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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
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A REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE TODAY (SUNDAY) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

WREATHS WERE LAID BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE; THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN; SERVICE COMMANDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS, DISTRICT BOARDS, TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

MEANWHILE, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO HELD AN OBSERVANCE OF THE REMEMBRANCE DAY IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY TODAY.

THE SERVICE WAS ATTENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, AND STAFF AND FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, THE CONGREGATION LED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON BAND, MARCHED TO STANLEY MILITARY CEMETERY AND JOINED IN THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE KILLED DURING THE TWO WARS AND THOSE WHO HAD DIED IN SERVICE.

ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 11), A CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE WORLD WARS I AND II AND ON DUTY IN TIMES OF PEACE WAS HELD IN THE FOYER OF MAY HOUSE, POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY LAID A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE FORCE. DURING THE CEREMONY WREATHS WERE ALSO LAID BY MR NYLON TS'O, THE ACTING COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF POLICE FORMATIONS AND POLICE ASSOCIATIONS.

THE POLICE BAND WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO ATTEND THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SEEING HIM OFF AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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HONG KONG'S JANUARY - SEPTEMBER EXTERNAL TRADE

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1983, VALUED AT \$233 121 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 18 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF 1982, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 20 PER CENT TO \$72 635 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 17 PER CENT TO \$121 870 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 19 PER CENT TO \$38 615 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 34 PER CENT IN VALUE.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$2 863 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 471 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 180 MILLION OR 104 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$272 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$87 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$601 MILLION OR 1 859 PER CENT); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$108 MILLION OR 206 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$80 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$86 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$34 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$120 MILLION OR 338 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$109 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$27 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$443 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$105 MILLION OR 296 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$75 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

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THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 556 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1 006 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT); MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$199 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$193 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), AND CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$193 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 475 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$969 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$425 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$203 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 053 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$579 MILLION OR 1 163 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$282 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$176 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$85 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF IRON AND STEEL (BY \$15 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1 171 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$302 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$288 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 658 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$1 348 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$636 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$510 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$394 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$349 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), THAILAND (BY \$220 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT) AND CANADA (BY \$216 MILLION OR 89 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA (BY \$347 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY \$254 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$1 020 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$774 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$666 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$434 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$282 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$123 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT); AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$60 MILLION OR THREE PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE SEPTEMBER 1983 ISSUE OF +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE AROUND NOVEMBER 17 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY DECEMBER 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

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

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING TRADE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 5-444436).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
U.S.A.	30 305	22 657	+7 648	+34
U.K.	5 932	5 140	+ 792	+15
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 566	5 043	+ 524	+10
CHINA	4 156	2 758	+1 398	+51
JAPAN	2 677	2 339	+ 338	+14
CANADA	2 648	1 904	+ 744	+39

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AUSTRALIA	1 897	2 095	- 198	- 9
SINGAPORE	1 567	1 411	+ 156	+11
NETHERLANDS	1 373 .	1 197	+ 175	+15
SAUDI ARABIA	1 178	989	+ 189	+19

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

<u>COMMODITY DIVISIONS</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	24 067	21 077	+2 989	+14
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	11 872	11 686	+ 187	+ 2
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	6 539	5 608	+ 931	+17
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	5 684	4 480	+1 204	+27

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5 676	4 175	+1 501	+36
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 874	3 626	+1 247	+34

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	29 013	23 709	+5 304	+22
JAPAN	27 798	22 961	+4 837	+21
U. S. A.	13 725	11 398	+2 327	+20
TAIWAN	8 670	7 586	+1 084	+14
SINGAPORE	7 236	7 712	- 476	- 6
U. K.	5 393	5 018	+ 375	+ 7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	3 438	3 294	+ 144	+ 4
F. R. OF GERMANY	3 267	2 505	+ 762	+30
SWITZERLAND	2 253	1 931	+ 322	+17
AUSTRALIA	1 942	1 715	+ 228	+13

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TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

<u>COMMODITY SECTIONS</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	34 057	29 275	+4 782	+16
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	27 507	23 700	+3 806	+16
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	22 013	17 775	+4 238	+24
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	13 201	11 633	+1 568	+13
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	9 056	6 986	+2 070	+30
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	8 191	8 415	- 224	- 3

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TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	7 637	5 980	+1 658	+28
U.S.A.	5 481	4 133	+1 348	+33
SINGAPORE	3 194	2 558	+ 636	+25
INDONESIA	2 947	3 295	- 347	-11
TAIWAN	2 364	1 970	+ 394	+20
JAPAN	2 104	1 893	+ 211	+11
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 749	1 239	+ 510	+41
MACAU	1 342	1 139	+ 203	+18
PHILIPPINES	1 204	1 076	+ 128	+12
SAUDI ARABIA	1 030	681	+ 349	+51

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-SEPT. 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	5 317	4 924	+ 393	+ 8
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	3 265	2 491	+ 774	+31
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	3 200	2 180	+1 020	+47

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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 935	2 269	+ 666	+29
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	2 133	1 700	+ 434	+26
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	1 826	1 886	- 60	- 3

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NEW FISH HYBRID HOLDING GOOD PROMISE * * *

A FAST-GROWING COMMON CARP — A HYBRID BETWEEN THE LOCAL AND AN ISRAELI RACE — IS BEING REARED COMMERCIALY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG.

NINE FISH FARMS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH 35 500 FRY OF THIS HYBRID BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED THEM THROUGH ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION BY CROSSING THE LOCAL SCALY COMMON CARP FEMALE WITH THE ISRAELI MIRROR CARP +DOR-70+ MALE.

+THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS WITH THE HYBRIDISATION OF THE TWO RACES SINCE 1978 IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE STOCK OF THE LOCAL COMMON CARP AND TO HELP LOCAL FISH FARMS INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY,+ SAID MR ALFRED SIN, FISH CULTURE RESEARCH OFFICER 1 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES RESEARCH DIVISION.

THE HYBRID FRY WERE SUPPLIED TO THE FISH FARMERS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION FOLLOWING THEIR REQUESTS EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

THE COMMON CARP, OR CYPRINUS CARPIO, IS A POND FISH CONSUMED IN HONG KONG MAINLY IN AUTUMN AND WINTER. IT CONTRIBUTES ABOUT 16 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POND FISH PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG.

MR SIN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF THE SLOW GROWTH OF THE LOCAL RACE, IT WAS OFTEN NOT POSSIBLE TO MEET CONSUMERS' DEMAND.

THE HYBRID, MR SIN SAID, EXHIBITS MANY DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS FOR COMMERCIAL BREEDING IN HONG KONG.

FIRST, IT CAN GROW TO ABOUT 815 GRAMMES IN SIX MONTHS, TWICE THE RATE OF THE LOCAL SPECIES.

+THIS MEANS THAT IT CAN ATTAIN A PREFERRED MARKET SIZE BY AUTUMN AND WINTER WHEN CONSUMER DEMAND IS HIGHEST,+ HE SAID.

THIS FASTER GROWTH RATE, MR SIN ADDED, SHOULD INCREASE THE YIELD OF FISH PONDS CONSIDERABLY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG WHERE MORE AND MORE FISH PONDS ARE BEING LOST BECAUSE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

SECOND, THE HYBRID IS SIMILAR TO THE LOCAL RACE IN SCALE COVER, BODY SHAPE AND COLOUR SO THAT IT SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY GAINING CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE, MR SIN SAID.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE HYBRIDS CAN BE MORE EASILY CAUGHT BY NET.

+IT IS DIFFICULT TO CATCH A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LOCAL RACE UNLESS THE PONDS ARE DRAINED -- A PRACTICE THAT IS RARELY RESORTED TO BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO CONSERVE WATER IN HONG KONG,+ MR SIN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD GIVEN ADVICE TO THE FISH FARMERS ON HOW TO REAR THE HYBRID FRY, AND WOULD VISIT THEM PERIODICALLY TO ASCERTAIN THEIR PROGRESS AND ADVISE ON THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

MR SIN WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE FARMERS' FIRST ATTEMPT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THE ADVICE GIVEN WAS BASED ON PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE YEARS.

ALSO, SIMILAR ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE MIRROR CARP WITH THE SCALY COMMON CARP FROM TAIWAN HAD BEEN TESTED IN ISRAEL WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS, HE ADDED.

MR SIN EXPECTED THAT MORE FISH FARMERS WOULD CHOOSE TO REAR THE HYBRID.

BUT HE SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT NOT BE PRODUCING SUFFICIENT FRY. FISH FARMERS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN THE TECHNIQUE AND PRODUCE THEIR OWN FRY.

WHEN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FIRST EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE +DOR-70+ MIRROR CARP IN 1977, 600 LIVE MIRROR CARP FRY WERE PRESENTED TO HONG KONG IN AUGUST OF THE SAME YEAR AS GIFTS BY THE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH ORGANISATION OF ISRAEL.

THE FRY WERE THEN ACCLIMATISED AND REARED IN HONG KONG. THEY TOOK ONE YEAR TO REACH SEXUAL MATURITY, AND HYBRIDS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED SINCE 1979 BY ARTIFICIAL AND NATURAL FERTILISATIONS.

MR SIN SAID THAT HYBRID FRY STOCKED IN SPRING WILL BE READY FOR THE MARKET BY AUTUMN AND WINTER. IN CAPTIVITY, THEY MATURE WITHIN ONE YEAR AND CAN REPRODUCE IF THE ENVIRONMENT IS FAVOURABLE.

HE ADDED THAT EXTREME CARE IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A PURE STOCK OF THE +DOR-70+ FOR SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF THE HYBRID.

MORE NEW COMMUNITIES FORMED
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SO THAT A MORE CARING AND HELPFUL COMMUNITY COULD BE ESTABLISHED, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TWO-WEEK SECOND KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL, HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS NEW COMMUNITIES HAD BEEN FORMED AT SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES.

AND HE ESTIMATED THAT IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, 12 MORE NEW COMMUNITIES WOULD GRADUALLY BE FORMED WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF MORE THAN 90 000.

ALTHOUGH RESIDENTS OF SOME OF THE NEW COMMUNITIES CAME FROM KWUN TONG ITSELF, THE MAJORITY MOVED IN FROM OTHER DISTRICTS.

IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY ON LOCAL SQUATTER AREAS, ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE SQUATTERS WERE NEW ARRIVALS WHO HAD LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS.

+MOST OF THE NEW RESIDENTS KNOW VERY LITTLE OR NOTHING ABOUT KWUN TONG, AND THERE IS, THEREFORE, AN URGENT NEED FOR MORE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND TO INTEGRATE THESE NEW RESIDENTS INTO OUR COMMUNITY,+ SAID MR MAK.

IN ADDITION TO COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES, HE SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

+THIS IS EVIDENT FROM THE FACT THAT DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT THIS YEAR HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$600 000 WHICH IS THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY WAS THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON.

HE AND MR MAK KICKED OFF A FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD CUM DISTRICT OFFICE TEAM AND THE NGAU TAU KOK (WEST) YOUTH TEAM.

MR WILLIAMSON ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS OF A TELEMATCH IN WHICH MORE THAN 400 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED.

STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER ESSAY COMPETITION
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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE ESSAY COMPETITION 1983/84 ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY.

THE AWARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, WHICH IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING COMMONWEALTH STUDIES IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WILL INCLUDE TRAVEL, MONEY AND BOOK PRIZES.

THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THIS COMPETITION IN PAST YEARS HAS REFLECTED THE HIGH ACADEMIC ABILITY OF LOCAL STUDENTS IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

LAST YEAR, THE ESSAYS OF SEVEN HONG KONG STUDENTS WERE HIGHLY COMMENDED IN THE COMPETITION.

IN ORDER TO GIVE STUDENTS ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT, THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS WILLING TO SPONSOR A LOCAL COMPETITION WITH BOOK PRIZES.

THE WINNERS OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION AS WELL AS OTHER GOOD ESSAYS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN LONDON FOR THE MAIN COMPETITION.

THE ESSAYS FOR THE LOCAL COMPETITION MUST REACH THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR, FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF JUDGING.

EACH ESSAY SHOULD BE CERTIFIED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR A SENIOR TEACHER AS BEING THE STUDENT'S OWN COMPOSITION.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION SHOULD BE MADE TO THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, ED, ON 5-8392274.

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ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION AND A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS TO PROMOTE ADOLESCENT HEALTH.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION WILL START ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 15) ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF SHA TIN LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE.

IT WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 17.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION IS TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER SEX EDUCATION, PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES DURING ADOLESCENCE, CORRECT VALUES AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS SEX, HUMAN GROWTH AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ON ADOLESCENCE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION, A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND NORTHERN DISTRICT.

+THE AIM OF ORGANISING THE WORKSHOPS IS TO EXPLORE THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENCE THROUGH GROUP STUDIES AND DISCUSSIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OR TEACHERS WHO WANT THEIR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOPS COULD DIAL 0-633211, EXT. 213 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON MASS MEDIA TO START

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A SURVEY TO DETERMINE MANPOWER NEEDS OF LOCAL MASS MEDIA WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 16 BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

A TOTAL OF 500 ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA WILL BE COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

+BASED ON THE INFORMATION COLLECTED, THE TRAINING BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP MANPOWER PLANNING TO MEET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOURNALISM SECTOR,+ MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, SAID.

THIS IS THE SECOND SURVEY ON THE MASS MEDIA ORGANISED BY THE TRAINING BOARD.

A SERIES OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AND WELL RECEIVED.

+UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR THE TRAINING BOARD TO FORMULATE FURTHER TRAINING PROVISIONS. THUS EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO COOPERATE BY GIVING ACCURATE INFORMATION,+ MR SHUM SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT TO EMPLOYERS COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH ORGANISATION DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO COLLECT AND HELP COMPLETE THE FORMS.

ALSO ASSISTING IN THE SURVEY ARE THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION
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THE 16TH ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS BETWEEN 14 AND 22 YEARS OF AGE, WILL BE HELD AGAIN THIS YEAR.

ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT EFFECTIVELY DESIGNED POSTERS FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ENTIRE ACCIDENT-PREVENTION PLAN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

THE POSTERS SHOULD GENERATE AND SUSTAIN SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS IN EVERYONE'S BEHAVIOUR, HE SAID.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO DIVISION +A+ FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND DIVISION +B+ FOR POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

DESIGNS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON A SHEET OF DRAWING PAPER OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANISATION, A2 SIZE (420 MM X 594 MM OR 16-1/2 INCHES X 23-3/4 INCHES).

THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR +A+ DIVISION MAY ALSO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE +B+ DIVISION.

A STUDENT MAY SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE ENTRY, BUT THE SAME ENTRY SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED FOR BOTH DIVISIONS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON BY JANUARY 31, 1984.

COPIES OF THE OBJECT AND RULES OF THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE AND CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 5TH FLOOR, NORTH POINT.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN OF LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

ADJUDICATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN MID-FEBRUARY 1984.

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DIAL AN ENQUIRY ON TRANSPORT SERVICES
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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ENQUIRIES ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SERVICES MAY BE MADE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S 24-HOUR HOTLINE, 5-8933111.

INTRODUCED THIS MARCH, THE SERVICE HAS MADE IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE QUESTIONS ON TRANSPORT ANSWERED.

ENQUIRIES ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM LICENSING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES, SCHEDULES AND FARES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON THE HOTLINE.

SUGGESTIONS ON ANY ASPECT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL ALSO BE WELCOME, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE LINE IS MANNED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL DURING OFFICE HOURS; AFTER THEN IT BECOMES A RECORDED SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SERVICES SHOULD BE LODGED WITH THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT ON 5-776866.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR OPERATION OF RESTAURANT
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, A POPULAR RECREATIONAL VENUE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN, HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 500 000 BATHERS SO FAR THIS YEAR.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON MARCH 1, 1984 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX LOCATED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, BEFORE DECEMBER 9 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICE OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-209204.

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SHA TIN TO HOLD SQUASH COMPETITION

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A SHA TIN DISTRICT SQUASH COMPETITION DUE TO START LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS ON THREE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS, STARTING ON NOVEMBER 27.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF PLAYERS.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S SECTION, WOMEN'S SECTION, MEN'S NOVICE SECTION AND WOMEN'S NOVICE SECTION, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS OF THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE BASED ON 'BEST OF THREE GAMES', AND THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS ON 'BEST OF FIVE'.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, THE SHA TIN OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, OR THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SHA TIN OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE BEFORE WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 16), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLEARED

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AN OPERATION WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO CLEAR ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS ON FOUR REAR LANES IN TUEN MUN TO TIDY-UP THE ENVIRONMENT.

SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE CLEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS PART OF A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE NEW TOWN.

THE REAR LANES ARE SITUATED BEHIND TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TAK CHING COURT AND AT SAN HUI.

/AN ASSISTANT

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AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GERALD CAVANAGH, AND OFFICIALS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED WILL BE PRESENT AT TOMORROW'S CLEARANCE OPERATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT TAK CHING COURT IN TUEN MUN.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.20 AM FOR TUEN MUN.

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PLB BAN ON MID-LEVELS
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 15), MAY ROAD, OLD PEAK ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, THE SECTION OF KOTEWELL ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, AND THE SECTION OF GLENEALY ROAD BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND CONDUIT ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

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