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CHINA AND HK EXCHANGE VIEWS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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ABOUT 50 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG HAVE COME TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ON ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST IN A TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM THAT ENDS TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEMS IN MAINLAND CHINA AND HONG KONG IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SOCIETY AND THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT OF HONG KONG.

AS HOST OF THE SYMPOSIUM THIS YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MS ALICE TAI, SAID: "THE OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR KEY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS OF CHINA AND HONG KONG SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP ABREAST WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TWO PLACES."

THEY MAY HAVE A REGULAR FORUM TO DISCUSS COMMON ISSUES AND TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL AND FRIENDLY CONTACTS, SHE ADDED.

THE FIRST SYMPOSIUM, HOSTED BY THE CHINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SOCIETY, WAS HELD IN GUANGZHOU LAST NOVEMBER.

THIS YEAR THE CHINESE DELEGATION COMPRISES 17 MEMBERS, AND IS HEADED BY DR GAO LU-LIN, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SOCIETY AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE CHINESE PATENT OFFICE.

APART FROM ATTENDING THE SYMPOSIUM, THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO VISIT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND MOTOROLA, A LEADING MANUFACTURER IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYMPOSIUM, DR GAO SAID: "UNDER THE BASIC LAW, THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS', MAKES LAWS AND POLICIES BY ITSELF TO PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

"THIS IS THE LEGAL BASIS ON WHICH THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEMS IN HONG KONG WILL BE LAID.

"I HOPE THE REFORM OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

DR GAO NOTED THAT THE SYMPOSIUM WAS A VALUABLE FORUM TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, TO FURTHER CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND TO WORK OUT TOGETHER ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LOCALISATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS OF HONG KONG IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

THE SYMPOSIUM COVERED RECENT AND POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE MARK FIELDS AND HOW INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THESE AREAS WERE ENFORCED.

MS TAI SAID REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG HAD A VERY USEFUL, FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT AS 1997 DREW NEAR, THERE WOULD BE MORE ISSUES OF WHICH THE SOLUTION REQUIRED THE JOINT EFFORTS OF CHINA AND HONG KONG.

"INHERENT IN THE CONCEPT OF 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS' IS THE NEED TO RECOGNISE AND RESPECT DIFFERENCES IN EACH OTHER'S SYSTEM, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY TO HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR THE CONTINUED STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF BOTH CHINA AND HONG KONG.

"THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROCESS BY FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING, MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST BETWEEN THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CIRCLES OF CHINA AND HONG KONG," MS TAI SAID.

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HONG KONG IS CHINA'S WORLD PORT

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HONG KONG IS ALREADY CHINA'S WORLD PORT AND WILL REMAIN SO WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

MAINLAND PORTS NOW BEING DEVELOPED WILL BRING WELCOME COMPETITION, BUT WILL NOT THREATEN HONG KONG'S PRE-EMINENT PORT STATUS.

THIS WAS THE MAIN THEME OF A SPEECH GIVEN BY PORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD SECRETARY, MR TONY CLARK.

HE TOLD DELEGATES TO A HONG KONG UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE THAT 42 PER CENT OF THE MAINLAND'S EXPORT TRADE ALREADY FLOWED THROUGH HONG KONG.

THE CONFERENCE, ON "CHINESE CITIES AND CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT", WAS HELD AS A PRELUDE TO THE UNIVERSITY'S EXHIBITION, EXPO 2001 AT THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE FROM NOVEMBER 26 TO 30.

MR CLARK SAID HONG KONG WOULD HAVE AN EVEN GREATER ROLE TO PLAY AS CHINA TOOK ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ECONOMIES.

FOR THIS REASON, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT PLANS FOR A NEW PORT ON LANTAU MUST PROCEED.

OTHER PORTS, NOW BEING DEVELOPED IN CHINA, WOULD NOT TAKE BUSINESS FROM HONG KONG BUT WOULD BE COMPLEMENTARY TO IT.

HE SAID THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT WAS HONG KONG'S KEY ECONOMIC ASSET. THE PORT PRESENTLY:

* GENERATED 15 PER CENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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- * LED TO EMPLOYMENT OF 350,000 OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE; AND
- * HANDLED 90 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TRADE.

BUT APART FROM BEING THE FOUNDATION OF HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY, THE PORT WAS PLAYING AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN CHINA'S ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

EVEN THOUGH FACTORIES HAD MOVED FROM THE TERRITORY TO SOUTHERN CHINA, THEIR PRODUCTS WERE STILL EXPORTED THROUGH THE CONTAINER PORT AT KWAI CHUNG.

MR CLARK POINTED OUT THAT THE CHINESE ECONOMY WAS FORECAST TO GROW BY EIGHT TO NINE PER CENT FOR THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. GUANGDONG WOULD GROW EVEN QUICKER.

"THIS WILL REQUIRE THE OPENING OF NEW PORTS, THE UPGRADING OF OTHERS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURAL SCHEMES TO MOVE GOODS AROUND THE COUNTRY."

BUT HE EMPHASISED THAT CHINA HAD FEW SITES THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED AS DEEP-WATER PORTS.

YIAN TIAN JUST OVER THE BORDER TO THE EAST AND GAOLAN TO THE WEST HAD LONG-TERM POTENTIAL, "BUT BOTH HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO REALISE THAT POTENTIAL."

HE SAID: "SOME FEAR THAT YIAN TIAN MAY SOMEHOW ATTRACT CARGOES THAT ARE RIGHTFULLY OURS AND TAKE THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE TO HONG KONG."

"I DO NOT SHARE THOSE FEARS. SOUTHERN CHINA NEEDS ADDITIONAL PORTS. THOSE PORTS WILL STIMULATE GROWTH. THAT'S GOOD FOR CHINA AND GOOD FOR HONG KONG."

"THE ADDITIONAL SHIPPING TRAFFIC IN OUR AREA WILL INCREASE THE CHANCE OF ADDITIONAL SHIPPING CALLS AT HONG KONG AND ENHANCE OUR MARITIME SUPPORT SERVICES."

"ANY ADDITIONAL SPUR TO COMPETITION CAN ONLY BE GOOD FOR HONG KONG."

MR CLARK SAID DEMANDS ON HONG KONG'S PORT WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW. "WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXPAND TO MATCH THEM."

"IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT WE STILL AWAIT ENDORSEMENT BY THE CHINESE SIDE OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 9. LET US HOPE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH LONGER TO WAIT."

HE SAID HONG KONG'S CARGO THROUGHPUT WOULD DOUBLE BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY - AND DOUBLE AGAIN BY 2011.

FOR THIS REASON IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT PLANS FOR A NEW PORT ON LANTAU SHOULD GO AHEAD. THESE WILL CATER FOR PORT EXPANSION WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

SEWAGE CHARGE CONSULTATION CONTINUES UNTIL NOVEMBER 30

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CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED SEWAGE CHARGING SCHEME WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH SAID: "THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE ORIGINALLY SET ON NOVEMBER 15 WILL GIVE PEOPLE MORE TIME TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS."

"WE UNDERSTAND A LEGCO MOTION DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET ON DECEMBER 1."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "SO FAR, THE BRANCH HAS RECEIVED OVER 30 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND HAS CLOSELY MONITORED THE LARGE BODY OF OPINION EXPRESSED IN THE MEDIA.

"IN ADDITION, WE HAVE BRIEFED A LARGE NUMBER OF INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING THE LEGCO ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PANEL, THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FIVE DISTRICT BOARDS, POLITICAL GROUPS AND MAJOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS.

"IN GENERAL, THE VIEWS WE HAVE CANVASSED SO FAR ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE POLLUTERS-PAY PRINCIPLE AND IN FULL RECOGNITION OF THE URGENT NEED TO DEAL WITH WATER POLLUTION MORE EFFECTIVELY.

"THIS OPINION IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE RESULTS OF SEPARATE POLLS CONDUCTED BY TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

"WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED DIVERGENT VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THE PROPOSED CHARGING LEVEL IS TOO HIGH FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A LEVY AT ALL ON DOMESTIC USERS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE PROPOSED CHARGING SCHEME WAS WORKED OUT GENERALLY ON THE BASIS OF "POLLUTERS SHOULD PAY", AN APPROACH WHICH HAS BEEN WELL ACCEPTED IN OTHER BIG CITIES.

"SINCE HOUSEHOLDERS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ORGANIC WASTE DISCHARGED, IT IS UNFAIR TO EXCLUDE THEM ENTIRELY FROM THE SCHEME.

"MOREOVER, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REDUCE DOMESTIC CHARGES. THESE INCLUDE THE GOVERNMENT'S FULL FUNDING OF THE \$12 BILLION CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND EXEMPTION FOR 17 PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO CONSUME LESS THAN 13 UNITS OF WATER EVERY FOUR MONTHS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WATER SUPPLY TO CHEUNG CHAU BACK TO NORMAL
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL FROM 8 AM THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

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COUNTRY PARK VISITORS URGED TO AVOID LANTAU TRAIL
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COUNTRY PARK VISITORS AND HIKERS IN PARTICULAR ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE SOME OF THE HIKING TRAILS OF THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARK FOR THE TIME BEING AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS ALONG THE TRAILS BEING BLOCKED OR AFFECTED BY LANDSLIPS.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN TODAY (TUESDAY) BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR LAI CHING-WAI, FOLLOWING INSPECTIONS OF THE LANTAU TRAIL BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE WEEKEND.

MR LAI SAID: "THE TORRENTIAL RAIN LAST FRIDAY CAUSED A NUMBER OF LANDSLIPS IN THE COUNTRY PARK AND IN PARTICULAR ALONG SECTIONS OF THE LANTAU TRAIL."

"THE TRAILS NEAR NAM SHAN, LANTAU PEAK, SHEK PIK, TONG FUK AND CHEUNG SHA HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO HAVE THEM CLEARED AND REINSTATED. THE PUBLIC WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR USE AGAIN."

"WARNING SIGNS AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS ALONG THE TRAIL WILL BE SET UP. FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, VISITORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ADHERE TO THE WARNINGS GIVEN ON THE SIGNS," HE SAID.

MR LAI ADDED THAT THERE WERE MANY HIKING TRAILS IN OTHER COUNTRY PARKS WHICH WERE MORE SUITABLE FOR HIKING ACTIVITIES.

THE LANTAU TRAIL IS A CIRCULAR ROUTE OF ABOUT 70 KILOMETRES RUNNING THROUGH THE FINEST SCENERY OF THE LANTAU COUNTRY PARK. IT HAS 12 STAGES WITH STARTING AND FINISHING POINTS AT MUI WO.

MR LAI ALSO CALLED ON HILL WALKERS TO ALWAYS OBSERVE SAFETY HINTS DURING OUTINGS SO AS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

AMONG HIS SAFETY HINTS ARE THE AWARENESS OF ONE'S OWN PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, CAREFUL PLANNING OF WALKING ROUTES, IDENTIFICATION OF DIFFICULT AREAS, SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING AS WELL AS THE ALERTNESS OF WEATHER CHANGES DURING TRIPS.

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VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN AUGUST

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THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR DECREASED BY 3.7% AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS RECORDED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 22%.

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

TAKING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER, THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 16%. IMPORTS ALSO INCREASED BY 16% IN VOLUME.

THE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE IS DERIVED FROM THE GROWTH IN TRADE VALUES WITH THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES BEING DISCOUNTED.

AS REGARDS PRICE CHANGES OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. IMPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 0.7%.

PRICE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED BY CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE INDICES, WHICH ARE COMPILED BASED ON AVERAGE UNIT VALUES OR, FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, BASED ON SPECIFIC PRICE DATA.

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, DEFINED AS THE RATIO OF TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO IMPORT PRICE INDEX, INCREASED SLIGHTLY BY 0.5% IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1993 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TAKING AUGUST 1993 ALONE AND COMPARING WITH AUGUST 1992, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 6.0% WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20%. THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14%. THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS GREW BY 18%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. RE-EXPORT PRICES DECREASED BY 0.7%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING AUGUST 1993 WITH AUGUST 1992, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES WHICH RECORDED AN INCREASE OF 2.6%, THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR OTHER COMMODITY GROUPS DECREASED, PARTICULARLY RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-52%); AND FOOTWEAR (-47%).

AS REGARDS DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES, THE PRICES OF FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING INCREASED BY 3.0% AND 1.1% RESPECTIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICES WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (-6.4%); TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-5.4%); AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-4.7%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 14% IN AUGUST 1993 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1992.

CONSIDERABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF FRUIT; MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS; AND FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TEA AND COFFEE; AND WHEAT AND FLOUR.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED BY 21%.

COMMODITY ITEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME INCLUDED PASSENGER MOTOR CARS; FOOTWEAR; CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY; AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

HOWEVER, A DECREASE IN IMPORT VOLUME WAS NOTED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCREASED BY 16% IN AUGUST 1993 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1992.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE NOTED FOR IRON AND STEEL; WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK; WOVEN FABRICS OF WOOL AND MIXTURES; AND THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS.

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORT VOLUME OF RAW COTTON; AND BASE METALS (OTHER THAN IRON AND STEEL).

IMPORTS OF FUELS INCREASED BY 1.2% IN VOLUME IN AUGUST 1993 AS COMPARED WITH AUGUST 1992.

AS REGARDS CAPITAL GOODS, THE IMPORT VOLUME INCREASED BY 13%. NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY; OTHER INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (OTHER THAN TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY); AND OFFICE MACHINERY.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY; AND TEXTILE MACHINERY DECLINED.

COMPARING AUGUST 1993 WITH AUGUST 1992, THE IMPORT PRICES OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 3.8%.

THE IMPORT PRICES OF FUELS; FOODSTUFFS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; AND CONSUMER GOODS DECREASED BY 5.8%, 1.6%, 1.2% AND 0.8% RESPECTIVELY.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING AUGUST 1993 WITH AUGUST 1992, THE VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS OF FUELS GREW SUBSTANTIALLY BY 69%. THAT OF CAPITAL GOODS; RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; CONSUMER GOODS; AND FOODSTUFFS REGISTERED INCREASES OF 23%, 21%, 19% AND 1.9% RESPECTIVELY.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE RE-EXPORT PRICE OF CAPITAL GOODS INCREASED BY 2.9%.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FUELS; AND RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES DECREASED BY 16% AND 3.6% RESPECTIVELY.

THE RE-EXPORT PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS; AND CONSUMER GOODS WERE BOTH VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

DETAILS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS".

THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE IN MID-NOVEMBER AT \$8.5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802), AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE INDICES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4918).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY GROUP	COMPARING AUG 1993 WITH AUG 1992			COMPARING JAN-AUG 1993 WITH JAN-AUG 1992		
	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME	VALUE	UNIT	VOLUME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
CLOTHING	-5.0	1.1	-6.1	-6.4	2.3	-8.5
TEXTILE FABRICS	-10.9	-6.4	-4.8	-2.5	-4.0	1.5
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	-19.6	-5.4	-14.9	-12.5	-5.7	-7.2
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	-20.0	-2.7	-17.7	-28.1	0.3	-28.3
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	-54.2	-4.7	-51.9	-37.2	-8.2	-31.7
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	-11.1	-0.1	-11.1	8.6	-1.1	9.7
FOOTWEAR	-44.8	3.0	-46.6	-44.7	6.2	-48.1
METAL MANUFACTURES	-1.1	-0.7	-0.4	*	-2.4	2.5
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-14.5	-1.3	-13.3	1.9	-2.3	4.3
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	-18.8	0.4	-19.1	-14.2	0.6	-14.6
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	0.4	-2.1	2.6	-22.3	-2.5	-20.3

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DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	-28.3	-2.8	-26.3	-22.6	-3.0	-20.2
ALL COMMODITIES	-5.8	0.2	-6.0	-3.4	0.3	-3.7

* LESS THAN 0.05%

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING AUG 1993 WITH AUG 1992			COMPARING JAN-AUG 1993 WITH JAN-AUG 1992		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	12.3	-1.6	14.1	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4
CONSUMER GOODS	20.3	-0.8	21.2	19.3	-0.6	19.9
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	14.9	-1.2	16.4	8.1	-2.9	11.6
FUELS	-4.6	-5.8	1.2	7.8	1.0	6.8
CAPITAL GOODS	17.0	3.8	12.7	24.3	3.3	20.3
ALL COMMODITIES	17.3	-0.3	17.5	15.1	-0.7	15.9

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

END-USE CATEGORY	COMPARING AUG 1993 WITH AUG 1992			COMPARING JAN-AUG 1993 WITH JAN-AUG 1992		
	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %	VALUE %	UNIT VALUE %	VOLUME %
FOODSTUFFS	1.9	*	1.9	-1.6	-1.0	-0.6
CONSUMER GOODS	19.4	*	19.4	20.7	0.5	20.1
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	16.4	-3.6	20.8	15.5	-3.3	19.5
FUELS	41.8	-16.2	69.4	68.2	-3.4	74.3
CAPITAL GOODS	26.7	2.9	23.1	39.3	2.5	35.8
ALL COMMODITIES	19.6	-0.7	20.5	21.9	-0.4	22.3

* LESS THAN 0.05%

STUDY OF CHINESE WHITE DOLPHINS TO START SOON

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AN ECOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE CHINESE WHITE DOLPHINS THAT OCCUR TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF LANTAU ISLAND WILL BE CARRIED OUT SOON TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SPECIES AND TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ANIMALS.

COMMISSIONED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE SWIRE MARINE LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE STUDY WILL COST ABOUT \$2 MILLION AND WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF AFD, MR LAY CHIK-CHUEN, SAID CHINESE WHITE DOLPHINS WERE SEEN REGULARLY IN HONG KONG WATERS, BUT LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT THEIR STATUS AND ECOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS.

THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT THESE HONG KONG DOLPHINS FORM A DISTINCT SUB-SPECIES.

"IN VIEW OF GROWING CONCERN OVER THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON THE DOLPHIN POPULATION, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT A BASELINE STUDY OF THE SPECIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT."

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESENT STUDY IS TO PROPOSE EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT ON THE DOLPHIN POPULATION IN NORTH LANTAU AREAS AND TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SPECIES."

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROFESSOR BRIAN MORTON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE STUDY WILL BE JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN BY TWO RESEARCH STUDENTS, MS L J PORTER AND MR E M PARSONS, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE EXPERIENCE IN MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH WORK IN BRITAIN. THEY WILL BE PERIODICALLY JOINED BY LOCAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

THE STUDY WILL USE BEHAVIOURAL OBSERVATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATIONS OF FAMILY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, SHIP AND AERIAL SURVEYS TO ACCESS THE ECOLOGY OF THE DOLPHINS.

STRANDED, DEAD INDIVIDUALS WILL ALSO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED TO ASCERTAIN CAUSES OF DEATHS AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ON SEX, AGE, DIET AND DISEASE.

THE STUDY WILL DETERMINE THE NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AND ASSESS THE THREATS CAUSED TO THE DOLPHINS BY RECENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND OTHER THREATS SUCH AS SEWAGE OUTFALLS, BOAT DISTURBANCE, INCIDENTAL CATCHES AND HABITAT LOSS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE STUDY, RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PROPOSALS TO MITIGATE PRESENT, PROJECTED AND FUTURE IMPACTS UPON THE DOLPHINS," MR LAY SAID.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1993

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BOARD TO REVIEW TWO OUTLINE ZONING PLANS
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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS REFERRED TWO OUTLINE ZONING PLANS (OZP) TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE ANTICIPATED CHANGES IN LAND USE PROPOSALS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE PLANS ARE DRAFT NGAU CHI WAN OZP NO. S/K12/5 AND DRAFT YAU MA TEI OZP NO. S/K2/5.

THEY WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN 1972 AND 1976 RESPECTIVELY AND HAD BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED TO INCORPORATE NEW LAND USE PROPOSALS SINCE THEN.

"THE BOARD WILL REVISE THE PLANS, WHICH, AFTER INCORPORATING THE LATEST AMENDMENTS, WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN DUE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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1993 HK YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL
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THREE CONCERTS FOR STRING MUSIC LOVERS WILL BE PRESENTED BY OVERSEAS AND LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS DURING THE 1993 HONG KONG YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO 29.

THE FESTIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF MASTER CLASSES AND LECTURES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE MUSIC OFFICE'S SHA TIN, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN AND HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRES.

THE FIRST CONCERT IS A STRING INTERFLOW CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 2 PM ON NOVEMBER 21.

AUDIENCE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE PERFORMANCES OF THE DISTRICT STRING ORCHESTRAS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND SEVEN SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS.

A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING THE PERFORMANCES OF TWO MUSICIANS, AMERICAN CELLIST MR TIMOTHY LANDAUER AND RUSSIAN VIOLINIST MR EDWARD GRACH, WILL BE HELD AT THE STUDIO THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE AT 8 PM ON NOVEMBER 26.

THE CLIMAX OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE CONCERTO CONCERT PRESENTED BY MR LANDAUER AND MR GRACH AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AT 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 28.

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PIECES SUCH AS TCHAIKOVSKY'S CONCERTO IN D MAJOR FOR VIOLIN AND ORCHESTRA, OP 35 AND ROSSINI'S "L'ITALIANA ALGERI" OVERTURE WILL BE PERFORMED DURING THE CONCERT.

TICKETS FOR THE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT, AT \$40, AND TICKETS FOR THE CONCERTO CONCERT, AT \$30 AND \$50 EACH, ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

HALF-PRICE TICKETS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 60 OR ABOVE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 734 9009.

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COUNCILLORS AND BOARD MEMBERS
BRIEFED ON AIRPORT WORKS
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A TOTAL OF 10 REGIONAL COUNCILLORS AND 67 MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE BRIEFED TODAY (TUESDAY) ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE 10 PROJECTS ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP).

DURING A FOUR-HOUR BOAT TOUR, THE PARTY WAS GIVEN AN OVERVIEW ON THE ACP PROGRESS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR BILLY LAM.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY BRIEFINGS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL ACP PROJECTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ALSO SAW THE PHYSICAL WORKS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, THE TSING MA AND KAP SHUI MUN BRIDGES, THE NORTH LANTAU EXPRESSWAY, THE TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN RECLAMATION AND THE NEW AIRPORT WORKS.

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VIETNAMESE RETURN HOME
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A GROUP OF 317 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER A VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

COMPRISING 110 MEN, 83 WOMEN, 63 BOYS AND 61 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 175TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP BROUGHT TO 8,864 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 35,176 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE TWO MOTIONS

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HOLD MOTION DEBATES ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND A PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT SCHEME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS PROPOSED BY THE HON EMILY LAU. THE OTHER MOTION IS MOVED BY THE HON HUI YIN-FAT. THE HON WONG WAI-YIN WILL PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO MR HUI'S MOTION.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL ASK 20 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER EIGHT BILLS.

OF THE EIGHT BILLS, SIX WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

THEY ARE: SECURITY AND GUARDING SERVICES BILL, QUARANTINE AND PREVENTION OF DISEASE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1993, FIXED PENALTY (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993, AND A PRIVATE BILL MOVED BY THE HON RONALD ARCULLI - BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HONG KONG INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER TWO BILLS - INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL 1993 AND PROTECTION OF INVESTORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 - WILL BE RESUMED.

THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	9 NOV 93	9 NOV 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q345	H377
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 4,478MN	HKD 2,300MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 1,000MN	HKD 400MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.84 PCT	2.90 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.84 PCT	2.90 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 94 PCT	ABOUT 100 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.89 PCT	3.01 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 NOV 1993 -

TENDER DATE	16 NOV 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q346
ISSUE DATE	17 NOV 93
MATURITY DATE	16 FEB 94
TENOR	91 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 1,000 + 200MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	3,000
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	3,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,230
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,770
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.2 **0.0* 9.11.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/ HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.53 PCT	12 MONTHS	2411	4.625	101.35	3.30
1 MONTH	2.65 PCT	15 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.56	3.51
3 MONTHS	2.82 PCT	18 MONTHS	2505	3.75	99.94	3.83
6 MONTHS	2.87 PCT	21 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.20	3.95
12 MONTHS	3.27 PCT	36 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.34	4.49

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 25,346 MN

CLOSED 9 NOVEMBER 1993

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