



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-APRIL	1
TSUEN WAN BY-PASS STAGE 1 OPENED	4
CHARTERED VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE TO LANTAU STARTS JUNE 19	6
NEW POST OFFICE FOR POK FU LAM	7
TRAINING PLAN FOR JEWELLERY INDUSTRY	7
YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG	8
NO LICENCE REQUIRED BY TELEX USERS	10
TICD DIRECTOR VISITS HARBOUR COMMAND UNITS	10
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFF TO LISBON AIR TALKS	11
BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS	12
DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED	12
NEW ROAD JUNCTION	12
BALLET SHOW FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS	13

HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-APRIL
* * * * *

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO APRIL 1981, VALUED AT \$77 222 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1980.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT TO \$21 904 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 26 PER CENT TO \$42 468 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 54 PER CENT TO \$12 850 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 27 PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY THE RELEVANT DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS.

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

	<u>JAN-APR 81</u> (HK\$ MN.)	<u>JAN-APR 80</u> (HK\$ MN.)	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> (HK\$ MN.)	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
USA	7 390	6 151	+1 239	+20
UK	2 102	1 945	+ 157	+ 8
FR OF GERMANY	2 061	2 155	- 94	- 4
JAPAN	776	680	+ 96	+14
CHINA	731	429	+ 302	+70
AUSTRALIA	695	588	+ 107	+18
CANADA	585	469	+ 116	+25
SINGAPORE	513	520	- 7	- 1
NETHERLANDS	479	481	- 2	INSIGNIFICANT
FRANCE	442	379	+ 63	+17

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$652 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (BY \$363 MILLION OR 121 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$244 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$107 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS AND OFFICE MACHINES DECLINED (BY \$47 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT, AND BY \$46 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY).

INCREASES WERE NOTED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K. OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$47 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$43 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT), AS WELL AS PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$18 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FR OF GERMANY, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN CLOTHING (BY \$25 MILLION OR 2 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$9 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINED (BY \$21 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT, AND BY \$51 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$67 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$98 MILLION OR 436 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$58 MILLION OR 132 PER CENT) TO CHINA.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED BELOW:

	<u>JAN-APR 81</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-APR 80</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7 568	6 349	+1 219	+19
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	3 170	3 066	+ 104	+ 3
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 348	1 810	+ 538	+30
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	1 551	1 244	+ 307	+25
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1 520	1 443	+ 77	+ 5
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1 510	1 529	- 19	- 1

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

	<u>JAN-APR 81</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-APR 80</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	10 232	7 481	+2 751	+37
CHINA	8 320	6 086	+2 234	+37
USA	4 537	3 975	+ 562	+14
TAIWAN	3 408	2 369	+1 039	+44
SINGAPORE	3 007	2 265	+ 742	+33
UK	1 878	1 652	+ 226	+14
SOUTH KOREA	1 795	1 113	+ 682	+61
FR OF GERMANY	1 075	995	+ 80	+ 8
SWITZERLAND	970	883	+ 87	+10
THAILAND	598	566	+ 32	+ 6

/LOCAL DEMAND

LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$552 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$451 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$331 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$272 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$261 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$483 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$408 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$133 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT), AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$130 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE US WERE LARGELY OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$123 MILLION OR 392 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$108 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$67 MILLION OR 143 PER CENT), AS WELL AS VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$62 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (BY \$132 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (BY \$164 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$542 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN, AND OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$615 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE.

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

	<u>JAN-APR 81</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-APR 80</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	12 579	10 168	+2 411	+24
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	9 766	7 200	+2 566	+36
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	6 909	4 781	+2 128	+45
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	4 124	3 411	+ 713	+21
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	3 326	2 442	+ 884	+36
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 819	2 887	- 68	- 2

/SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 640 MILLION OR 172 PER CENT), USA (BY \$632 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$535 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$316 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$161 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$147 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$140 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (BY \$107 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), UK (BY \$98 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AND PANAMA (BY \$94 MILLION OR 204 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG (BY \$28 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$85 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$1 142 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$531 MILLION OR 198 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$372 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$356 MILLION OR 118 PER CENT), AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$245 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, BEING A SUMMARY REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN APRIL 1981, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$3 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY JULY AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, 13 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL, HONG KONG. (TEL. NO.: 5-214375)

- - - - 0 - - - -

TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE I OPENED

* * * *

TRAFFIC FLOW TO AND FROM THE CONTAINER PORT AND TSING YI ISLAND, AND TRAFFIC ON THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD SYSTEM WILL ALL BENEFIT FROM STAGE ONE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR FRANCIS YUAN-HAO TIEN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

DR TIEN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF STAGE ONE OF THE BYPASS, WHICH EXTENDS FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD TO TEXACO ROAD.

HE SAID THE PROJECT WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

/STAGE ONE

STAGE ONE INCLUDES A 2-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY, PARTLY IN THE FORM OF A VIADUCT. IT CONNECTS KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TEXACO ROAD AND HAS SLIP ROADS LEADING TO A ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTION AT THE JUNCTION OF KWAI TSING ROAD AND HONG FONG ROAD.

THE PROJECT TOOK 2-1/2 YEARS TO COMPLETE AND COST \$104 MILLION.

DR TIEN CONGRATULATED THE DESIGNERS, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THE CONTRACTORS, THE FRENCH COMPANY DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLICS.

+THOSE OF US WHO LIVE OR WORK IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN HAVE WATCHED THE GROWING CONGESTION ON THE ROADS WITH EVER-INCREASING APPREHENSION AND I AM THEREFORE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO OPEN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS,+ DR TIEN SAID.

+THE COMPLETION OF THIS STAGE ONE REPRESENTS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE EFFORT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING AN IMPROVED ROAD NETWORK TO SERVE THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY OF TSUEN WAN.

+THIS FIRST STAGE SHOULD CONSIDERABLY REDUCE THE TRAFFIC ON THE KWAI CHUNG ROAD SYSTEM AND CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW TO AND FROM THE CONTAINER PORT AND TSING YI.+

DR TIEN NOTED THAT ABOUT 750 000 CUBIC METRES OF ROCK AND EARTH WERE REMOVED FOR THE PROJECT AND ABOUT 22 000 CUBIC METRES OF CONCRETE WERE POURED. PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION INVOLVED A DIFFICULT SECTION CUTTING THROUGH A ROCKY HEADLAND.

WHILE STAGE ONE WOULD PROVIDE SOME RELIEF TO THROUGH TRAFFIC, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF STAGE TWO ACROSS TSUEN WAN BAY TO CREATE A COMPLETELY SEGREGATED ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC THROUGH TSUEN WAN TO TUEN MUN AND THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE TWO WORK WAS PROGRESSING WELL AND THAT TENDERS FOR THE MAIN ELEVATED ROADWORKS WOULD BE CALLED LATER THIS YEAR. IT WAS HOPED TO COMPLETE THE MAIN BYPASS ROADS BY THE END OF 1984.

+THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS, WHILE FORMING PART OF A TERRITORY-WIDE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM, IS ALSO AN ESSENTIAL PART OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS ALSO ADVANCING AT AN IMPRESSIVE RATE,+ DR TIEN SAID.

+THE DEVELOPMENT ON NORTH EAST TSING YI IS PROGRESSING AND DEVELOPMENT WORK HAS STARTED ON A SECOND BRIDGE TO TSING YI WHICH WILL SPAN THE NORTHERN END OF THE RAMBLER CHANNEL AND JOIN THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS AT THIS POINT BY A SYSTEM OF ELEVATED ROADWAYS AND A GROUND LEVEL ROUNDABOUT.

+THIS SECOND BRIDGE, WHICH WILL HAVE DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS, WILL BE BUILT TO SERVE TSING YI IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE ROAD CONNECTION TO LANTAU IS REQUIRED OR NOT.+

DR TIEN SAID THAT A STUDY WOULD SOON BEGIN TO ASSESS FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY LINK TO TSUEN WAN, SCHEDULED FOR MID-1982.

IN HIS SPEECH WELCOMING DR TIEN, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR JACK STEAN, SAID THAT DR TIEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN ALL PWD HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

AS AN INDUSTRIALIST, DR TIEN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG NEW TOWNS AND HAD FOLLOWED THE PROGRESS OF THE TSUEN WAN BYPASS WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST.

THE BYPASS WILL BE OPENED TO MOTORISTS FROM 11 AM TOMORROW.

- - - - 0 - - - -

CHARTERED VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE TO LANTAU STARTS JUNE 19
* * * * *

A CHARTERED VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD IN KOWLOON AND SILVER MINE BAY WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND PRIVATE CARS ISSUED WITH CLOSED-ROAD PERMITS FOR LANTAU ISLAND.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHARTERED SERVICE WILL BE RUN BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO. FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS ONLY.

+THE SERVICE WILL BASICALLY BE PROVIDED FOR GOODS VEHICLES TO FACILITATE THE CARRIAGE OF FREIGHT, SUCH AS BUILDING MATERIALS, DAILY NECESSITIES AND POULTRY FEED, TO SILVER MINE BAY,+ HE SAID.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE CARRIED UNLESS IT HAS A CLOSED-ROAD PERMIT FOR LANTAU ISLAND ISSUED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DOUBLE-ENDED PASSENGER/VEHICULAR-TYPE VESSELS WOULD BE USED ON THE SERVICE.

THE VESSELS WILL LEAVE THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER AT 8 PM ON FRIDAYS AND SILVER MINE BAY AT 9.30 PM ON SATURDAYS.

DETAILS ABOUT ADVANCE BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS AND CHARGES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO.

PEOPLE SEEKING A CLOSED-ROAD PERMIT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW FERRY SERVICE WILL FIRST BE ISSUED WITH AN APPROVAL LETTER VALID FOR 14 DAYS.

THIS LETTER MUST BE PRODUCED FOR INSPECTION WHEN MAKING A BOOKING FOR THE FERRY SERVICE AND, IF AN APPLICANT FAILS TO BOOK A FERRY PLACE WITHIN 14 DAYS, THE APPROVAL LETTER WILL BECOME INVALID.

FORMAL CLOSED-ROAD PERMITS, VALID FOR 48 HOURS, WILL BE ISSUED TO APPLICANTS ON PRODUCTION OF THEIR FERRY TICKETS OR BOOKING RECEIPTS.

THESE PERMITS WILL ALLOW GOODS VEHICLES TO OPERATE ONLY ALONG SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, EXCLUDING TUNG CHUNG, TAI O AND NGONG PING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

- 7 -

NEW POST OFFICE FOR POK FU LAM
* * * *

A NEW POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT SHOP NO. 502, CHI FU COMMERCIAL CENTRE, CHI FU FA YUEN, POK FU LAM, WILL BE OPENED AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19.

IT WILL PROVIDE THE FULL RANGE OF POSTAL BUSINESS, EXCEPT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF INSURED LETTERS.

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS : 9.00 AM TO 1.00 PM
2.15 PM TO 5.00 PM

SATURDAYS : 9.00 AM TO 1.00 PM

THE NEW POK FU LAM POST OFFICE WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN HONG KONG TO 80, INCLUDING TWO MOBILE POST OFFICES OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TRAINING PLAN FOR JEWELLERY INDUSTRY
* * *

A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING BOARD TO CATER FOR THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE LOCAL JEWELLERY INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, DURING A VISIT TO THE TSE SUI LUEN JEWELLERY COMPANY IN HUNG HOM.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COUNCIL FELT THAT THE INDUSTRY NEEDS NOT ONLY MORE, BUT ALSO BETTER-TRAINED SKILLED WORKERS TO COPE WITH ITS LARGE GROWTH POTENTIAL.

MR HENDERSON SAID THAT THE INDUSTRY HAD UNDERGONE RAPID EXPANSION IN RECENT YEARS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE VALUE OF EXPORTS INCREASED FROM \$586 MILLION IN 1974 TO \$1 175 MILLION IN 1979, EMPLOYMENT FROM 5 390 TO 10 789 AND JEWELLERY ESTABLISHMENTS FROM 471 TO 873.

HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE INDUSTRY, WHICH EMPLOYS MOSTLY SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, HAS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER BUT THERE IS NO ORGANISED TRAINING FOR CRAFTSMEN.

THE COUNCIL ALSO FELT THAT FORMALISED TRAINING WOULD SHORTEN THE TRAINING PERIOD FOR NOVICES IN THE INDUSTRY, HE ADDED.

MR HENDERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR H.R. KNIGHT, TOURED THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION UNIT, EXPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE SHOW ROOM.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981

- 8 -

YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG
* * *

GROUPS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS, UNDER THE BANNER OF HONG KONG JING YING, WILL AGAIN BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF BOOSTING HONG KONG'S IMAGE OVERSEAS.

THEY WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT A NUMBER OF MAJOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS, INCLUDING THE FIFTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL IN MELBOURNE FROM AUGUST 1 TO 15, THE FOURTH ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP IN JAPAN BETWEEN JULY 20 AND AUGUST 3, AND THE ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS. THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND THE 17TH BILLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN AUGUST, AND THE 24TH WORLD CONGRESS ON HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION IN MANILA FROM JULY 21 TO 25.

LOCALLY, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL JOINTLY PRESENT THE SECOND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, AS PART OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR E.B. WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WILL HAVE MUCH TO GAIN BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE EVENTS.

MR WIGGHAM SAID, +THE VISITS OF OUR YOUNG ARTISTS WILL CONTRIBUTE INVALUABLY TO THE PROMOTION OF HONG KONG'S CULTURAL IMAGE ABROAD.

+THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, TECHNIQUES AND EXPERIENCE WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST YOUNG ARTISTS WILL HELP RAISE THE STANDARDS OF OUR PARTICIPANTS AND WIDEN THEIR CULTURAL HORIZONS.+

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WERE THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DICKEN YUNG.

REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE FIFTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL WILL BE THE HONG KONG JING YING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, COMPRISING 45 MEMBERS SELECTED BY AUDITION, AND FIVE SOLOISTS ON CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SAID MRS WONG, WHO WILL BE THE TOUR DIRECTOR.

THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE MODES, INCLUDING CONTEMPORARY WORKS BY LEADING HONG KONG COMPOSERS AND A COMMISSIONED WORK FROM DOMING LAM.

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A FORUM FOR THE PROMOTION OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL THROUGH MUSIC. THE EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA FROM CANADA, THE LAS VEGAS JAZZ ENSEMBLE FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE TRINIDAD CHOIR AND DISTINGUISHED GROUPS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA ARE SOME OF THE PERFORMING GROUPS.

THE JING YING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES AT DALLAS BROOKS HALL, ROBERT BLACK-WOOD HALL, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.

/OTHER PERFORMANCES

OTHER PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN IN VICTORIA COUNTRY INCLUDING ALEXANDRA, BENALLA AND COBRAM.

FROM JULY 20 TO AUGUST 3, 12 YOUNG LOCAL MUSICIANS, ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL FLY TO SHIZUOKA, JAPAN, TO TAKE PART IN THE FOURTH ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT WILL BE A FINALE CONCERT AT THE TOKYO OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

HONG KONG WILL ALSO GIVE GUEST PERFORMANCES AT THE ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS AND THE 17TH BILLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVALS ARE BEING HELD IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND BETWEEN AUGUST 5 AND 15, AND IN BILLINGHAM FROM AUGUST 15 TO 22.

A JING YING TEAM, COMPRISING 12 DANCERS AND FOUR MUSICIANS WILL PERFORM AT THESE TWO CULTURAL EVENTS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ITS MUSIC CONDUCTOR, MR YIK YEW-GOH AND DANCE PRODUCER, MRS YIM NG KA-MAN.

FOLLOWING THE BILLINGHAM TOUR, THEY WILL SPEND A WEEK IN LONDON AND GIVE OTHER PERFORMANCES BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 31.

ANOTHER TEAM, COMPRISING 14 INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINEES FROM THE DANCE CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE 24TH WORLD CONGRESS ON HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION IN MANILA, FROM JULY 21 TO 25.

IN ADDITION TO THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCES, THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DICKEN YUNG WILL GIVE A LECTURE ON +OPTIMISATION OF RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION+ WHILE THE TEAM'S MANAGER, MRS AMY WONG, RSS TECHNICAL AND PLANNING OFFICER, WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON RECENT DANCE DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

IN HONG KONG, YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING UNDER A SUMMER CAMP ATMOSPHERE.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST MUSIC CAMP HELD LAST YEAR, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND RSS ARE ORGANISING THE SECOND HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP TO BE HELD AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE BETWEEN JULY 25 AND AUGUST 9.

ABOUT 300 TALENTED YOUTHS, INCLUDING 12 MUSICIANS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM EAST HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE, ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MUSIC CAMP.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE CAMP IS SPONSORED BY THE JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

AVI OSTROWSKY WILL BE THE CONDUCTOR OF THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA IN THE CAMP. DISTINGUISHED VIOLINIST, TAKADO NISHIZAKI WILL BE THE GUEST INSTRUCTOR IN VIOLIN. DR WILLIAM LAWING, A TRUMPET VIRTUOSO IN THE UNITED STATES WILL ASSIST CAMPERS IN WIND INSTRUMENTS AND ENSEMBLE PLAYING. THE PRINCIPAL CLARINETIST OF THE SINGAPORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MITCHELL STURMAN WILL GIVE INSTRUCTION IN CLARINET.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981

- 10 -

ON THE CHINESE MUSIC SIDE, JEN TSE WILL CONDUCT THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND SOME WELL-KNOWN CHINESE MUSICIANS WILL INSTRUCT IN CHINESE INSTRUMENTS.

THE CAMP IS NOT JUST ALL HARDWORK. THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL ARRANGE A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CANOEING, ROCK-CLIMBING, ROLLER-SKATING, SWIMMING AND A LAUNCH OUTING FOR THE YOUTHS.

ON AUGUST 3, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, AN OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD IN THE CAMP FOR PARENTS TO VISIT THEIR CHILDREN.

TO CLOSE THE EVENT, THERE WILL BE A CONCERT FOLLOWED BY A MARCHING BAND DISPLAY AND, FINALLY, A DISCO NIGHT, ON AUGUST 8.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NO LICENCE REQUIRED BY TELEX USERS

* * * *

LICENCES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED BY USERS OF TELEX SERVICE AND INTERNATIONAL LEASED CIRCUITS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS FOLLOWED AN ORDER MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON JUNE 9, 1981.

+THE EXEMPTION ORDER MEANS THAT EXISTING LICENCES WILL BE CANCELLED AT THE RENEWAL DATE BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY AND NO FURTHER LICENCE WILL BE REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRANTED TO USERS OF NON-TELEPHONIC SERVICES PROVIDED OVER THE PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TICD DIRECTOR VISITS HARBOUR COMMAND UNITS

* * * * *

WATCHING CUSTOMS' SEARCH PARTIES IN ACTION ON A PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED THAI CARGO VESSEL TODAY (TUESDAY) WERE THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN.

THEIR PRESENCE ON THE VESSEL UNDER SEARCH AND GUARD IN THE HARBOUR WAS PART OF A TOUR BY MR DORWARD OF THE HARBOUR COMMAND UNITS OF THE CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS DEPARTMENT.

MR DORWARD WAS GIVEN A GENERAL BRIEFING ON HARBOUR CONTROLS, INCLUDING SHIP RESEARCH, SHIP SEARCH AND GUARD, CARGO EXAMINATION AND MARINE PATROLS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN INSPECTION OF CUSTOMS OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES AT THE HONG KONG/MACAU FERRY TERMINAL AND A TOUR OF THE TERMINAL'S FACILITIES.

/THE HARBOUR

THE HARBOUR COMMAND UNITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROL AND ANTI-SMUGGLING MEASURES OVER SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC. THIS WORK COVERS UPWARD OF 105 000 CARGO VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG HARBOUR EACH YEAR, AN ANNUAL TURNOVER OF 24.6 MILLION TONNES OF SEA CARGO AND THE CONTROL OF MORE THAN 15 000 LOCALLY-REGISTERED FISHING BOATS AND PLEASURE CRAFTS. IN ADDITION, THE DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER THREE MILLION PASSENGERS ARRIVING FROM MACAU EVERY YEAR.

ALTHOUGH THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE VARIOUS CONTROLS IS TO PREVENT THE SMUGGLING OF DANGEROUS DRUGS INTO HONG KONG, CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE PROTECTION AND COLLECTION OF REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES, AND MEASURES ARE ALSO TAKEN TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMPORT OR EXPORT OF PROHIBITED GOODS AND UNMANIFESTED CARGO.

WITH THE REGIONALISATION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE THIS WEEK, THESE CONTROLS HAVE BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HONG KONG REGION- PREVIOUSLY THEY CAME UNDER THE HARBOUR AND MARINE SUB-DIVISION OF THE HARBOUR DIVISION.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFF TO LISBON AIR TALKS
* * * *

MR J.T. THORPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT TONIGHT (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS CONFERENCE ON +AIR SERVICE AND THE PASSENGERS+, OPENING IN LISBON NEXT WEEK.

THE CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL AND THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION, AND IS A FORUM FOR OPERATORS OF ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON THE GROWING PROBLEMS FACING LARGE CIVIL AIRPORTS IN PROVIDING EFFICIENT SERVICES TO AIRLINES AND THEIR PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT, AND OTHER AIRPORT USERS.

OTHER SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE PASSENGER FACILITATION, AIRPORT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, CAR PARKING AND SURFACE TRANSPORT ACCESS AT AIRPORT, AIRPORT SECURITY, THE CAPACITY OF AIRPORT SYSTEMS GENERALLY AND A REVIEW OF RECENT AIRPORT ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

BEFORE GOING TO LISBON, MR THORPE WILL ATTEND AS MEMBER OF AN INTERVIEW BOARD IN LONDON, TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS AND SELECT CANDIDATES FOR POSTS IN THE GROUP CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING OF THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

AFTER THE AIRPORT CONFERENCE, MR THORPE WILL TAKE A SHORT PERIOD OF LEAVE BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG IN MID-AUGUST.

MR N. LATHAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AIR SERVICES), WILL ACT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR DURING THE ABSENCE OF MR THORPE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981

- 12 -

BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS
* * * *

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO. 50 BONHAM STRAND WEST TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE FIVE STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAN BEARING WALLS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS, HAD BEEN UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION SINCE 1980.

RECENT DETERIORATION HAD BEEN NOTED IN THE REAR PORTION OF THE BUILDING, WITH SEVERE STRUCTURAL CRACKING IN THE LOAD BEARING WALLS AND REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURAL MEMBERS.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THERE WAS A RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDING, HE SAID.

ACCORDINGLY, A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON JULY 14, 1981 WAS POSTED TODAY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
* * * *

THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON A WOMAN, LEI WUI-NGAN ON NOVEMBER 11, 1980 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR EIGHT YEARS.

LEI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHUNG WING-HONG IN CENTRAL ON MAY 19, 1980.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEW ROAD JUNCTION
* * *

THE NEW JUNCTION OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND NAM FUNG ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10.30 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 19), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE JUNCTION WILL BE CONTROLLED BY TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/13

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981

- 13 -

BALLET SHOW FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS
* * * * *

THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET IS TO GIVE A 90-MINUTE PERFORMANCE IN YUEN LONG ON JUNE 27.

ABOUT 800 LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL OF CHIU LUT SAU MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM.

THE PERFORMANCE WILL CONSIST OF FIVE SHOWS, ONE OF WHICH, 'EATERS OF DARKNESS,' IS BEING PERFORMED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG.

WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE WHICH JOINED UP WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL TO RUN A BALLET SCHOOL FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN 1979.

THE SCHOOL IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 14.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 70 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WEEKLY AT THE TOWN HALL.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$18 000 TO THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

A MEMBER OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN, SAID THE SCHOOL PLANNED TO ORGANISE A MAJOR PERFORMANCE NEXT EASTER.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO PLANNING TO SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP TO SEND TALENTED STUDENTS OVERSEAS FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

ADMISSION TO THE PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET IS FREE.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

- - - - 0 - - - -