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PRICE, VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JUNE
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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 4 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1989 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1988, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING THEM TOGETHER, THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES, HAVING DISCOUNTED THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, WHILE THOSE OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 4 PER CENT. AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY 1 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED, EXCEPT FOR SOME SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR WHICH SPECIFICATION PRICE INDEXES ARE AVAILABLE.

COMPARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1989 WITH JUNE 1988, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT, AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT. HENCE, TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, TOTAL EXPORTS GREW BY 15 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS. IMPORT VOLUME ALSO INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP FOR JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF SOME COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988, INCLUDING RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-39 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (-24 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-16 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-11 PER CENT); METAL MANUFACTURES (-11 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-8 PER CENT).

NEVERTHELESS, INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+19 PER CENT); TEXTILE FABRICS (+16 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+9 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+7 PER CENT); FOOTWEAR (+1 PER CENT); AND TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+1 PER CENT).

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PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988. THESE INCLUDED METAL MANUFACTURES (+12 PER CENT); TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+6 PER CENT); DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+5 PER CENT); TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (+4 PER CENT); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+3 PER CENT); CLOTHING (+2 PER CENT); RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+2 PER CENT); METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+1 PER CENT); AND FOOTWEAR (+1 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED IN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (-9 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-1 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES OF TEXTILE FABRICS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR; SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD; AND SWINE.

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SUGAR; TEA AND COFFEE; AND WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 21 PER CENT. THE COMMODITY ITEMS WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES INCLUDED FOOTWEAR; CLOTHING; AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE BY 5 PER CENT IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988. THE MAJOR INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS; MAN-MADE FIBRES; CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC., EXCEPT GLASS; AND SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE. DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS; IRON AND STEEL; AND WATCH AND CLOCK MOVEMENTS, CASES AND PARTS.

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 66 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN JUNE 1989 OVER JUNE 1988. THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SCIENTIFIC MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS; TEXTILE MACHINERY AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY.

COMPARING JUNE 1989 WITH JUNE 1988, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED: FUELS (+8 PER CENT); CONSUMER GOODS (+5 PER CENT); FOODSTUFFS (+3 PER CENT); RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES (+3 PER CENT); AND CAPITAL GOODS (+2 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY FOR JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988 ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FUELS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 195 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE OF CONSUMER GOODS, CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ALSO INCREASED, BY 45 PER CENT, 19 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

PRICE OF RE-EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT IN JUNE 1989 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1988. RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS, CONSUMER GOODS AND CAPITAL GOODS ALL ROSE BY 6 PER CENT; WHILE THAT OF FUELS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 1989 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS" WHICH WILL BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AROUND SEPTEMBER 10 AT \$2.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL.: 5-8428802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDEXES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. : 5-8234918).

TABLE 1: INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

| COMMODITY GROUP | COMPARING JUN 1989 WITH JUN 1988 | | | COMPARING JAN-JUN 1989 WITH JAN-JUN 1988 | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------|
| | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % |
| CLOTHING | 11 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| TEXTILE FABRICS | 16 | * | 16 | 7 | -1 | 8 |
| TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD | 3 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 12 |
| TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES | -11 | 6 | -16 | -12 | 6 | -17 |
| RADIOS OF ALL KINDS | -38 | 2 | -39 | -44 | * | -44 |

/ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

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| ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS | 8 | -9 | 19 | 21 | -6 | 29 |
| FOOTWEAR | 2 | 1 | 1 | -13 | 1 | -14 |
| METAL MANUFACTURES | -1 | 12 | -11 | 10 | 11 | -1 |
| METAL ORES AND SCRAP | 8 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 3 | 21 |
| WATCHES AND CLOCKS | -9 | -1 | -8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES | -8 | 4 | -11 | -11 | 3 | -14 |
| DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES | -20 | 5 | -24 | -23 | 7 | -28 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 |

TABLE 2: INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

| END-USE CATEGORY | COMPARING JUN 1989 WITH JUN 1988 | | | COMPARING JAN-JUN 1989 WITH JAN-JUN 1988 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------|
| | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % |
| FOODSTUFFS | -2 | 3 | -5 | 12 | 3 | 9 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | 28 | 5 | 21 | 33 | 5 | 27 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | 8 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 3 | 15 |
| FUELS | 80 | 8 | 66 | 42 | 6 | 34 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | 17 | 2 | 15 | 26 | 3 | 23 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | 16 | 3 | 12 | 25 | 4 | 20 |

TABLE 3: INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

| /END-USE CATEGORY | COMPARING JUN 1989 WITH JUN 1988 | | | COMPARING JAN-JUN 1989 WITH JAN-JUN 1988 | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------|
| | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % | VALUE % | UNIT VALUE % | VOLUME % |

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| END-USE CATEGORY | VALUE | UNIT | VOLUME | VALUE | UNIT | VOLUME |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| | % | VALUE | | % | VALUE | |
| FOODSTUFFS | -10 | 6 | -15 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| CONSUMER GOODS | 54 | 6 | 45 | 47 | 5 | 41 |
| RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES | 18 | 7 | 10 | 26 | 8 | 17 |
| FUELS | 209 | 5 | 195 | 77 | * | 77 |
| CAPITAL GOODS | 26 | 6 | 19 | 47 | 7 | 38 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | 34 | 7 | 25 | 37 | 6 | 29 |

NOTE FOR TABLES 1 TO 3 :

* INSIGNIFICANT, I.E. LESS THAN 0.5 %

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NEW ORDER GOVERNING AIRCRAFT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS COMES INTO EFFECT
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AN ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS TO AN EXISTING ORDER GOVERNING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT USING THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HKIA) COMES INTO EFFECT TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (CONTROL OF OBSTRUCTIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 1989 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A REVIEW OF AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS, CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES, WAS INITIATED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (CAD) IN 1983.

CAD IMPLEMENTED THE PHASE I CONTROL COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON TO THE SOUTHEAST OF HKIA IN NOVEMBER 1986.

THE CURRENT AMENDMENTS GIVE EFFECT TO HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS DETERMINED UNDER PHASE II OF THE REVIEW WHICH COVERS THE REMAINING PARTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, PARTS OF THE SOUTHERN NEW TERRITORIES AND LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CURRENT AMENDMENTS REFLECTED A GENERAL RELAXATION OF THE PREVIOUS AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OVER MOST PART OF THE KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON AREAS EXCEPT FOR PARTS OF KOWLOON CITY, MA TAU KOK, TAI KOK TSUI AND KOWLOON BAY WHICH ARE UNDER OR CLOSE TO THE TAKE-OFF AND APPROACH FLIGHT-PATHS WHERE STRICTER AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE INTRODUCED.

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THE PHASE II REVIEW ALSO BRINGS AREAS SUCH AS THE WESTERN HALF OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND LANTAU ISLAND UNDER AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

HOWEVER, THE RESTRICTED HEIGHTS IN THESE AREAS ARE HIGH AND HENCE NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

BUILDINGS FOR WHICH BUILDING PLANS HAD BEEN APPROVED BEFORE TODAY ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE ORDER BUT THESE BUILDINGS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CURRENT AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS UPON REDEVELOPMENT.

IN AREAS WHERE THE AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING RELAXED, NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT TO GREATER INTENSITIES THAN PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED ARE EXPECTED.

THIS WILL POSE AN UNACCEPTABLE STRAIN ON THE EXISTING AND PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN CERTAIN CONGESTED AREAS OF KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON.

THE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF DENSITY OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON) ORDINANCE 1989, ENACTED IN JULY THIS YEAR, AIMS TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PENDING THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REVIEW OF THE REDEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL AND CONSTRAINTS WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1990.

UNDER THIS NEW ORDINANCE, BUILDINGS THAT EXCEED THE PREVIOUS AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS BUT ARE WITHIN THE RELAXED RESTRICTIONS MAY NOT EXCEED THE PLOT RATIO THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

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ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE VBP TO RETURN HOME VOLUNTARILY

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO VOLUNTARILY RETURN TO VIETNAM.

"THERE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEGREGATE VOLUNTEERS AS SOON AS THEY TELL THE CAMP MANAGEMENT THAT THEY WANT TO GO BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY," THE REFUGEE CO-ORDINATOR, MR MIKE HANSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

"THEY WILL EITHER BE TRANSPORTED TO THE LO WU TEMPORARY HOLDING CENTRE FOR VOLUNTARY RETURNEES OR AT LEAST BE PUT IN SEPARATE ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THEIR CAMP PENDING TRANSFER TO LO WU LATER ON THE SAME DAY.

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"THE IDEA IS TO PREVENT VOLUNTARY RETURNEES FROM BEING INFLUENCED OR INTIMIDATED BY OTHER INMATES ONCE THEY HAVE INDICATED VOLUNTARY RETURN.

"WITH THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT WE HOPE THE BOAT PEOPLE WILL FIND IT MORE COMFORTABLE TO INDICATE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RETURN AND THAT MORE OF THEM WILL COME FORWARD AND ASK TO GO BACK."

IN ANOTHER MEASURE, MR HANSON SAID HE HOPED THAT CONSULATE STAFF FROM MAJOR RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES WOULD VISIT DETENTION CENTRES AND GIVE "FACE THE REALITY" TALKS TO THE BOAT PEOPLE.

"THE OBJECTIVE IS TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOAT PEOPLE THAT ONCE THEY ARE SCREENED OUT AS NON-REFUGEES, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF THEM BEING RESETTLED OVERSEAS; THEY CAN ONLY REMAIN IN DETENTION PENDING REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM," HE SAID.

"THIS IS THE REALITY THE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE TO FACE.

"ALL THESE MEASURES ARE ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

"WE HOPE TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE LO WU HOLDING CENTRE FROM ABOUT 500 TO 1,000."

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 395 VOLUNTARY RETURNEES STAYING AT LO WU.

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POLITICAL ADVISER TO VISIT GUANGDONG

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THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR WILLIAM EHRMAN, WILL PAY AN INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO GUANGDONG ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12.

HE WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CANTON ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND WILL VISIT SHENZHEN ON SEPTEMBER 12.

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HK'S BROADCASTING INDUSTRY TO EXPERIENCE UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH

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HONG KONG'S BROADCASTING INDUSTRY WILL EXPERIENCE A GROWTH. THE LIKES OF WHICH THE TERRITORY HAS NEVER SEEN, IN VIEW OF GROWING GLOBAL DEMAND FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION AND THE RAPID PROGRESS IN TECHNOLOGY.

THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID THIS AFTER A VISIT TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

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IT WAS THE SECRETARY'S FIRST VISIT TO THE STATION SINCE HE TOOK UP RESPONSIBILITY FOR BROADCASTING POLICY EARLIER THIS MONTH.

MR CHUI EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN RTHK'S FUTURE INDEPENDENCE.

HE SAID HE HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE STATION'S TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING STATUS.

"GIVEN MORE FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE AREAS OF EDITORIAL, PRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION, RTHK WILL HAVE GREATER POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE MORE TO SOCIETY," HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY TOURED THE DIFFERENT DIVISIONS AT RTHK, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH ITS STAFF.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE; ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR CHU PUI-HING; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN AND MISS MARIA WAN.

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SITE ACCIDENTS CONTINUE TO GO UP

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THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, DESPITE A DECLINE IN THE ACCIDENT RATE IN VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT 18,664 ACCIDENTS WITH 47 FATALITIES WERE REPORTED BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE THIS YEAR.

"THESE COMPARED WITH 18,265 ACCIDENTS AND 32 FATALITIES RECORDED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF LAST YEAR," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GREATEST INCREASE, AS IN THE PAST, WAS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH HAD RISEN BY 11 PER CENT TO 8,693 ACCIDENTS WITH 31 FATALITIES.

THE SITUATION FOR THE MINING AND QUARRYING, UTILITIES, TRANSPORT AND OTHER SERVICING INDUSTRIES, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 1,892 ACCIDENTS WITH 10 FATALITIES, REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED.

HOWEVER, THE ACCIDENT RATE FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HAD DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT FROM 8,636 ACCIDENTS WITH TWO FATALITIES IN THE FIRST HALF OF LAST YEAR TO 8,159 ACCIDENTS AND SIX DEATHS IN THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR.

A SHARP DECREASE IN ACCIDENTS WAS RECORDED IN THE ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS AND SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRING INDUSTRIES - DOWN RESPECTIVELY FROM 501,695 AND 379 CASES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988 TO 379,532 AND 298 CASES IN THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR.

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"THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WERE STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS (5,424 CASES), HANDLING WITHOUT MACHINERY (3,663 CASES), MACHINERY (2,845 CASES), HAND TOOLS (1,281 CASES), FALL OF PERSONS (1,229 CASES) AND FALLING OBJECTS (1,099 CASES)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE REST RELATED TO TRANSPORT, HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE, FIRE OR EXPLOSION, ELECTRICITY AND OTHERS.

"AN ANALYSIS OF THE FATAL CASES ALSO SHOWED THAT OF THE 47 WORKERS KILLED, 31 WERE EMPLOYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

"THEY INCLUDED 21 WORKERS KILLED IN FALLS FROM HEIGHT, FIVE BY FALLING OBJECTS, TWO BY MACHINERY, TWO BY FIRE OR EXPLOSION, AND ONE BY ELECTRICITY."

DEATHS IN THE MANUFACTURING AND OTHER INDUSTRIES WERE CAUSED BY FALL OF PERSONS (EIGHT CASES), MACHINERY (TWO CASES), TRANSPORT (TWO CASES), HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE (ONE CASE), ELECTRICITY (ONE CASE), FALLING OBJECTS (ONE CASE) AND REASONS NOT YET ASCERTAINED (ONE CASE), THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NOMINATIONS FOR TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION
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A BY-ELECTION FOR THE TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY IN KWAI TSING DISTRICT WILL BE CONDUCTED TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY THE RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR LI CHI-FAI.

THE VACANCY IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 1991.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, BY A NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 11) AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

INTENDING CANDIDATES MUST BE REGISTERED ELECTORS ON THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL AND HAVE BEEN RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG; BUT HE CAN BE NOMINATED ONLY BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY.

EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONLY ONE CANDIDATE.

/THE TSING

THE TSING YI SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COVERS THE SOUTHERN HALF OF TSING YI ISLAND INCLUDING CHEUNG CHING ESTATE AND MAYFAIR GARDENS. IT HAS A REGISTERED ELECTORATE OF 9,343.

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 28. UNLESS THE SEAT IS UNCONTESTED, A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 0-4212855 OR TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION ON TEL. 5-8934796.

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FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A WEEK OF FUN, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN DIFFERENT AREAS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THESE ACTIVITIES, TO START ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 10), RANGE FROM CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW, TO CONCERT AND CANTONESE OPERA. THERE WILL ALSO BE LANTERN EXHIBITIONS, LANTERN RIDDLES AND LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES.

"WE HOPE THE ACTIVITIES WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS, AND ALSO HELP PROMOTE NEIGHBOURLINESS AND BOOST COMMUNITY SPIRIT," A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DETAILS OF THE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS :

| DATE/TIME ----- | EVENT ----- | VENUE ----- |
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| SEPTEMBER 10 7 PM-11 PM | LEI TUNG ESTATE VARIETY SHOW | LEI TUNG COMMUNITY HALL, AP LEI CHAU |
| SEPTEMBER 10 7 PM-11 PM | WONG CHUK HANG CANTONESE OPERATIC PERFORMANCE | WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE OPEN SPACE |
| SEPTEMBER 13 7 PM-11 PM | SHEK PAI WAN CARNIVAL | SHEK PAI WAN NO. 1 SOCCER PITCH |
| SEPTEMBER 15 2.30 PM-10 PM | YUE FAI COURT CARNIVAL | YUE FAI COURT PODIUM, ABERDEEN |
| SEPTEMBER 15 6 PM-10.30 PM | STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW | SHEK O BEACH CARPARK |

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| SEPTEMBER 15 8 PM-10.30 PM | WAH FU ESTATE VARIETY SHOW | WAH HONG SQUARE. WAH FU ESTATE |
| SEPTEMBER 16 7.30 PM - 10.30 PM | BAGUIO VILLA VARIETY SHOW | UPPER BAGUIO VILLA PLAYGROUND, POK FU LAM |
| SEPTEMBER 16 7 PM-11 PM | AP LEI CHAU ESTATE VARIETY SHOW | AP LEI CHAU ESTATE OPEN SPACE |
| SEPTEMBER 17 7 PM-11 PM | TIN WAN CONCERT | TIN WAN ESTATE SOCCER PITCH |

FOR THE STANLEY, SHEK O AND BAYS CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW, FREE COACH SERVICES WILL OPERATE FROM STANLEY, BIG WAVE BAY AND REPULSE BAY TO TAKE RESIDENTS TO THE VENUE AT SHEK O.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COACH SERVICE CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S STANLEY SUB-OFFICE ON TEL. 5-8130305.

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LANTERN CARNIVAL FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WITH A LANTERN CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD FROM 7 PM TO 10.30 PM, WILL BE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THERE WILL BE A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS, INCLUDING DEMONSTRATIONS OF TRADITIONAL CRAFTS SUCH AS FLOUR DOLL MAKING AND PAPER CUTTING, AND A CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION.

FOR THOSE PREFERRING MUSIC AND DANCE, A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW WILL START AT 8.30 PM, WITH PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND DANCE GROUPS FROM THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL.

THE LANTERN CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; URBAN COUNCILLOR MR PAO PING-WING; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR FONG PUI-SHEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, MR WU WING-KAI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

/MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MID-AUTUMN LANTERN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM.

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TWO GOVT LOTS FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO PIECES OF GOVERNMENT LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE FIRST ONE IS A 2,580-SQUARE-METRE LOT AT CHEUNG SHA, LANTAU ISLAND, EARMARKED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT STIPULATED THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 516 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1992.

THE OTHER LOT, MEASURING ABOUT 1,900 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT CHUN FAI ROAD, HONG KONG.

IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWNS, HOTELS, OFFICES AND RESTAURANTS BUT INCLUDING SUPERMARKETS AND RETAIL SHOPS.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 1,800 SQUARE METRES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1993.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR THE CHEUNG SHA LOT IS NOON ON OCTOBER 6 AND FOR THE LOT AT CHUN FAI ROAD IS NOON ON OCTOBER 27.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT ALL THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TIN SHUI WAI WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE 1 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT WILL START LATER THIS YEAR.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE ONE SYSTEM WHICH WILL SERVE A TARGET POPULATION OF ABOUT 140,000.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES LAYING A TRUNK MAIN FROM AU TAU TO YUEN LONG, FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER RETICULATION SYSTEMS AND MAINLAYING BETWEEN WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR AND TIN SHUI WAI.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER. WORK ON THE TRUNK MAIN BETWEEN AU TAU AND YUEN LONG IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END 1992, ON THE RETICULATION SYSTEMS TO BE COMPLETED BY END 1993, AND ON THE MAINLAYING BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 29.

THE LAND IN TIN SHUI WAI, ORIGINALLY COMPRISED MAINLY OF FISHPONDS, IS BEING FORMED BY USING SOME 20 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF DREDGED MARINE SAND FROM OUTER DEEP BAY. TO DATE, ABOUT 65 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN FORMED.

PILING WORK FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE THERE HAS BEGUN IN MARCH.

BY END 1991, THE FIRST RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THE NEW TOWN.

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THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW "FLEXI-DESIGN" SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN YUEN LONG UNDER TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

THE FIRST CONTRACT INVOLVES BUILDING TWO SCHOOLS, INTERLOCKED WITH EACH OTHER, ON A 11,570-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 74, HUNG SHUI KIU.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE SAME DESIGN ON A 6,100-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN AREA 6 WILL BE AWARDED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

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EACH OF THE THREE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A GENERAL CLASSROOM BLOCK WITH 26 CLASSROOMS AND THREE REMEDIAL TEACHING ROOMS, A SPECIAL BLOCK WITH 14 SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

WORKS UNDER THE CONTRACTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE AROUND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON OCTOBER 6.

THE FOLLOWING IS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK:

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HK NEEDS HELP FROM ALL TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE
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CHINA, BRITAIN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ALL HELP HONG KONG TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN ITS FUTURE THAT HAD BEEN SO BADLY SHAKEN IN THE AFTERMATH OF EVENTS IN PEKING ON JUNE 4, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR DANIEL TSE, TOLD AMERICANS YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

HE WAS ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF ACADEMICS, POLITICIANS, OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN AT THE SOUTHERN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES.

"BECAUSE HONG KONG IS SO IMPORTANT TO SO MANY PEOPLE IN SO MANY WAYS, WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG TO GO SOUR BY DEFAULT," DR TSE SAID.

"WE MUST DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN BADLY SHAKEN. BUT WE KNOW OUR EFFORTS ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH.

"WE MUST DEMAND THAT CHINA WILL DO SOMETHING CONCRETE TO RESTORE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ITS GOVERNMENT.

"CHINA MUST TAKE SERIOUS STEPS TO SHOW TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THE RULE OF LAW EXISTS IN THE LAND AND WILL BE STRENGTHENED.

"CHINA MUST TAKE MEASURES TO ASSURE HONG KONG PEOPLE OF ITS INTENTION TO HONOUR THE JOINT DECLARATION."

DR TSE SAID WHILE CHINA HAD A GOOD RECORD IN HONOURING INTERNATIONAL TREATIES, IT HAD TO EXTEND THIS RECORD BY MAKING SURE THAT THE BASIC LAW WHICH WOULD GOVERN THE FUTURE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION WOULD REFLECT TRULY IN SPIRIT AND IN LETTER, THE AGREEMENTS LAID DOWN IN THE JOINT DECLARATION.

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"CHINA MUST ALLOW HONG KONG TO DEVELOP ITS OWN DEMOCRATIC AND FREE POLITICAL SYSTEM AT ITS OWN PACE AS A CAPITALIST FREE SOCIETY SHOULD, AND NOT MAKE INTERFERING OR THREATENING REMARKS TO INTIMIDATE THE PEOPLE WHO EXERCISE THEIR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION."

HE SAID BRITAIN TOO HAD TO DO SOMETHING AND IF IT WERE WILLING TO ACCEDE TO HONG KONG'S DEMAND FOR FULL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS FOR THOSE RESIDENTS WHO WERE BRITISH, THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE SOUGHT OVERSEAS RESIDENCE STATUS ELSEWHERE WOULD NO LONGER NEED TO DO SO.

"THIS WOULD GIVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO CONFIDENCE AND LESSEN THE PRESSURE OF EMIGRATION. OUR OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE LEAVE HONG KONG, BUT TO HELP THEM STAY, WITH ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS," DR TSE SAID.

EARLIER IN THE DAY DR TSE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, MR KERRY MCGLYNN, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, MR JOE FRANK HARRIS, WHO WILL BE VISITING HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

TODAY, DR TSE WILL MEET THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA, MR ANDREW YOUNG, WHO WAS FORMERLY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

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