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RESERVES BELONG TO HONG KONG — SIR PHILIP  
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HONG KONG'S MONETARY ASSETS LODGED IN OVERSEAS DEPOSITORIES BELONG TO HONG KONG, ARE MANAGED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND WILL ALWAYS BE MANAGED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+AND THAT SITUATION I DO NOT SEE CHANGING,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AT THE SHA TAU KOK POLICE STATION AT THE END OF HIS TOUR OF THE BORDER AREA THIS AFTERNOON.

ASKED WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WOULD BE RETURNING TO HONG KONG, SIR PHILIP SAID HE WOULD BE COMING BACK NEXT FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 9).

SIR EDWARD IS IN LONDON TODAY, HE SAID, AND WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN WHITEHALL SEEING MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS ON BUSINESS AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON THE TALKS.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER SIR EDWARD WOULD BE MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, SIR PHILIP SAID MRS THATCHER'S INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S AFFAIRS AND IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS VERY WELL KNOWN.

+I WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF SHE DOES NOT SEE THE GOVERNOR IF IT IS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IF A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED, ONE WILL BE ARRANGED,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP SAID MR RICHARD LUCE, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF HONG KONG AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WOULD BE VISITING HONG KONG FOR THREE WORKING DAYS TOWARDS THE END OF THIS MONTH AS PART OF A VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

MR LUCE'S VISIT IS A ROUTINE ONE BY A MINISTER IN CHARGE OF HONG KONG AND HAS NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH THE TALKS ON THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

IN THREE DAYS, MR LUCE CAN MEET A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REPRESENTATIVE OF A WIDE SPECTRUM OF OPINION.

+IT WILL BE A WORKING VISIT, NOT A SIGHTSEEING VISIT,+ HE ADDED. +I HAVE NO DOUBT HE WILL TRAVEL AROUND HONG KONG A GOOD DEAL.+

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ACTING GOVERNOR TOURS BORDER  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY VISITED SHA TAU KOK FOR AN ON-THE-SPOT BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE BORDER VILLAGE AREA.

INCLUDED AMONG THE PROPOSALS ARE A CROSS BORDER VEHICULAR LINK TO BE BUILT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE VILLAGE ITSELF, AIMED AT IMPROVING COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS.

SIR PHILIP WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSALS BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STUART HARBINSON, AND THE ACTING PROJECT MANAGER, TAI PO AND FANLING, MR BOB HANNA.

THE NEW BORDER CROSSING WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES BUILDING A BRIDGE, AND ON THE HONG KONG SIDE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA FROM THE EXISTING SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO THE NEW BRIDGE, WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF THE SHA TAU KOK VILLAGE.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT WORK WOULD START ON THE HONG KONG SIDE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF 1984.

ON VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT, SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT THE FIRST PHASE PROPOSALS INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA FOR UP TO 3 000 PEOPLE, THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVED VEHICLE PARKING ARRANGEMENTS.

THIS FIRST PHASE COULD MAKE AN AREA AVAILABLE FOR A RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING SCHEME AT A LATER STAGE. TIMING FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED, BUT SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS HOPED THE FIRST PHASE COULD COMMENCE IN 1984-85, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND OTHER PRIORITIES.

THE SHA TAU KOK BRIEFING CAME AT THE END OF A BORDER TOUR WHICH INCLUDED A HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER LOK MA CHAU AND THE MAI PO MARSHES AND A BRIEFING ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY AND POLICE UNITS ON ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

SIR PHILIP ALSO SAW THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CONTROL POINT AND LO WU STATION, WHERE HE TALKED TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS, BEFORE DRIVING TO SHA TAU KOK. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE EARLIER PART OF THE TOUR BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALAN MASON, THE DEPUTY DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, FRONTIER, MR BENNY NG AND THE DEPUTY COMMANDER GURKHA FIELD FORCE, COLONEL JOHN EDWARDS.

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MUCH TO BE PROUD OF HERE, Y'S MEN TOLD  
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THERE IS MUCH TO CRITICISE IN HONG KONG AND THIS IS TRUE OF OTHER CITIES, BUT THERE IS FAR, FAR MORE TO BE PROUD OF, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, DR PATRICK HASE TOLD A MEETING OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB TODAY.

DR HASE QUOTED THE EXAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S HOUSING PROGRAMME, THE LIKE OF WHICH HE SAID WAS NOT PRODUCED IN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD.

+THIS HOUSING PROGRAMME HAS ITS FAULTS, AND IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CITIZENS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THESE FAULTS, BUT THOSE FAULTS MUST BE SEEN AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF AN IMMENSE AND STUPENDOUS SUCCESS.

+THIS SUCCESS IS ONE IN WHICH WE ALL SHARE, FOR THE PROGRAMME DEPENDS FOR ITS SUCCESS ON THE ECONOMIC VITALITY, POLITICAL COMMONSENSE, STABILITY AND OUTSPOKENNESS OF THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ITSELF SHOULD ALSO BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE, FOR IT WORKS BETTER AND MORE FAIRLY THAN MOST.

+IT RESTS ON TWO PILLARS: FIRSTLY, A GOVERNMENT CONSTRAINED BY LAW SO AS TO BE QUITE DEBARRED FROM ARBITRARY OR EXCESSIVE ACTION; SECONDLY A VERY WIDE-RANGING STRUCTURE OF CONSULTATIVE BODIES, BACKED BY A POWERFUL SYSTEM OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND A FREE PRESS, TO ENSURE THAT CITIZENS' VIEWS MUST BE HEARD,+ DR HASE SAID.

IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF PRIDE THAT HONG KONG ALONE OF TERRITORIES IN THIS REGION ENJOYS THE FREEDOMS -- +FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, FREEDOM TO CRITICISE GOVERNMENT, FREEDOM TO EXPERIMENT WITH LIFESTYLES, TO DEVELOP TALENTS, TO MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT ONE HAS, FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL BELIEF AND PRACTICE, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM TO DO WHATEVER JOBS SEEM MOST SUITED TO YOU.

+THESE, WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT, THE MOST BASIC OF ALL FREEDOMS,+ HE SAID.

AS FOR THE CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT, DR HASE POINTED OUT THAT SOME 2 000 UNOFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE CONSULTATIVE BODIES, 2 500 IN THE DISTRICT BODIES, AND AT LEAST 20 000 IN THE GRASSROOTS BODIES, MOSTLY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATIONS.

+HOWEVER YOU DEFINE DEMOCRACY THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM: ONE IN EVERY 600 CITIZENS AGED BETWEEN 30 AND 60 ARE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN TERRITORY-WIDE CONSULTATIVE BODIES, ONE IN EVERY 275 IN EITHER TERRITORY-WIDE OR DISTRICT BODIES, AND ONE IN EVERY 100 IN SOME BODY AT SOME LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

+NOT ONLY IS THE STRUCTURE THERE, BUT IT IS USED. THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS WHAT PEOPLE WANT, WHAT THEIR WISHES ARE, AND WHAT THEIR PROBLEMS ARE,+ HE SAID.

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SIZE CRITERIA FOR BANK LICENCE APPLICATIONS  
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS CARRIED OUT THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SIZE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES, AND HAS DECIDED TO MAKE NO CHANGES THIS YEAR.

THE CRITERIA ARE:

FOR FOREIGN BANKS -

TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) OF AT LEAST US\$12 000 MILLION OR EQUIVALENT;

FOR COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG -

TOTAL ASSETS (LESS CONTRA ITEMS) OF AT LEAST HK\$2 500 MILLION; AND

DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC (I.E. EXCLUDING THOSE FROM BANKS, DTCS AND CONNECTED PARTIES) OF AT LEAST HK\$1 750 MILLION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE THRESHOLDS LAST YEAR, BY 20 PER CENT FOR A FOREIGN BANK'S ASSETS, AND BY 25 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY FOR THE ASSETS AND DEPOSITS OF A LOCAL APPLICANT.

HE ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF FOREIGN BANKS MIGHT HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME DECLINE IN THEIR TOTAL ASSETS, EXPRESSED IN US DOLLARS, OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO, AS A RESULT OF THE WORLDWIDE APPRECIATION OF THE US DOLLAR.

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE OTHER CRITERIA ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON MAY 27, 1981 REMAINED IN FORCE, BUT NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL RETAINED COMPLETE DISCRETION OVER THE GRANTING OF BANK LICENCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART III OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE, AND THAT SATISFACTION OF THE ANNOUNCED CRITERIA WAS SIMPLY A PRE-CONDITION FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.

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SHA TIN TO HAVE OWN CULTURAL COMPLEX  
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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CULTURAL COMPLEX IN JUST A LITTLE OVER TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

WORK ON THE CULTURAL COMPLEX, SITUATED NEXT TO THE FUTURE TOWN PARK, WILL BEGIN SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE SIGNING TODAY OF A \$93-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR JOSE LEI, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF AOKI CORPORATION, MR SUNAO HORII.

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MR LEI SAID THAT THE SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX WOULD BE BUILT ON A 20 000-SQUARE METRE SITE BETWEEN THE RAILWAY STATION AND THE SHING MUN RIVER.

IT WILL BE THE THIRD CULTURAL COMPLEX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE FIRST ONE IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN WAS COMPLETED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHILE THE SECOND ONE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MR LEI SAID THE PROJECT WOULD COST ABOUT \$125 MILLION, INCLUDING FOUNDATION WORK.

THE CULTURAL COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF A MULTI-PURPOSE 1 450-SEAT AUDITORIUM, A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND A RESTAURANT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A MARRIAGE REGISTRY BENEATH THE RESTAURANT AND OUTDOOR TERRACES EXTENDING TO THE ADJACENT TOWN PARK.

MR LEI SAID THE COMPLEX WOULD BE AN IMPROVED DESIGN TO THE ONE IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, WITH A LARGER STAGE, PROPER SIDE STAGES AND AN ORCHESTRAL PIT FOR LARGE SCALE ORCHESTRAL, OPERATIC, DANCE AND THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES.

THE STAGE WILL FEATURE A MOVABLE ACOUSTICAL SHELL DESIGNED FOR ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES WHEN THE SIDE STAGES ARE NOT NEEDED.

+THE AUDITORIUM IS NOT ONLY DESIGNED FOR HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCES BUT ALSO FOR A WIDE RANGE OF DISTRICT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,+ MR LEI SAID.

+MEDIUM-SIZED, MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ROOMS ARE PROVIDED FOR SMALL SCALE PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL ARTISTIC GROUPS AND FOR REGULAR REHEARSALS AND PRACTICES.+

THESE INCLUDE A CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL FOR 250-300 PEOPLE, A LARGE PRACTICE ROOM FOR 200, A LARGE REHEARSAL ROOM FOR 200, AND TWO LECTURE ROOMS, EACH ACCOMMODATING 145 PEOPLE.

ACOUSTIC TREATMENT, SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED IN ALL THESE ROOMS.

FILM PROJECTION FACILITIES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN OF THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL AND LECTURE ROOMS, WHILE A CONFERENCE ROOM HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF UP TO 50 PERSONS WITH WAITING ROOM AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE LANDSCAPED PODIUM IS LINKED BY COVERED WALKS TO BUILDINGS WITHIN THE COMPLEX AND THE SURROUNDING LOW-RISE BLOCKS.

+UPON COMPLETION, THE PROJECT, DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL FORM PART OF THE TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL FACILITIES WILL FULFIL THE CULTURAL ASPIRATIONS OF, AND FOSTER A SENSE OF CIVIC PRIDE AMONG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

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AIRBORNE MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - JUNE  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY AIR FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1983 WAS VALUED AT \$34 564 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 23 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$12 223 MILLION (UP 33 PER CENT), AIRBORNE IMPORTS AT \$16 427 MILLION (UP 17 PER CENT) AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$5 913 MILLION (UP 22 PER CENT).

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1983, BY VALUE, 28 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 22 PER CENT OF IMPORTS AND 25 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS WERE CARRIED BY AIR.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, AIRBORNE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO 71 406 TONNES, REPRESENTING 0.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE, AND TOTAL AIRBORNE EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 93 014 TONNES OR 1.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORT TONNAGE.

THE CHANGES IN 10 MAJOR MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$890 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$597 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT); ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS PLUS WASTE, SCRAPS AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) (BY \$441 MILLION OR 1 076 PER CENT); AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$306 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$27 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$25 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); AND GRAMOPHONES, DICTATING MACHINES AND OTHER SOUND RECORDERS OR REPRODUCERS (BY \$23 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF COMMODITY BY COUNTRY REVEALED GROWTH IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO THE U.S. (BY \$815 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) AND CANADA (BY \$52 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES TO THE U.S. (BY \$462 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT) AND F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$57 MILLION OR 1 560 PER CENT); AND IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF PRECIOUS METALS PLUS WASTE, SCRAPS AND SWEEPINGS OF PRECIOUS METALS (OTHER THAN OF GOLD) TO THE U.K. (BY \$379 MILLION OR 1 394 PER CENT); AND F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$34 MILLION OR 536 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF RADIO-BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$28 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$18 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT) TO THE U.S.

/THE CHANGES .....

THE CHANGES IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS OF THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$1 095 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$485 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR MAKING AND BREAKING OR FOR PROTECTING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS (BY \$177 MILLION OR 98 PER CENT); PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$171 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPARATUS (BY \$121 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

IN CONTRAST, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN THE SUPPLY BY AIR OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$538 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND SILVER, PLATINUM AND OTHER METALS OF THE PLATINUM GROUP (BY \$68 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT).

GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS AND TRANSISTORS FROM JAPAN (BY \$525 MILLION OR 129 PER CENT) AND THE U.S. (BY \$479 MILLION OR 112 PER CENT); AS WELL AS IN WATCHES AND CLOCKS FROM JAPAN (BY \$171 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$133 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES FROM THE U.S. (BY \$220 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), FROM SWITZERLAND (BY \$39 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AND FROM JAPAN (BY \$36 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1983.

INCREASES IN VALUE WERE REGISTERED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$284 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS (BY \$249 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$108 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES, DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY (BY \$300 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

THE U.S. WAS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS, WITH A VALUE OF \$920 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF \$38 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

NOTABLE INCREASES WERE ALSO REGISTERED IN AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE (BY \$258 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$136 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$136 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$114 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, AIRBORNE RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM AND JAPAN DECREASED CONSIDERABLY (BY \$43 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT AND \$26 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+. THE JUNE 1983 ISSUE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES IN 10 MAJOR MARKETS FOR  
HONG KONG'S AIRBORNE DOMESTIC EXPORTS

	JAN-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1982 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	5 747	3 855	+1 892	+49
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 035	835	+ 200	+24
U.K.	969	516	+ 453	+88
JAPAN	683	617	+ 66	+11
CANADA	406	309	+ 97	+31
SWITZERLAND	349	287	+ 62	+22
NETHERLANDS	332	246	+ 85	+35
SINGAPORE	257	240	+ 17	+ 7
FRANCE	255	211	+ 44	+21
SAUDI ARABIA	197	169	+ 28	+17

TABLE 2 : CHANGES IN AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM  
THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

	JAN-JUNE 1983 (\$ MN.)	JAN-JUNE 1982 (\$ MN.)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN.)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	3 964	2 900	+1 064	+37
U.S.A.	3 641	2 687	+ 954	+36
SWITZERLAND	1 054	968	+ 87	+ 9
TAIWAN	945	902	+ 42	+ 5
U.K.	889	1 108	- 219	-20
SINGAPORE	826	628	+ 198	+31
REP. OF KOREA	653	563	+ 90	+16
F.R. OF GERMANY	588	461	+ 127	+28
ITALY	504	463	+ 41	+ 9
FRANCE	436	400	+ 36	+ 9

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ONE NOMINATION FOR KUK ELECTION  
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ONLY ONE NOMINATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR A HEUNG YEE KUK BY-ELECTION TO FILL THE SEAT OF A SPECIAL COUNCILLOR FOR THE YUEN LONG ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

AS A RESULT, THE UNCONTESTED CANDIDATE, MR TSO SHIU-WAI OF TUEN MUN, WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

HE WILL REPLACE MR HO SUN-KUEN WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AN UNOFFICIAL NT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

BECAUSE OF THE JP APPOINTMENT, MR HO MUST RELINQUISH HIS OFFICES OF SPECIAL COUNCILLOR AND ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE KUK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HAS BECOME EX-OFFICIO COUNCILLOR AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KUK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE BY-ELECTION, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15, WILL NOT BE HELD AS A RESULT.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, ANOTHER BY-ELECTION FOR TWO ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE KUK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 29, STARTING AT 11 AM.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL REPLACE MR HO AND MR LAM CHAK-MAN. MR LAM LOST HIS VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP AT THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS LAST MARCH AND MUST AUTOMATICALLY GIVE UP HIS OFFICE OF ORDINARY MEMBER.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL BE THE RETURNING OFFICER.

THE ABOVE BY-ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8 OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE.

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CHANGES TO DIRECT ISSUE OF DRIVING LICENCES  
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TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES GOVERNING THE DIRECT ISSUE OF HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCES WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE FIRST APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR THE DIRECT ISSUE OF HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCES.

SUCH PERSONS WILL IN FUTURE BE REQUIRED TO PROVE A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FOREIGN RESIDENCE DURING WHICH PERIOD A LICENCE WAS ISSUED, AFTER A TEST.

/PREVIOUSLY, THEY .....

PREVIOUSLY, THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PROVE APPROPRIATE FOREIGN RESIDENCE FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE ISSUE OF SUCH A LICENCE. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENTS AS TO HOLDING A VALID LICENCE AFTER UNDERGOING A DRIVING TEST IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

THE SECOND CHANGE ALLOWS FOR THE DIRECT ISSUE OF HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCES TO CONSULAR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HOLD A PASSPORT OF THE COUNTRY THEY REPRESENT AND WHO HAVE PASSED A TEST IN THAT COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A DRIVING LICENCE THERE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS.

THIS AMENDMENT EXTENDS THE DIRECT ISSUE SCHEME TO ALL SUCH CONSULAR PERSONNEL IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COUNTRY THEY REPRESENT.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED  
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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES ARE BEING OFFERED TO RESIDENTS IN HONG KONG.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN, AND ARE INTENDED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE IN HONG KONG ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD.

COUNTRIES OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS ARE THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NIGERIA, MALAYSIA, JAMAICA, GHANA AND SRI LANKA.

THE COURSE OF STUDY NORMALLY EXTENDS OVER TWO ACADEMIC YEARS.

THE EMOLUMENTS WILL COVER APPROVED EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL, LIVING AND STUDY.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCES. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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SCHOOL WORKSHOP SAFETY BOOKLET AVAILABLE  
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COPIES OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED '+SAFETY IN SCHOOL WORKSHOPS+' PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH ARE NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID SAFETY IN SCHOOL WORKSHOPS IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE IN THE TEACHING OF ALL TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

'+TECHNICAL SUBJECT TEACHERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO STUDY THE BOOKLET CAREFULLY AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL ITS RECOMMENDATIONS,+ HE SAID.

HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WISHING TO ACQUIRE COPIES OF THE BOOKLET CAN WRITE TO THE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F., HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SECTION ON 5-8392432.

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SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE WILL HOLD A SERIES OF SEMINARS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS RESPECTIVELY ON THE USE OF THE WIRELESS INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM.

THESE SEMINARS, EACH LASTING TWO HOURS, WILL BE HELD AT THE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, AND MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE SHORT TALKS ON ADMINISTERING A TAPED PROGRAMME IN AN ENGLISH LESSON, DIFFERENT MODES OF UTILISING THE LOOP TO PROMOTE PUPILS' LISTENING SKILLS, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 40 TEACHERS AT EACH SEMINAR. APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE TEACHING CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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POSTER CONTEST TO PUBLICISE REHABILITATION

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A REHABILITATION POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, ENTITLED 'FRIENDSHIP - A WAY TO INTEGRATION', IS NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS IN SUPPORT OF A TERRITORY-WIDE POSTER CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION (COMPERE) TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE HANDICAPPED AND HELP INTEGRATE THEM INTO SOCIETY.

ENTRIES ARE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR DIVISIONS : FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TOGETHER WITH ADULTS, AND A COMBINED GROUP COMPRISING THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED.

ALL ENTRIES, WHICH MUST BE IN A2 SIZE (42 CM X 59.4 CM) AND PRESENTED IN POSTER COLOUR OR CRAYON, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES IN STANLEY AND WAH FU ESTATE BEFORE OCTOBER 17.

THREE WINNERS FROM EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS AND SOUVENIRS BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE 12 WINNING ENTRIES WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE COMPERE FOR THE TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION, AND SIX WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED AMONG THE WINNING ENTRIES FROM THE 18 DISTRICTS AND BE AWARDED \$1 500 EACH.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION MAY BE MADE WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 5-540271.

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TRAFFIC BAN LIFTED AT HENNESSY ROAD

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 3), TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS WILL BE REMOVED FROM TWO SECTIONS OF HENNESSY ROAD.

THESE SECTIONS ARE: THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 139 AND 149, AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 188 AND SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT FACTORIES  
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ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WILL VISIT TWO NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRICT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE VISIT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM WITH A BRIEFING BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR RICKY FUNG, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, FOO YICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, SAN ON CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN.

THE PARTY WILL THEN PROCEED TO YKK ZIPPER COMPANY (HONG KONG) LIMITED AND ALEXAN MULTI-INDUSTRIAL CITY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VISIT. A 14-SEATER GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1.30 PM FOR TUEN MUN.

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BUS TERMINUS NOW PROHIBITED ZONE  
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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 3), THE SHUN TIN ESTATE BUS TERMINUS WILL BE DESIGNATED A 'PROHIBITED ZONE'.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED PUBLIC OMNIBUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS TERMINUS.

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