



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## GOOD PROGRESS ON HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME

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GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON TWO FRONTS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON HOME OWNERSHIP HAS COMPLETED MUCH OF ITS WORK AND IRONED OUT MANY PROBLEMS.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN GIVEN SUPPORT OF HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, AND LEADING BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, BACKED BY A GOVERNMENT PARTIAL GUARANTEE AGAINST DEFAULT, WILL OFFER SPECIAL MORTGAGE AT INTEREST RATES BETWEEN 7-1/2 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT PER ANNUM FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 15 YEARS WITH A MINIMUM DOWN PAYMENT OF 10 PER CENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER A NON-PROFIT-MAKING CONVEYANCING SERVICE ALTHOUGH CERTAIN STATUTORY FEES MUST REMAIN THE SAME AS FOR ANY FLAT PURCHASE.

THE COST OF CONVEYANCING WILL VARY ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF THE FLAT BUT FOR A FLAT WITH A MARKET VALUE OF \$100,000 COULD BE ABOUT \$520 IF A MORTGAGE IS INVOLVED.

FOR FLATS COSTING LESS THAN \$100,000 THE AMOUNT WOULD BE SLIGHTLY LESS BUT WHERE THE PRICE ROSE OVER \$100,000 A HIGHER COST OF CONVEYANCING WOULD APPLY.

THIS SPECIAL CONVEYANCING FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AS ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEME.

PLANS ARE NOW GOING AHEAD TO SET UP AN INFORMATION AND DISPLAY SECTION AT OI MAN ESTATE EARLY NEXT YEAR. THERE PROSPECTIVE BUYERS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE VARIOUS MODELS, PLANS AND DIAGRAMS OF THE SIX ESTATES IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME.

DETAILS OF THE METHOD OF APPLICATION ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT BUT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN FIRMLY DECIDED THAT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED ONLY BY POST OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS AND THAT PRIORITY WILL BE BY BALLOT AND NOT IN THE ORDER IN WHICH APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED. ALL WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY IN THE BALLOT TO DECIDE WHICH APPLICANTS WILL BE OFFERED FLATS.

THIS METHOD OF TAKING APPLICATIONS BY MAIL OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS WILL MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR APPLICANTS TO FORM QUEUES IN WHICH THEY WOULD WAIT FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIODS TO LODGE APPLICATIONS.

MEANWHILE, ON THE GROUND, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS GETTING AHEAD WITH THE SCHEME AS THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENT, AND WORK ON THE FIRST SIX HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECTS IS ALREADY AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

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THIS MEANS THAT THE FIRST OF THESE SIX NEW ESTATES WILL COME ON STREAM FOR OCCUPATION FROM THE MIDDLE OF 1979 WITH THE OTHERS OPENING IN STAGES UP TO THE SECOND HALF OF 1980.

AT OI MAN, SITE FORMATION WORK HAS ALMOST BEEN COMPLETED ON THE PRIME SITE THERE AND PILING WORK IS ABOUT TO START.

AT SHUN LEE TSUEN, THE SITE FOR THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

AT LAI KING HEADLAND AND CHAI WAN, WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON FORMATION OF THE SITES, WHILE AT THE REMAINING TWO SITES IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT, AT ABERDEEN AND SHA TIN, WORK ON FORMING THE SITES AND PUTTING IN CAISSONS IS EITHER UNDER WAY OR ABOUT TO START.

ALL HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES WILL INCLUDE VARIOUS FACILITIES THAT BUYERS WOULD EXPECT TO FIND IN A LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT.

FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF FLATS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME:

LOCATION	NO. OF FLATS	RANGE OF SIZES IN SQ. FEET		ANTICIPATED COMPLETION
		NET	GROSS	
<u>HONG KONG</u>				
CHAI WAN, JUNCTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD AND TAI TAM ROAD	448	380	472	
	448	376	468	1979
	TOTAL : 896			
ABERDEEN, OPP. SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE IN YUE KWONG ROAD	550	412	493	
	550	377	451	1979
	TOTAL : 1,100			

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SHUN LEE TSUEN, ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD NEAR	186	440	520	
	558	470	560	
CHOI HUNG ESTATE	558	540	630	
	186	630	750	1979
TOTAL : 1,488				

OI MAN NEXT TO OI MAN ESTATE	360	586	692	
	360	540	638	
	360	528	623	
	360	526	621	
	360	481	568	1979
TOTAL : 1,800				

NEW TERRITORIES

LAI KING HEADLAND, ABOVE LAI KING ESTATE	352	521	607	
	352	419	489	1979
TOTAL : 704				

SHA TIN, ABOVE	394	591	683	
WO CHE ESTATE	403	535	619	STAGE I (1,100 FLATS) 1979
	706	474	548	
	403	453	524	STAGE II (1,200 FLATS) 1980
	394	396	458	
TOTAL : 2,300				

/EACH ESTATE .....

EACH ESTATE WILL PROVIDE A "MIX" OF FLAT SIZES COMPRISING FULLY SELF-CONTAINED TWO-BEDROOM AND THREE-BEDROOM FLATS WITH LIVING-ROOM, KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND TOILET, PLUS A FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES.

ACCESS TO ALL FLATS MUST BE THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF EACH BLOCK AND THERE WILL BE A CLOSED-CIRCUIT T.V. CAMERA AND INTERCOM CONNECTED FROM THE ENTRANCE TO EACH FLAT, SO THAT A HOUSEHOLDER WILL HAVE TO RECOGNISE ANY WOULD-BE VISITORS BEFORE ADMITTING HIM OR HER.

IN ADDITION, RESIDENT CARETAKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

TRAINED STAFF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE FULL MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISORY AND CARETAKING SERVICE AT A REASONABLE FEE.

THE OWNER WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH NORMAL CHARGES AS RATES, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GAS, AND FOR DECORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FLAT.

FOR CAR OWNERS, PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RENTING.

THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAS BEEN SET UP TO OFFER TO LOWER MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES FLATS FOR SALE GENERALLY ON A NON-PROFIT-MAKING BASIS.

THOSE ELIGIBLE ARE:

1. ALL RELATED FAMILIES LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, PROVIDED THEY AGREE TO SURRENDER THEIR OLD FLATS ON MOVING OUT.
2. ALL RELATED FAMILIES LIVING IN NON-PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION WHO HAVE A COMBINED MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,500, AND WHO HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE NOT QUALIFIED:

1. OWNERS OF POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES.
2. ANY PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR ACTUALLY RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM HIS EMPLOYER TOWARDS ACQUIRING HIS OR HER OWN DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION.
3. ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT PERMITTED TO LIVE PERMANENTLY IN HONG KONG.

GOVERNMENT DISCUSSING CODE OF  
PRACTICE ON NOISE WITH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
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THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH IS HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AIMED AT PRODUCING A CODE OF PRACTICE ON NOISE.

THIS WAS REVEALED TODAY (MONDAY) BY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, MR. TONY BENNETT, AT A LUNCHTIME SPEECH TO THE VICTORIA ROTARY CLUB.

MR. BENNETT SAID DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN OPENED ON THE CODE OF PRACTICE +BINDING UPON THE AUTHORISED PERSONS+ WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE USE OF SOUND REDUCED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OR THE ATTACHMENT OF MUFFLING DEVICES.

MR. BENNETT SAID: +WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IS A KIND OF SELF-REGULATORY DEVICE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY, AND I THINK THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS INDUSTRY CAN SEE THAT SUCH A MUTUALLY AGREED METHOD OF CONTROL WOULD BE PREFERABLE AND, NO DOUBT, MORE PRACTICABLE, THAN A SYSTEM OF CONTROLS UNILATERALLY IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT UPON THE INDUSTRY.

+IN THE INTERIM, WE HAVE CONTROLS AIMED AT PREVENTING THESE UNPLEASANT NOISES DURING THE PERIOD WHEN MOST PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING OR RESTING FROM THEIR WORK.

+THERE IS A BAN ON PILING WORK DURING THE WHOLE DAY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. A BILL TO EXTEND THIS BAN, TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM 7 IN THE EVENING UNTIL 7 IN THE MORNING, AND TO COVER NOT JUST PILING BUT ALL NOISY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.+

MR. BENNETT SAID THAT A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS HAD RECOMMENDED THAT EXISTING LEGISLATION ON NOISE SHOULD BE GATHERED TOGETHER IN A SINGLE NOISE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD CONTAIN ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS GIVING MORE COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL OVER A WIDER RANGE OF NOISE SOURCES.

HE SAID: +THE ORDINANCE PROPOSED WOULD INTRODUCE, IN APPROPRIATE CASES, THE DEFENCE UPON THE PART OF THE PARTY CAUSING THE NOISE THAT HE HAD ADOPTED THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS OF REDUCING OR MUFFLING THE NOISE.+

THE CONSULTANTS HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT AREAS SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS THOSE OF HIGH NOISE INCIDENCE AND THOSE OF LOW NOISE INCIDENCE SO THAT NOISE SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS HOSPITALS MIGHT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FORMER, AND POTENTIALLY NOISY DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE LATTER.

MR. BENNETT SAID THAT MEASURES SHOULD NOT BE SO DRASTIC AS TO HAVE A HARMFUL EFFECT UPON OUR ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, OR TO UNDULY LIMIT PEOPLE'S EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES.

+BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE MEASURES MUST BE EFFECTIVE - FOR THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF NOISE ARE NOW BECOMING MORE AND MORE MANIFEST, AS IS REFLECTED BY THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT IT HAS TO BE TACKLED, AND THIS HAS TO BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY,+ MR. BENNETT SAID.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JAN - AUG  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED DETAILED TRADE FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST THIS YEAR.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TOTALLED \$22,488 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 8.3 PER CENT OR \$1,727 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR= IMPORTS GREW BY 13 PER CENT (+\$3,618 MILLION) TO \$31,437 MILLION, AND RE-EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$6,266 MILLION, SHOWING AN INCREASE OF 10.1 PER CENT OR \$575 MILLION.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS:

	JAN-AUG 1976 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-AUG 1977 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/DECREASE
U.S.A.	7,075	8,812	+ 1,737	+ 24.6%
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,580	2,299	- 282	- 10.9%
UNITED KINGDOM	2,125	1,863	- 262	- 12.3%
JAPAN	893	867	- 25	- 2.8%
AUSTRALIA	905	828	- 77	- 8.5%
CANADA	908	777	- 132	- 14.5%
SINGAPORE	493	564	+ 71	+ 14.4%
NETHERLANDS	475	484	+ 9	+ 1.9%
SWEDEN	444	429	- 15	- 3.4%
SWITZERLAND	448	381	- 67	- 15.0%

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WERE UP BY 24.6 PER CENT. THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO THE FAVOURABLE GROWTH RATES RECORDED IN CLOTHING (+\$539 MILLION OR +17.9%), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. (+\$532 MILLION OR +39.7%) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLICANCES (+\$444 MILLION OR +33.7%).

ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPORT SALES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DROPPED BY 10.9 PER CENT AND 12.3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. THIS IS MAINLY ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE CONTINUING DOWNWARD TREND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING, WHICH DECREASED BY 21.2 PER CENT (-\$368 MILLION) IN THE CASE OF THE GERMANY AND BY 23.1 PER CENT (-\$276 MILLION) FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE RATES OF DECLINE HAVE, HOWEVER, GRADUALLY SLOWED DOWN.

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE OTHER MAJOR MARKETS SUCH AS JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA WERE ALSO DECLINING AT VARYING RATES. HOWEVER, THESE DECREASES WERE OFFSET BY THE DYNAMIC GROWTH RATES REGISTERED IN THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, WITH DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO NIGERIA GOING UP BY 46.7 PER CENT (+\$81 MILLION), SAUDI ARABIA BY 49.6 PER CENT (+\$75 MILLION), AND IRAN BY 167.7 PER CENT (+\$72 MILLION).

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS IS PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>JAN-AUG 1976 (HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-AUG 1977 (HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CLOTHING	9,355	9,008	- 347	- 3.7%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	2,934	3,913	+ 979	+ 33.4%
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORIZED RADIO AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS)	2,530	3,308	+ 778	+ 30.8%
TEXTILE YARD, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,028	1,701	- 327	- 16.1%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	900	1,235	+ 335	+ 37.2%
MANUFACTURES OF METAL, N.E.S. (MAINLY FINISHED STRUCTURAL PARTS AND STRUCTURES AND TOOLS FOR USE IN THE HAND OR IN MACHINE)	526	630	+ 104	+ 19.8%

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SUPPLIES OF CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS, N.E.S. (+\$101 MILLION OR +53.9 PER CENT), CLOTHING (+\$94 MILLION OR +57.8 PER CENT), FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (+\$59 MILLION OR +18.9 PER CENT) FROM CHINA REMAINED BUOYANT, WHICH TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR A 5.1 PER CENT GROWTH OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA.

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM U.S.A. WERE MAINLY COMPOSED OF TEXTILES FIBRES (+\$339 MILLION OR +181.6 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARTUS AND APPLIANCES (+\$104 MILLION OR +16.6 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+\$80 MILLION OR +335.2 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

	JAN-AUG 1976 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-AUG 1977 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, AND DIAMONDS)	8,806	9,343	+ 537	+ 6.1%
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	4,882	6,064	+1,182	+24.2%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	4,180	4,681	+ 502	+12.0%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES)	3,092	4,030	+ 938	+30.3%
CHEMICALS	2,263	2,367	+ 105	+4.6%
CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUEL (MAINLY TEXTILE FIBRES)	2,243	2,267	+ 23	+1.0%

AMONG THE SECTIONS WHICH RECORDED INCREASES IN IMPORTS AT VARYING GROWTH RATES, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (+\$575 MILLION OR +21.6 PER CENT), PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS= PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+\$452 MILLION OR +31.0 PER CENT) AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+\$405 MILLION OR +82.8 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, N.E.S. GAINED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF \$980 MILLION OR +33.4 PER CENT DUE MAINLY TO AN OPTIMISTIC GROWTH RATE REGISTERED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (+\$521 MILLION OR +48.3%).

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES ALSO RECORDED AN INCREASE OF \$778 MILLION OR 30.8 PER CENT. THIS WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCREASES OF \$247 MILLION (+21.5%) AND \$150 MILLION (+51.3%) IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ALL TRANSISTORISED RADIO, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS RESPECTIVELY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY 3.7 PER CENT OR \$347 MILLION. DUE TO SLUGGISH DEMAND FOR TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS DECREASED BY 20.3 PER CENT OR \$315 MILLION WHILST TEXTILE YARN ALSO DECREASED BY 7.5 PER CENT OR \$22 MILLION.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED BELOW :

	JAN-AUG 1976 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-AUG 1977 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
JAPAN	6,037	7,353	+ 1,316	+ 21.8%
CHINA	4,782	5,025	+ 243	+ 5.1%
U.S.A.	3,388	3,976	+ 589	+ 17.4%
TAIWAN	1,980	2,154	+ 173	+ 8.8%
SINGAPORE	1,573	1,921	+ 348	+ 22.1%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,202	1,395	+ 193	+ 16.1%
SOUTH KOREA	1,046	1,067	+ 21	+ 2.1%
F.R. OF GERMANY	853	943	+ 90	+ 10.5%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	741	815	+ 74	+ 10.1%
AUSTRALIA	581	626	+ 45	+ 7.7%

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE GROWTH IN IMPORTS FROM JAPAN WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS WHICH WERE COMPOSED OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (+\$293 MILLION OR +141.3 PER CENT), MACHINERY, OTHER THAN ELECTRIC (+\$171 MILLION OR +29.2 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (+\$149 MILLION OR +17.8 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS= PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS ALSO REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF \$286 MILLION OR 49.4 PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES, AND TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS DROPPED BY 10.7 PER CENT AND 5.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, ITS LEADING MARKET, WENT DOWN BY 5.8 PER CENT OR \$55 MILLION IN VALUE TERMS. RE-EXPORTS TO U.S.A. ALSO DECLINED MARGINALLY BY 1.6 PER CENT. HOWEVER, RE-EXPORTS TO SEVERAL MAJOR ASIAN MARKETS GAINED CONSIDERABLE RATES OF INCREASE.

THE MORE REMARKABLE GROWTH RATES WERE RECORDED IN THE CASE OF INDONESIA (+\$143 MILLION OR +30.6 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (+\$94 MILLION OR +16.0 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (+\$42 MILLION OR 16.1 PER CENT) AND THE PHILIPPINES (+\$41 MILLION OR 23.9 PER CENT).

MAJOR INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (+\$108 MILLION OR +26.9 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+\$74 MILLION OR +52.0 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+\$62 MILLION OR +24 PER CENT).

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS (1973 = 100) FOR JULY AS FOLLOWS:

	VALUE INDEX	UNIT VALUE INDEX	QUANTUM INDEX
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	209	134	156
IMPORTS	175	135	130

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (I.E. EXPORT PRICES OVER IMPORT PRICES) FOR JULY IS 99.

NOTE : ALL VALUES FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST MILLION DOLLAR.

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WHITE PAPER ON HANDICAPPED TO BE TABLED AT LEGCO

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A WHITE PAPER OUTLINING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE DISABLED WILL BE TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12).

THE WHITE PAPER ENTITLED +INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY: A UNITED EFFORT+ WILL BE TABLED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON. ERIC HO WHO WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON IT.

IN ADDITION, 16 SESSIONAL PAPERS, INCLUDING THE HALF-YEARLY ECONOMIC REPORT 1977, THE 1976/77 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD AND THE HONG KONG EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORPORATION WILL BE TABLED.

DURING QUESTION TIME, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ASK 16 QUESTIONS.

DR. THE HON. HENRY HU WILL ENQUIRE WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE CAUSE OF THE RECENT SUBSIDENCE OF THE MTR TUNNEL ALONG NATHAN ROAD AND THE HON. MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANY SPECIFIC PLAN TO REHOUSE PERMANENTLY THE BOAT SQUATTERS IN YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED CONCERN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CRITERIA USED IN ASSESSING THE DISABLED WITH REGARD TO THE ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE- GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED IN CIVIL SERVICE- THE PLANS TO CONTROL THE POLLUTION PROBLEM CAUSED BY FISH FARMS NEAR PUBLIC BEACHES- AND THE FREQUENCY AND RELIABILITY OF CMB'S ROUTE SERVICES.

SIX BILLS - THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977, THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977, THE RESERVED COMMODITIES BILL 1977, THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977, THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1977 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

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WORKERS ENTITLED TO CHUNG YEUNG HOLIDAY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT FRIDAY (OCTOBER 21), THE DAY OF THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. WILLIAMS EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHEREVER THEY WORK.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE THE EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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CREDITORS OF CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK HAVE  
FIVE MORE DAYS TO CLAIM DIVIDENDS

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CREDITORS OF THE DEFUNCT CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK WHO HAVE FAILED TO COLLECT THEIR DIVIDENDS IN ANY OF THE FOUR PREVIOUS PAYMENTS ARE URGED TO SEND IN THEIR CLAIMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR CLAIMS FOR LATE DIVIDEND PAYMENTS, BUT SO FAR ONLY ABOUT 8,000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THERE ARE STILL NUMEROUS CREDITORS WHOSE DIVIDENDS REMAIN UNCLAIMED.

THE CREDITORS SHOULD COMPLETE A +CLAIM FOR LATE DIVIDEND PAYMENT FORM+ AND SEND IT BY POST TO THE LIQUIDATOR AT THE ADDRESS PRINTED ON THE FORM NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15.

FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT :

- \* THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, UNITED CHINESE BANK BUILDING, 31-37 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL-
- \* ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE-
- \* PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN-
- \* YUEN LONG BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY-
- \* SHEUNG SHUI BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY- AND
- \* THE TUEN MUN, SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING, TAI PO, AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES.

DIVIDENDS WILL BE PAID ONLY BY MEANS OF A CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO THE DEPOSITOR OR HIS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE. CREDITORS WILL BE INFORMED INDIVIDUALLY OF THE PAYMENT WHICH WILL BE MADE NEXT MONTH. THEY MAY CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THE CHEQUE BY POST OR TO COLLECT IT IN PERSON.

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RAILWAY GOODS YARD IN MONG KOK  
TO BE CLOSED FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION

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THE MONG KOK RAILWAY GOODS YARD WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12) FOR DEMOLITION TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GOODS YARD.

AS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), ALL RAILWAY FREIGHT DESTINED FOR MONG KOK WILL BE UNLOADED AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED GOODS YARD AT HO MAN TIN WHICH CAME INTO USE LAST WEDNESDAY.

THE NEW GOODS YARD AT MONG KOK WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING ONE WILL FORM PART OF THE SCHEME FOR RE-MODELLING THE MONG KOK STATION.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1980, IT WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF OVER FOUR TIMES THAT OF THE PRESENT YARD TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

AS PART OF THE RE-MODELLING PLAN, A SHUNTING SIDING WILL BE BUILT DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF RE-CONSTRUCTION TO SEPARATE THE MOVEMENTS OF SHUNTING GOODS WAGONS FROM PASSENGER TRAINS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY SAID CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GODOWN WITHIN THE NEW GOODS YARD TO HELP SMOOTH THE FLOW OF LORRIES AND TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

THE EXISTING YARD IN MONG KOK HAS BEEN USED FOR UNLOADING LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, FRESH FISH AND EGGS FROM CHINA SINCE 1950.

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+WALK FOR SPORT+ SPONSORSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE  
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PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPONSOR THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SILVER JUBILEE +WALK FOR SPORT+ ON NOVEMBER 6 IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SPONSORSHIP FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN FAN LING.

THE FORMS, IN TRIPLICATE, CONTAIN A PAY-IN SLIP WHICH IS TO BE USED FOR DEPOSITING SPONSORSHIP MONEY AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

IF PAYMENT IS BY CHEQUE, IT SHOULD BE CROSSED AND MADE OUT TO +THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FUND (N.T.)+.

THE WALK IS PART OF AN EXTENSIVE DRIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO RAISE \$2.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND TO HELP FINANCE THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE PROJECT IN SHA TIN.

THE 14-MILE WALK WILL START AND FINISH AT THE TAI WO HAU PUBLIC PLAYGROUND ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEAR THE TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION.

IT WILL COVER A CIRCULAR ROUTE NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD -- SIMILAR TO THE ROUTE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST WALK -- ALONG KWOK SHUI ROAD, YAU MA HOM ROAD, SHING MUN ROAD, CATCHWATER ROAD, ON YUK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL START WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9 A.M., REGISTRATION OF WALKERS WILL BEGIN AT 8 A.M. UNTIL 11 A.M. AT THE STARTING POINT.

IN AN OPEN LETTER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE +WALK FOR SPORT+ SUB COMMITTEE, MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, TODAY APPEALED TO THEM TO SUPPORT THE WORTHWHILE PROJECT BY TAKING PART IN THE WALK.

+YOU MAY HAVE COMPLAINED TO YOURSELVES ABOUT THE LACK OF A PROPER TRAINING VENUE FOR HONG KONG'S SPORTSMEN, BUT NOW SUCH A PROJECT IS TO BECOME A REALITY,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE WOULD BE A PROJECT OF PERMANENT VALUE FOR ALL PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND THAT ANY SUPPORT FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED.

THE SPORTS CENTRE WILL BE BUILT NEXT YEAR ON 41 ACRES OF RECLAIMED LAND AT SHA TIN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IT WILL BE A COMPLEX OF TOP CLASS SPORTING FACILITIES WHERE THE MOST PROMISING AND OUTSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN CAN BE TRAINED TO INTERNATIONAL AND OLYMPIC STANDARD BY COACHES OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE.

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PIANO FOR MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME  
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THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTH KOWLOON WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) DONATE A PIANO TO THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME - ONE OF THE FIVE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, WILL ACCEPT THE GIFT ON BEHALF OF THE GIRLS' HOME FROM MR. PETER C.P. LEUNG AND MR. PANG YIU-SON AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 60 GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 16 WHO ARE PLACED ON PROBATION BY THE COURT OR ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

IN THE HOME, A TRAINING PROGRAMME IS PROVIDED FOR THE GIRLS WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON CHARACTER BUILDING, SOCIAL TRAINING AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF LEISURE.

APART FROM BASIC EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM, THEY ARE GIVEN LESSONS ON COOKING, DRESS-MAKING AND KNITTING. AS FOR RECREATION, THERE ARE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPORTS AND GAMES, FOLK DANCING, GROUP SINGING, MUSIC INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PIANO PRESENTATION CEREMONY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME AT 464, MA TAU WAI ROAD, KOWLOON AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER  
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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (OCTOBER 12-14) FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. IN ORDER TO ENABLE MAINTENANCE WORK ON IT TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, NORTH-BOUND TRAFFIC FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO WATERLOO ROAD SHOULD TURN LEFT INTO ARGYLE STREET, U-TURN IN FRONT OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY BUILDING AND ENTER WATERLOO ROAD. FOR SOUTH-BOUND TRAFFIC, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, CROSS ARGYLE STREET AND ENTER PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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