
- * DETAILS OF PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, THAT IS NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HONG KONG AND PARTNERS IN CHINA; AND
- * DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL-IN-PRINCIPLE FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR PROVIDING CROSS-BORDER COACH/HIRE CAR SERVICES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS ON THE HONG KONG SIDE IS AUGUST 26, 1994. APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE HONG KONG-SHENZHEN JOINT SUB-WORKING GROUP MEETING ON CROSS BORDER TRANSPORT SERVICES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 801 5991.

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DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY
INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR 2ND QUARTER

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THE FOUR MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS OF TEXTILES; WEARING APPAREL; MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS; AND CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 68% OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1994.

THIS IS REVEALED BY STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WEARING APPAREL INCREASED BY 1% TO \$9.3 BILLION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1994 COMPARED WITH A YEAR EARLIER.

THOSE OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS ALSO INCREASED BY 9% TO \$8.3 BILLION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES DECREASED BY 3% TO \$10.9 BILLION, AND THOSE OF CONSUMER ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS BY 6% TO \$8.1 BILLION.

MORE SIGNIFICANT ABSOLUTE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE FOUND IN THE GROUPS OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, PARTS AND COMPONENTS (+\$695 MILLION OR +9%); CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (+\$194 MILLION OR +11%); AND FOOD (+\$115 MILLION OR +23%).

FOR THE NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY; AND BEVERAGES INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH THE CHANGES IN ABSOLUTE VALUE WERE NOT AS LARGE, MARKED PERCENTAGE INCREASES OF 38% AND 35% RESPECTIVELY WERE RECORDED.

INDUSTRY GROUPS WHICH RECORDED MORE NOTABLE ABSOLUTE DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED PLASTIC PRODUCTS (-\$189 MILLION OR -13%); AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (-\$91 MILLION OR -2%).

FOR THE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH THE CHANGE IN ABSOLUTE VALUE WAS NOT AS LARGE, A MARKED PERCENTAGE DECLINE OF 82% WAS RECORDED.

THE ABOVE STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC EXPORTS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN ARE DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING THE MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS ORIGINALLY GROUPED UNDER THE EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE MERCHANDISE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED. TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE EXCLUDED.

THE INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION USED IS THE HONG KONG STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (HSIC). THE HSIC IS TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) USED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

IN COMPARISON, THE HSIC IS MORE RELATED TO PRODUCTION PROCESSES WHEREAS THE SITC IS MORE GEARED TO END USES OF PRODUCTS.

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CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN REFERRING TO THESE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN. THERE MAY BE SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IN THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE EXPORT ITEMS.

IN COMPILING THE STATISTICS, THE TOTAL VALUE OF SUCH AN ITEM HAS HOWEVER BEEN WHOLLY RELATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH THE ITEM IS FINALLY PRODUCED.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS OF A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY MAY INCLUDE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SECONDARY PRODUCTS BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE FOUND IN A TABLE OBTAINABLE FROM THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SURVEYS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 839 3213).

A TABLE SHOWING MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF SIMILAR STATISTICS FOR MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE REPORT "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE, JUNE 1994".

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/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

Domestic exports of manufactured goods classified by industrial origin
for the second quarter of 1994

(Value in HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports			
	1994 2nd qtr.	1993 2nd qtr.	Value change	% change
Food	613,667	499,047	+114,620	+23.0
Beverages	164,871	122,278	+42,593	+34.8
Tobacco manufactures	598,137	671,596	-73,460	-10.9
Textiles (including knitting)	10,933,069	11,237,446	-304,377	-2.7
Wearing apparel, except footwear	9,279,393	9,182,631	+96,762	+1.1
Leather and leather products, except footwear and wearing apparel	366,947	411,546	-44,599	-10.8
Footwear, except rubber, plastic and wooden footwear	44,183	55,659	-11,476	-20.6
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	85,729	109,297	-23,568	-21.6
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	1,914,068	1,923,170	-9,102	-0.5
Chemicals and chemical products	1,969,533	1,775,478	+194,055	+10.9
Products of petroleum and coal	3,611	3,107	+504	+16.2
Rubber products	27,229	26,115	+1,114	+4.3
Plastic products	1,255,378	1,444,483	-189,105	-13.1
Non-metallic mineral products, except products of petroleum and coal	178,273	129,312	+48,961	+37.9
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	2,312,251	2,275,203	+37,048	+1.6
Machinery, equipment, apparatus, parts and components	8,254,736	7,559,985	+694,751	+9.2
Consumer electrical and electronic products	8,144,200	8,658,791	-514,591	-5.9
Transport equipment	4,626	25,844	-21,218	-82.1
Professional and optical equipment	3,831,649	3,922,365	-90,716	-2.3
Other manufacturing industries	3,517,443	3,549,705	-32,262	-0.9
Total	53,498,992	53,583,057	-84,065	-17.6

Notes : 1. Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding. All percentage changes are calculated from unrounded figures.

2. The above statistics are derived by re-grouping the merchandise export items under the external trade classification system according to the industries in which these items are normally produced. As from 1992, the Third Revision of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC R3) has been adopted in place of the Second Revision (SITC R2) for the classification of trade statistics. The above statistics may not be strictly comparable with those published for earlier years due to the change in trade classification.

ANALYSIS OF HK'S RE-EXPORT TRADE IN FIRST HALF OF 1994

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RE-EXPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR 81% OF THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS AND 39% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF EXTERNAL TRADE OF HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994.

IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1993, THE CORRESPONDING SHARES WERE 78% AND 38% RESPECTIVELY.

THESE FIGURES, AFFIRMING THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF RE-EXPORT TRADE, ARE AMONGST THE DETAILED RE-EXPORT STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

CHINA REMAINED THE LARGEST PARTNER FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE. OF THE TOTAL \$428.3 BILLION OF RE-EXPORTS GOING THROUGH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994, 88% OR \$378.4 BILLION INVOLVED CHINA IN EITHER DIRECTION.

RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA ACCOUNTED FOR 56% OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT VALUE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994. AS A DESTINATION, CHINA'S SHARE WAS 35%.

IT IS NOTED THAT MUCH OF THE RE-EXPORT TRADE INVOLVING CHINA IS RELATED TO OUTWARD PROCESSING, AS RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS ARE EXPORTED TO CHINA FOR PROCESSING AND THE FINAL PRODUCTS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO HONG KONG.

OTHER MAIN ORIGINS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 INCLUDED JAPAN (ACCOUNTING FOR A SHARE OF 14%), TAIWAN (7.9%), THE UNITED STATES (4.8%) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (3.0%).

THE MAIN DESTINATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994, BESIDES CHINA, INCLUDED THE UNITED STATES (ACCOUNTING FOR A SHARE OF 21%), JAPAN (5.5%), GERMANY (4.5%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (2.9%).

TABLE 1 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS FROM THE 10 MAIN ORIGINS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS FROM MOST MAIN ORIGINS: SINGAPORE (+34%), MALAYSIA (+27%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+26%), FRANCE (+22%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+20%), THE UNITED STATES (+17%), GERMANY (+17%), CHINA (+14%), TAIWAN (+10%) AND JAPAN (+10%).

OF THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN CHINA IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994, 35% WENT TO THE UNITED STATES, 7.9% TO JAPAN AND 7.7% TO GERMANY.

FOR GOODS OF JAPAN ORIGIN, 75% OF THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 WENT TO CHINA, 3.9% TO THE UNITED STATES AND 2.7% TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

FOR RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN, AN OVERWHELMING PROPORTION (91% OF THE VALUE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994) WENT TO CHINA.

AS REGARDS RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE UNITED STATES, 65% OF THE VALUE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 WERE SHIPPED TO CHINA, 4.8% TO THE PHILIPPINES AND 4.8% TO TAIWAN.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAIN DESTINATIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST HALF OF 1994 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST MAIN DESTINATIONS: JAPAN (+25%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+20%), CHINA (+17%), THE UNITED STATES (+15%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+14%), THE NETHERLANDS (+12%), SINGAPORE (+11%), GERMANY (+6.0%) AND FRANCE (+2.1%). A SLIGHT DECREASE OF 1.2% WAS RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN.

ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE RECORDED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$4.4 BILLION OR 62%); TEXTILES (BY \$4.0 BILLION OR 19%); PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS (BY \$2.3 BILLION OR 35%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA WERE RECORDED FOR MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$2.2 BILLION OR 25%); AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$332 MILLION OR 11%).

AS REGARDS RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$3.4 BILLION OR 55%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$2.3 BILLION OR 12%) AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$2.1 BILLION OR 16%).

DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1.5 BILLION OR 12%); AND NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$40 MILLION OR 27%).

DETAILED STATISTICS OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE ARE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE 1994 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" REPORT WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$86 A COPY FROM AUGUST 26.

THE REPORT CAN BE BOUGHT EITHER AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG ON TEL 842 8802 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL 582 4915.

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS FROM THE 10 MAIN ORIGINS

ORIGIN	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1994 (HK\$ MN)	1993 (HK\$ MN)	(HK\$ MN)	(% CHANGE)
CHINA	238,602	209,244	+ 29,358	+ 14.0
JAPAN	58,302	52,927	+ 5,375	+ 10.2
TAIWAN	33,883	30,752	+ 3,131	+ 10.2
UNITED STATES	20,684	17,625	+ 3,059	+ 17.4
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12,920	10,279	+ 2,640	+ 25.7
GERMANY	8,009	6,847	+ 1,162	+ 17.0
SINGAPORE	7,124	5,308	+ 1,816	+ 34.2
UNITED KINGDOM	4,610	3,835	+ 776	+ 20.2
FRANCE	4,285	3,506	+ 779	+ 22.2
MALAYSIA	3,925	3,099	+ 826	+ 26.7

TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAIN DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1994 (HK\$ MN)	1993 (HK\$ MN)	(HK\$ MN)	(% CHANGE)
CHINA	151,283	129,354	+ 21,928	+ 17.0
UNITED STATES	90,104	78,080	+ 12,024	+ 15.4
JAPAN	23,363	18,724	+ 4,639	+ 24.8
GERMANY	19,366	18,275	+ 1,091	+ 6.0
UNITED KINGDOM	12,229	10,226	+ 2,003	+ 19.6
TAIWAN	10,712	10,846	- 134	- 1.2
SINGAPORE	8,999	8,102	+ 897	+ 11.1
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	8,194	7,160	+ 1,033	+ 14.4
FRANCE	6,322	6,192	+ 130	+ 2.1
NETHERLANDS	6,280	5,592	+ 688	+ 12.3

HORSE RACING BROADCAST TIME

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THE BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (BA), AT ITS MEETING LAST WEEK, HAS DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW AN APPLICATION BY ATV TO BRING FORWARD TO 8 PM THE START OF ITS EVENING HORSE RACING PROGRAMMES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR BA TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THE AUTHORITY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT EVENING HORSE RACING PROGRAMMES SHOULD START WITHIN FAMILY VIEWING HOURS.

THE BA ISSUED A WARNING TO WHARF CABLE FOR THE BROADCAST OF TRIAD EXPRESSIONS IN THE FILM "QUEEN OF TEMPLE STREET", CARRIED ON THE CABLE MOVIE CHANNEL.

THE EXPRESSIONS USED WERE DETERMINED BY THE BA TO BE OBJECTIONABLE AND IT WAS FELT THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN EDITED OUT OF THE FILM WITHOUT AFFECTING THE FLOW AND EFFECT OF THE FEATURE.

A WARNING WAS ALSO ISSUED TO ATV IN RESPECT OF ITS COVERAGE OF THE OPENING OF THE RESTAURANT "PLANET HOLLYWOOD" ON MAY 29.

THE BA FOUND THAT THE PROGRAMME "HOLLYWOOD LIVE IN HONG KONG" CONTAINED NUMEROUS PROMOTIONAL REFERENCES TO THE RESTAURANT AND THIS AMOUNTED TO ADVERTISING MATERIAL FOR THE VENUE.

THE BA ALSO STRONGLY ADVISED ATV TO OBSERVE THE PROVISION IN ITS LICENCE GOVERNING THE BROADCASTS OF NON-DESIGNATED LANGUAGES AS MEMBERS FELT THAT THE BILINGUAL FORMAT ADOPTED IN THE PROGRAMME WAS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LICENCE REQUIREMENT FOR IT TO PROVIDE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN SAI KUNG AND YAU MA TEI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS LEAKAGE DETECTION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT MAN NIN STREET, YI CHUN STREET, SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET, SEE CHEUNG STREET, SAI KUNG TAI KAI, SAI KUNG MAIN STREET, WANG STREET, TAK LUNG FRONT STREET, TAK LUNG BACK STREET, SAI KUNG YEE KUK STREET, SAI KUNG ROAD, PO TUNG ROAD AND FUI YIU HA IN SAI KUNG.

IN YAU MA TEI, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE LOCATED AT KANSU STREET, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, WING SING LANE, MARKET STREET, TEMPLE STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, CANTON ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

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WORK ARRANGEMENTS IN RAINSTORMS URGED

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PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO WORK ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTINGENCY MEASURES IN TIMES OF RAINSTORMS ARE IMPORTANT IN AVOIDING UNNECESSARY MISUNDERSTANDING AND DISPUTES.

"STATUTORY REGULATIONS OF WORK ARRANGEMENTS IN TIMES OF RAINSTORMS WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY IN NATURE AND REQUIREMENTS OF JOB IN VARIOUS TRADES AND INDUSTRIES," THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HOUDINI HO, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"EMPLOYERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE APPROACH IN DRAWING UP WORK ARRANGEMENTS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER," MR HO SAID.

"DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES' SAFETY IN WORKPLACE AS WELL AS THEIR JOURNEY TO AND FROM WORK," HE SAID.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD PUBLISHED A BILINGUAL BOOKLET ENTITLED "CODE OF PRACTICE IN TIMES OF TYPHOONS AND RAINSTORMS" WHICH SERVED AS A REFERENCE GUIDE TO FACILITATE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO MAKE EARLY WORK ARRANGEMENTS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER.

"BRIEFLY SPEAKING, AN AGREEMENT ON WORK ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD COVER RULES REGARDING REPORT OF DUTY, RELEASE FROM WORK, RESUMPTION OF WORK AND WAGES CALCULATION," HE SAID.

"THE AGREEMENT TO BE MADE BETWEEN THE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD STATE CLEARLY THE COLOUR CODE OF RAINSTORM UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WORK AND THE TIME OF ISSUE OF SUCH SIGNALS WHEN THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT FOR DUTY."

NOTING THAT SOME INDUSTRIES MAY REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO WORK UNDER THE BLACK RAINSTORM WARNING, MR HO SAID THAT SUCH A REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE CLEARLY STATED BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT BEGAN OR SUFFICIENT NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE EMPLOYEES.

"THE WORK ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF EMPLOYEES WHEN RAINSTORM SIGNALS ARE IN FORCE DURING WORKING HOURS.

"EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD ALSO MAKE PRIOR AGREEMENTS ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEES SHOULD RETURN TO WORK WHEN RAINSTORM WARNINGS ARE LOWERED DURING WORKING HOURS," MR HO SAID.

HE ALSO URGED EMPLOYERS TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE APPROACH IF EMPLOYEES HAD GENUINE DIFFICULTIES IN RETURNING TO WORK.

"AS RAINSTORMS ARE NATURAL CALAMITIES, DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ABSENT FROM OR LATE FOR WORK SO THAT EMPLOYEES' EARNINGS, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE BONUS, ARE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED," HE SAID.

TO BETTER PROTECT WORKERS, MR HO SAID THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE HAD BEEN AMENDED TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO WORKERS WHO WERE INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING BETWEEN THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND THEIR PLACE OF WORK WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 8 OR ABOVE, OR RED OR BLACK RAINSTORM WARNING SIGNAL WAS ISSUED.

EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO REQUIRED ASSISTANCE CAN APPROACH THE NEAREST LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE BRANCH OFFICE.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
TENDER RESULTS
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TENDER DATE	15 AUG 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF NOTES
ISSUE NUMBER	2608
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 3,310 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN
AVERAGE PRICE (YIELD) ACCEPTED	99.94 (6.28 PCT)
LOWEST PRICE (YIELD) ACCEPTED	99.92 (6.29 PCT)
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 3 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER PRICE (YIELD)	99.90 (6.30 PCT)

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,744	0930	+2,006
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,443	1000	+2,256
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+2,456
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+2,068	1200	+2,457
LAF TODAY	-1,369	1500	+2,468
		1600	+2,068
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 122.6	*-0.1*	15.8.94

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	4.00	16 MONTHS	2511	4.15	98.23	5.68
1 MONTH	4.13	22 MONTHS	2605	6.35	100.50	6.13
3 MONTHS	4.38	30 MONTHS	3701	4.60	95.68	6.64
6 MONTHS	4.74	33 MONTHS	3704	6.15	98.71	6.79
12 MONTHS	5.38	36 MONTHS	3707	6.95	100.31	6.95

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 21,445 MN

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