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EXCO, LEGCO APPOINTMENTS  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR E.P. HO, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND THAT OF MR PETER K.Y. TSAO, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS (DESIGNATE), AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE APPOINTMENTS FOLLOW RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

BOTH APPOINTMENTS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1985 WHEN THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, RETIRES FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR HO'S APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS FROM JANUARY 1, 1985 TO AUGUST 31, 1986. MR TSAO'S APPOINTMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS FROM JANUARY 1, 1985 TO THE END OF THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 26, 1983 THAT THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WOULD CEASE TO BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH MR BRAY WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WOULD IN FUTURE BE A NOMINATED MEMBER RATHER THAN AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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CONFIDENCE RETURNING TO HK, CBI TOLD  
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A MEASURE OF CONFIDENCE HAD BEEN RETURNING SINCE LAST AUGUST WHEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, ANNOUNCED IN HONG KONG THE MAIN POINTS OF THE DRAFT SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT, MR Q.W. LEE, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TOLD THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY CONFERENCE IN LONDON TODAY.

THERE HAD EARLIER BEEN ANXIETY AND SPECULATION OVER THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF HONG KONG, RESULTING IN SOME PEOPLE MIGRATING TO OTHER COUNTRIES, MOVING THEIR MONEY AWAY AND BECOMING EXCEEDINGLY CAUTIOUS TOWARDS INVESTMENT AND RE-INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL GOODS, HE SAID.

BUT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED SINCE THEN, WITH DEPOSIT GROWTH TURNING IN FAVOUR OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR, AND THE HANG SENG INDEX RISING FROM A LOW OF 746 IN JULY TO 1 115 ON DECEMBER 10.

RETAINED IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE MACHINERY HAD INCREASED BY 26 PER CENT FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1984 COMPARED WITH A DROP OF FIVE PER CENT IN 1983. AND THE PROPERTY MARKET HAD ALSO INCREASED IN ACTIVITY.

MR LEE SAID THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE HONG KONG PEOPLE SUPPORTED THE AGREEMENT, NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY ACCEPTED THE POLITICAL REALITY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE THEY REALISED THAT UPON FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION, THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED A VIABLE FRAMEWORK BASICALLY LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE THEY NOW HAD.

MR LEE NOTED THE EXPRESSED CONCERN AND ANXIETY ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT AGREED WITH SIR GEOFFREY THAT THE BEST GUARANTEE OF A COUNTRY'S PERFORMANCE WAS ITS OWN SELF-INTEREST.

HE REFERRED TO CHINA'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ECONOMIC REFORMS, DESIGNED TO INJECT FREE ENTERPRISE, COMPETITION AND MARKET FORCES INTO ITS HIGHLY CENTRALISED ECONOMY.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE FEATURES OF THESE REFORMS WERE CHARACTERISTIC OF HONG KONG'S SYSTEM. HIS VIEW WAS THAT THE ROLE WHICH CHINA ENVISAGED FOR HONG KONG WOULD FIT IN NEATLY WITH THE COUNTRY'S OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER CHINA MIGHT ONE DAY REVERT TO ITS FORMER CLOSED DOOR POLICY, MR LEE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT ECONOMIC DRIVE HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING FASTER GROWTH AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE. CHINA WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, BY DEPARTING FROM A POLICY WHICH HAD BEEN SO WELL RECEIVED BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE MAJOR CHALLENGE TO THE TERRITORY IN THE NEXT 12 YEARS WOULD BE THE BUILDING UP OF AN ELECTED LEGISLATURE CAPABLE OF EFFECTING SELF-ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONDING TO THE REAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

+IN THIS EVOLUTION WE FORESEE THREE PROBLEMS:

FIRST, HONG KONG HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN ELECTIONS,

SECOND, WE HAVE NO TRADITION OF SELECTING OUR LEADERS THROUGH PARTY POLITICS, AND

THIRD, WE LACK A GROUP OF EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS WITH PROVEN EXPERTISE TO RUN HONG KONG ON A MINISTERIAL BASIS,+ MR LEE SAID.

THE WHITE PAPER ON +THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG+ HAD SET OUT THE FIRST PHASE OF POLITICAL RESTRUCTURING WHICH TOOK ACCOUNT OF THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD HELP OVERCOME THE LACK OF ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES AND ACHIEVE A COMBINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POPULACE AND FROM THE EXPERT TALENTS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, HE SAID, APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POLITICAL EVOLUTION. THEY WERE ADAPTABLE AND HAD NEVER FAILED TO RISE AND FACE ANY CHALLENGE. HE THEREFORE EXPECTED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS AND THAT, WITH ADEQUATE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL TECHNIQUES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERTISE, A REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE IN PLACE AND IN GOOD WORKING ORDER WELL BEFORE 1997.

+OUR FUTURE LEADERS WILL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE HONG KONG PEOPLE AND THAT IS, TO FURTHER HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT.

+AT PRESENT WE HAVE A SYSTEM WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO OUR PAST SUCCESS. THAT SYSTEM FEATURES ALL THE VIRTUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM, INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, THE RULE OF LAW, FREEDOM IN CAPITAL MOVEMENT, FREE ENTERPRISE, LOW AND SIMPLE TAX STRUCTURE AND A BALANCED SOCIAL SYSTEM.+

MR LEE FURTHER STRESSED THAT THESE BASIC ELEMENTS HAD TO BE RETAINED SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG COULD WORK TOGETHER WITH THEIR USUAL TALENT AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE NEW SUCCESSES.

HE URGED BRITISH INVESTORS NOT TO FALL BEHIND IN SEIZING THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG AND CHINA AND, THROUGH HONG KONG, WITH THE CHINA MARKET.

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#### INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY EXPANDING

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THERE WERE ALREADY SIGNS THAT MANUFACTURERS IN GENERAL HAD BEEN EXPANDING THEIR PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN RESPONSE TO MARKET DEMAND, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY '84 EXHIBITION, HE SAID DURING THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER, RETAINED IMPORTS OF ALL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY WERE VALUED AT \$4.489 MILLION. THIS WAS 41 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE LEVEL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

RETAINED IMPORTS OF TEXTILE MACHINERY AT \$349 MILLION INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT.

MR YAXLEY SAID THESE FIGURES WERE VERY ENCOURAGING AND HE EXPECTED THAT RETAINED IMPORTS OF MACHINERY WOULD BE EVEN HIGHER IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, ALMOST 300 000 WORKERS OR 32.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE WERE EMPLOYED IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING ITEMS ROSE FROM \$7.5 BILLION IN 1973 TO \$34.4 BILLION IN 1983, AN INCREASE OF 360 PER CENT.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED NEARLY 44 PER CENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

+SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE GROWTH RECORD BEARS WITNESS TO THE INGENUITY OF OUR ENTERPRISING MANUFACTURERS AMID THE GROWING PRESSURES AND RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON US BY OUR MAJOR IMPORTING COUNTRIES,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

FACED WITH INCREASINGLY KEEN COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND INCREASING MATERIAL COSTS, LABOUR SHORTAGES AND RISING WAGES, THE LOCAL CLOTHING INDUSTRY HAD SOUGHT TO MOVE UP-MARKET BY MAKING HIGHER VALUE AND MORE FASHION-ORIENTED PRODUCTS.

THE PROCESS OF TRADING UP HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL, MR YAXLEY SAID.

+TO MAINTAIN THIS GROWTH AND SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN THE PRODUCTION OF HIGHER QUALITY GOODS AND IN THE PURSUIT OF GREATER PRODUCTIVITY.

+TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES INCREASING EMPHASIS MUST BE GIVEN FIRSTLY TO ORIGINAL DESIGN AND FINE WORKMANSHIP, AND SECONDLY TO THE ADOPTION OF ADVANCED MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

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#### OCTOBER EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES RELEASED

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER 1984, VALUED AT \$363 533 MILLION, INCREASED BY 36 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH TRADE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 38 PER CENT TO \$114 362 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 31 PER CENT TO \$182 693 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 50 PER CENT TO \$66 478 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 42 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1984 WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, SHOWED DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S.A. ROSE BY 48 PER CENT IN VALUE.

/SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES .....

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SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$6 889 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$1 992 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 695 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRANSISTORS AND DIODES (BY \$23 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$7 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO CHINA INCREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$936 MILLION OR 163 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$423 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$292 MILLION OR 130 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$88 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), AND OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$20 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$928 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$659 MILLION OR 312 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$129 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$369 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT) AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$6 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF CLOTHING (BY \$916 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$214 MILLION OR 113 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF CLOTHING (BY \$690 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT).

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$4 230 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$2 589 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1 140 MILLION OR 196 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY 646 MILLION OR 121 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$582 MILLION OR 181 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 188 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$1 347 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$28 MILLION OR 86 PER CENT) AND BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$11 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT).

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INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.A. WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 187 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$832 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$427 MILLION OR 218 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$249 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$80 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF OFFICE AND STATIONERY SUPPLIES (BY \$25 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$183 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT). HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$1 527 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), AS DID IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$600 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$11 510 MILLION OR 128 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$3 648 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$1 351 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$1 285 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$924 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), AUSTRALIA (BY \$464 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$401 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (BY \$314 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO NIGERIA (BY \$296 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT) AND PHILIPPINES (BY \$173 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$4 065 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2 999 MILLION OR 79 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1 757 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (BY \$1 571 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUIT (BY \$123 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ROAD AND AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$43 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$32 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

THE OCTOBER 1984 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN OCTOBER 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY 1985 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 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).

## STATISTICAL TABLES FOLLOW :-

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

<u>MAJOR MARKETS</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
U.S.A.	51 980	35 061	+16 918	+ 48
CHINA	8 609	4 809	+ 3 799	+ 79
U.K.	8 511	6 746	+ 1 764	+ 26
F.R. OF GERMANY	7 667	6 211	+ 1 456	+ 23
JAPAN	4 331	3 102	+ 1 229	+ 40
CANADA	3 774	3 028	+ 746	+ 25
AUSTRALIA	3 188	2 231	+ 957	+ 43
SINGAPORE	2 200	1 783	+ 417	+ 23
NETHERLANDS	1 964	1 530	+ 434	+ 28
SWITZERLAND	1 593	1 305	+ 288	+ 22

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

<u>COMMODITY DIVISIONS</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	38 728	27 351	+11 377	+ 42

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED .....

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MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS, JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS)	18 384	13 487	+ 4 897	+ 36
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES AND TRANSISTORS AND DIODES)	9 639	6 527.	+ 3 112	+ 48
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9 105	6 617	+ 2 488	+ 38
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	8 610	7 535	+ 1 076	+ 14
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	7 239	5 576	+ 1 663	+ 30

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

MAJOR SOURCES	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	46 035	33 198	+12 837	+ 39
JAPAN	42 679	32 034	+10 645	+ 33
U.S.A.	19 792	15 542	+ 4 250	+ 27
TAIWAN	14 038	9 869	+ 4 170	+ 42
SINGAPORE	10 096	8 432	+ 1 664	+ 20
U.K.	7 211	6 051	+ 1 160	+ 19
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	5 839	3 991	+ 1 847	+ 46
F.R. OF GERMANY	4 440	3 726	+ 714	+ 19
AUSTRALIA	2 874	2 197	+ 677	+ 31
SWITZERLAND	2 727	2 571	+ 156	+ 6

TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY SECTIONS

COMMODITY SECTIONS	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILES, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	53 027	38 992	+14 034	+ 36
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	45 924	31 534	+14 390	+ 46

/MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED .....

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	32 176	25 247	+ 6 929	+ 27
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	16 563	14 958	+ 1 605	+ 11
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	12 889	10 299	+ 2 590	+ 25
MINERALS FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	10 341	9 583	+ 759	+ 8

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKETS	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
CHINA	20 514	9 004	+11 510	+128
U.S.A.	9 921	6 273	+ 3 648	+ 58
TAIWAN	4 085	2 734	+ 1 351	+ 49
SINGAPORE	3 841	3 643	+ 197	+ 5
JAPAN	3 740	2 455	+ 1 285	+ 52
INDONESIA	3 082	3 231	- 148	- 5
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	2 897	1 973	+ 924	+ 47
MACAU	1 916	1 515	+ 401	+ 26
PHILIPPINES	1 220	1 393	- 173	- 12
AUSTRALIA	1 181	717	+ 464	+ 65

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COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN.-OCT. 1984 (\$ MN)	JAN.-OCT. 1983 (\$ MN)	INCREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	10 182	6 118	+ 4 065	+ 66
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	6 792	3 792	+ 2 999	+ 79
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5 209	3 638	+ 1 571	+ 43
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	4 247	2 490	+ 1 757	+ 71
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4 097	3 377	+ 720	+ 21
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 151	1 712	+ 1 439	+ 84

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EPA ISSUES REPORT ON HONG KONG AIR QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TODAY RELEASED ITS FIRST MAJOR REPORT ON AIR QUALITY IN HONG KONG.

THE REPORT IS A MASSIVE AND DETAILED DOCUMENT WHICH PRESENTS RESULTS FOR 1983-84 FROM THE AGENCY'S NETWORK OF SIX AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS - AT KWUN TONG, JUNK BAY, CENTRAL-WESTERN, TSIM SHA TSUI, CAUSEWAY BAY AND SHAM SHUI PO.

THE NETWORK HAD BEEN SET UP 18 MONTHS AGO TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON AIR POLLUTION LEVELS IN THE TERRITORY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGENCY SAID TODAY.

+THIS INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATUTORY REGULATIONS AND OTHER MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING POLLUTANT EMISSIONS TO THE ATMOSPHERE.

+AIR QUALITY DATA FROM THE EPA MONITORING NETWORK HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED INVALUABLE INPUT FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

+THE PRESENT REPORT PROVIDES A FEW SHOCKS. ALTHOUGH LEVELS OF NOXIOUS SULPHUR DIOXIDE GAS ARE GENERALLY LOW AT MOST LOCATIONS, CONSIDERABLY HIGHER VALUES HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN KWUN TONG.

+IN FACT, LEVELS OF THIS POLLUTANT DURING 1983-84 EXCEEDED THE WELL-RECOGNISED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IN FORCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

+THE HIGHEST VALUES OBSERVED MAY POSE HEALTH RISKS TO ESPECIALLY SUSCEPTIBLE GROUPS SUCH AS THE VERY YOUNG, ELDERLY OR INFIRM.+

THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THESE HIGH SULPHUR DIOXIDE LEVELS ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS. IT ALSO CONCLUDES THAT EVEN HIGHER POLLUTION LEVELS MAY EXIST WITHIN THIS AND SIMILAR INDUSTRIAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

OBSERVED LEVELS OF PARTICULATE MATTER IN HONG KONG ALSO PROVIDE SOME CAUSE FOR CONCERN. THESE ARE GENERALLY HIGH THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, AND ESPECIALLY SO DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS. LEVELS AT TWO STATIONS, KWUN TONG AND CAUSEWAY BAY, EXCEEDED WELL-RECOGNISED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH PROTECTION. THESE STANDARDS WERE ALSO APPROACHED AT OTHER STATIONS IN THE NETWORK DURING 1983-84.

EARTH-MOVING, CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND FUEL-BURNING ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT AS MAJOR SOURCES OF PARTICULATES IN HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO ARISE FROM NATURAL BACKGROUND SOURCES SUCH AS SOIL BLOW-OFF AND SEA AEROSOL.

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THE EPA HAS NOW LAUNCHED MORE INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE PARTICULATE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG. IN PARTICULAR, THIS WORK WILL ASSESS POSSIBLE HEALTH RISKS RESULTING FROM THE FORM OF POLLUTION, AS WELL EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS FOR VISIBILITY-REDUCING HAZES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

MEASUREMENTS OF POLLUTANTS SUCH AS OZONE AND NITROGEN OXIDES SHOW THAT PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG DOES NOT AT PRESENT POSE A PROBLEM IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS. HOWEVER, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT OZONE LEVELS MAY BE HIGHER IN RURAL REGIONS SOME DISTANCE DOWNWIND OF THE MAIN CITY AREAS. PLANS CALL FOR THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM TO BE STUDIED IN THE COMING YEAR, USING EPA'S MOBILE AIR QUALITY MONITORING LABORATORY WHICH IS TO BE COMMISSIONED IN MARCH.

+THE MONITORING WORK CARRIED OUT BY EPA WILL CONTINUE AND FURTHER REPORTS ON AIR QUALITY WILL BE RELEASED IN THE FUTURE.

+FURTHER INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE FORTHCOMING FROM EPA'S ONGOING MONITORING EFFORT IN INVESTIGATING AIR POLLUTION FROM MOTOR VEHICLES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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'90 PER CENT OF DEPOSITORS REPAID'

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DEPOSITORS OF DEAK-PERERA FINANCE LIMITED WERE QUITE SAFE, AND IN FACT, UP TO MID-DAY YESTERDAY (TUESDAY), ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THEM HAD BEEN REPAID, THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES, MR ROBERT FELL, SAID THIS MORNING.

IN REPLY TO CALLS MADE TO THE RTHK OPEN LINE PROGRAMME SINCE THE DTC'S SUSPENSION LAST FRIDAY, MR FELL CLARIFIED THE CONFUSION AMONG INVESTORS OVER THE OPERATIONS OF THE DTC AND THE PARENT COMPANY.

+WHAT IS BEING CONFUSED HERE IS THE OPERATION OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, WHICH IS REGISTERED WITH US AND IS SUPERVISED BY US, AND DEAK-PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED, WHICH IS QUITE A SEPARATE ENTITY.

+THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY WHICH WAS THE ONE THAT I SUSPENDED HASN'T GOT THE DEPOSITS PLACED OVERSEAS IN THE SAME WAY. IT'S RUN ON QUITE DIFFERENT LINES AND THAT PART IS QUITE SAFE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TROUBLE WAS IN THE OPERATIONS OF DEAK-PERERA FAR EAST, WHICH DID PUT DEPOSITS OVERSEAS ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF ITS CLIENTS.

+THAT'S WHERE THE TROUBLE AREA IS, BUT THAT'S QUITE OUTSIDE THE REGISTERED DTC, THE HONG KONG ENTITY,+ HE STRESSED.

TURNING TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONER'S POWERS TO ARREST OR MANIPULATE THE OVERSEAS DEPOSITS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND CURRENCY OF DEAK-PERERA FAR EAST LIMITED, MR FELL NOTED THAT HIS TEAM OF EXAMINERS HAD IN FACT GONE DOWN TO THE SHELL HOUSE OFFICE OF THE DTC TO LOOK AT THINGS LONG BEFORE ITS SUSPENSION.

+WE WERE FIRST INTERESTED IN HOW WAS THE DTC, THAT WAS OUR PRIME CONCERN, OPERATING. THEN WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOLD DEPOSITS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPERVISED BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, AND THEN WE WERE CONCERNED IN THE GENERALITY.

+ACTION WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO FIND OUT WHERE THE GOLD WAS AND TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT HAD BEEN HELD IN SAFE-KEEPING. THAT WAS TAKEN VERY, VERY QUICKLY INDEED.

+WE HAD ALL THE ASSURANCES FROM THE MANAGEMENT THAT THAT WAS VERY SECURE. THE DIFFICULTY INVOLVES MONEY THAT HAD GONE OFF-SHORE ALREADY AND QUITE CLEARLY THAT IS OUTSIDE OUR JURISDICTION ALTOGETHER, + HE SAID.

ASKED BY RTHK'S FINANCIAL EDITOR, MR ALAN HARGREAVES, AS TO WHAT A LOCAL DEPOSITOR SHOULD DO IF HIS FUNDS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS, TO INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEAK EMPIRE IN THE UNITED STATES, MR FELL GAVE HIS PERSONAL ADVICE:

+THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL LEGAL QUESTION, BUT IT HINGES ON WHERE HE HAS MADE HIS DEPOSITS, AND THE FORM OF ADVICE THAT HE HAS GIVEN TO THE DEAK-PERERA GROUP AS TO WHAT THEY SHOULD DO WITH HIS MONEY.

EMPHASISING THAT THIS WAS NOT OFFICIAL ADVICE, AS ONE HAD TO MAKE UP HIS OWN MIND AND SEE THE LEGALITY OF HIS OWN POSITION, MR FELL NONETHELESS NOTED THAT AS A MATTER OF PRUDENCE, A DEPOSITOR SHOULD MAKE HIS CLAIM ACCORDING TO THE ADDRESSES ON HIS RECEIPTS, AND MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE CLAIM WAS REGISTERED.

HE ADDED THAT THE MATTER WAS STILL BEING SORTED OUT, BUT THE MANAGERS OF THE COMPANY IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO TRY TO GET THE POSITION CLEAR.

+I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT, HOPEFULLY, BY THE END OF THE WEEK WE SHOULD BE IN A MUCH CLEARER POSITION. WHAT WE HAVEN'T GOT YET IS THE UNITED STATES POSITION, + MR FELL SAID.

AS A GENERAL PIECE OF ADVICE, MR FELL URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAD ANY DOUBTS OF WHETHER THEY WERE WORKING WITH A REGISTERED OR LICENSED DTC, TO CHECK AGAINST A PUBLIC REGISTER PLACED AT HIS OFFICE.

+A LITTLE WALK UP TO OUR OFFICE MIGHT SAVE THEM A LOT OF MONEY IN THE LONG RUN, + HE SAID.

NEW PLAN TO BEAT TRIADS STARTS

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A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO COUNTER A RESURGENCE IN TRIAD SOCIETY ACTIVITIES IS BEING SPEAR HEADED AT DETECTIVE TRAINING WING BY A NEW TRAINING SCHEME TO INSTRUCT OFFICERS TO BECOME EXPERTS IN ANTI-TRIAD OPERATIONS.

IN HOUSE INSTRUCTION ON TRIAD METHODS AND STRUCTURE IS BEING STEPPED UP ALSO AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, IN CONTINUATION TRAINING AND IN JUNIOR AND SENIOR COMMAND COURSES.

"WE ARE LOOKING INTO EVERY ASPECT OF TRIAD AND ORGANISED CRIME," SAID MR BRIAN WEBSTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME.

THE FIRST THREE-WEEK TRIAD EXPERT COURSE ENDED ON NOVEMBER 24, HAVING BEEN ATTENDED BY FOUR INSPECTORS, 14 JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS AND A POLICE INTERPRETER. A SECOND COURSE STARTED ON DECEMBER 3 WITH FIVE VOLUNTEER INSPECTORS AND 15 JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS.

THE INSTRUCTION TEAM IS HEADED BY SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT CHENG.

"THE COURSE IS VERY CAREFULLY WORKED OUT AND COVERS THE ENTIRE RANGE OF TRIAD MATTERS," SAID MR WEBSTER. "IT GOES INTO TRIAD HISTORY, ITS MYTHS, STRUCTURE, POEMS AND WRITINGS, HANDSIGNS, AND RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP.

"IT ALSO GOES INTO THE CHARACTERISTICS OF 26 INDIVIDUAL TRIAD SOCIETIES, INCLUDING THE LATEST TRIAD SOCIETY KNOWN IN HONG KONG, THE CHUK LUEN BONG, A TAIWAN BASED SOCIETY.

"THE FEEDBACK FROM PERSONS ATTENDING THE COURSE HAS INDICATED THAT THERE IS MORE RESPONSE TO ATTENDING THE COURSE THAN WE HAD ENVISAGED, WHICH IS MOST WELCOME, AND THE DEMAND FOR ATTENDING IS ALREADY MORE THAN WE CAN OFFER."

MR WEBSTER ADMITTED THAT THE COURSE ALONE DID NOT QUALIFY THOSE ATTENDING AS EXPERTS.

"IT IS REALISED AND APPRECIATED THAT THE NEXT STEP IS TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE COURTS AND HERE AGAIN WE ARE GIVING ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN RELATION TO EVIDENCE IN COURT. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE COURSE WILL IN DUE COURSE BECOME ACCEPTED AS EXPERTS BY THE COURTS.

"WE DON'T INTEND TO LET PEOPLE DO THE COURSE AND THEN LEAVE THEM ALONE. WE INTEND TO RECALL THEM AT 12 MONTHLY INTERVALS TO UPDATE THEM AND REFRESH THEM ON TRIAD MATTERS."

FOLLOWING A SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF GANG VIOLENCE IN KOWLOON IN EARLY 1983 THE FORCE HAD CONDUCTED AN IN DEPTH REVIEW AND PRESENTED A REPORT TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THE TRIAD SOCIETIES WERE WELL ORGANISED AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A REVIVAL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

PRESENTING CERTIFICATES TO OFFICERS AT THE END OF THE FIRST COURSE, MR WEBSTER TOLD THEM : "THE TRIAD PROBLEM IS A REAL PROBLEM AND WILL NOT GO AWAY OF ITS OWN RACCORD. WE ARE FACING UP TO A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN WE IN THE POLICE ARE THE SHARP EDGE OF THE SWORD TO CUT THIS CANCER FROM OUR SOCIETY.

"MAKE NO MISTAKE, IT IS A VERY REAL BATTLE AND IS ALSO GOING TO BE A LONG ONE. HOWEVER, BY APPLICATION, DEDICATION AND A LOT OF HARD WORK IT'S A BATTLE THAT CAN AND WILL BE WON BY US ALL.

"YOU ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY AND I LOOK TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOU TO GUIDE THE LESS ENLIGHTENED. LET'S GO FORWARD IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE SHALL WIN."

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PRIMARY ONE PLACES OUT ON FRIDAY  
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RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL OR NOT, PARENTS SHOULD GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAD APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE ON THAT DAY, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM, OR ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

MORE THAN 45 000 OUT OF 78 000 APPLICANTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE OFFERED DISCRETIONARY PLACES BY THE SCHOOLS.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17 AND 18).

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAD BEEN OFFERED PRIMARY ONE PLACES SHOULD NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. THEY SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG ANY REQUIREMENT BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS PARENT'S COPY OF THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM, AND THE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

REGISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS.

PARENTS WHO FOR PERSONAL REASONS CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD SHOULD NOTIFY THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED OR THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (5-724383), FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACES OFFERED TO THEM.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM, A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD ACCEPT CHILDREN TO FILL UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL PRIMARY ONE PLACES AS DISCRETIONARY PLACES. THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES WOULD BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE.

AS DISCRETIONARY PLACES IN SOME SCHOOLS WERE OVERSUBSCRIBED SOME CHILDREN HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CONTACTING THEM IN MARCH ABOUT ALLOCATION OF A PRIMARY ONE PLACES TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICTS, ACCORDING TO THEIR CHOICE.

DETAILS OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER, HE SAID.

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VALUE OF FAMILY PLANNING STRESSED  
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FAMILY PLANNING WAS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF PLANS FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+KNOWLEDGE OF OUR POPULATION GROWTH AND ACCURATE FORECASTING NOT ONLY ENABLES US TO PLAN AND PROVIDE SENSIBLY FOR HONG KONG'S NEEDS, A DECLINE IN THE RATE OF INCREASE IN OVERALL POPULATION HAS HAD, AND WILL HAVE A MARKED EFFECT ON THE QUANTUM OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, + HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AT THE LADY TRENCH AUDITORIUM IN THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING.

+WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIKELY NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH AGE GROUP, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE SYSTEMATIC PROVISION OF SERVICES SUCH AS NURSERIES, KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, HOSPITALS AND HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY.

+WIHTOUT CONTROLLED POPULATION GROWTH, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO REMOVE THE SCOURGE OF SQUATTERS FROM OUR HILLSIDES AND ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING A SELF-CONTAINED HOME FOR EVERY FAMILY IN HONG KONG, + MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+FAMILY PLANNING IS HONG KONG PLANNING IN EVERY SENSE OF THE TERM,+ HE ADDED.

MR AKERS-JONES PRAISED THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

+IT IS NOT ONLY IN LIMITING THE SIZE OF THE FAMILY THAT THE ASSOCIATION PERFORMS SUCH VALUABLE SERVICE, IT IS PLANNING FOR THE FAMILY IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS MADE AND WILL MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIAL WELL-BEING,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW EMPHASIS YOU HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR WORK BY DIRECTING YOUR EFFORTS AT YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO HAVE NOT YET MARRIED AND STARTED A FAMILY, WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE IN CULTIVATING UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDES AMONG THE RISING GENERATION AND LEADERS OF TOMORROW,+ HE ADDED.

MUCH HAD CHANGED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF CONCEPTS TO PLAN FAMILY SIZE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH WAS A BOLD INITIATIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT GOVERNED VERY LARGELY BY VILLAGE TRADITION.

+THERE HAS INDEED BEEN A SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN HONG KONG, RURAL HONG KONG HAS GIVEN WAY TO URBAN HONG KONG, EVERY CHILD NOW RECEIVES A SECONDARY EDUCATION, THERE HAS BEEN A PROGRESSIVE EXPANSION OF OUR ECONOMY, AND, OF THE TOTAL WORK FORCE, OVER ONE-THIRD ARE WOMEN,+ HE SAID.

+WITH WOMEN AT SCHOOL AND WOMEN AT WORK, AND THE IMPACT OF NEW CONCEPTS OF FAMILY LIFE, FAMILY SIZE HAS DECREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, FROM 3.4 CHILDREN PER FAMILY IN 1971 TO 2.5 1981, + HE SAID.

+URBANISATION, INDUSTRIALISATION, RISING LIVING STANDARDS, UNIVERSAL SECONDARY EDUCATION AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE WORK OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAVE ENABLED HONG KONG TO ACHIEVE A HIGH DEGREE OF POPULATION CONTROL AND TO REDUCE OUR RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE TO 1.6 PER CENT PER ANNUM IN 1983,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+EXCESSIVE GROWTH AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE PAST HAS PLACED ENORMOUS ADDITIONAL STRAINS ON THE ECONOMY TO PROVIDE HOUSING, SCHOOLS, MEDICAL FACILITIES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

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CHINA LAWYERS VISIT REGISTRAR GENERAL  
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MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE INSTITUTE OF LAW UNDER THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, LED BY MR WANG SHU-WEN, DIRECTOR AND RESEARCHER, TODAY VISITED THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL M. GLEESON, OUTLINED THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE VISITING LAWYERS AND CONDUCTED THEM ON A TOUR OF THE REGISTRATION SECTION OF THE LAND OFFICE.

THE VISITORS DISPLAYED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE LAW RELATING TO COMPANIES, CONVEYANCING, LAND REGISTRATION, TRADE MARKS AND PATENTS.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THEIR VISIT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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EXTENDED PERIOD FOR 1985 LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS  
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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS FOR STALLS AT THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN THE URBAN AREAS WILL BE GIVEN TWO MORE DAYS TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESSES.

THIS WAS DECIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION REQUESTS FROM THE HONG KONG FLOWERS DEALERS AND WORKERS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON FLOWER AND PLANT WORKERS GENERAL UNION TO EXTEND THE TRADITIONAL EIGHT-DAY FAIR PERIOD TO 10 DAYS.

THE 1985 LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 11 AND 20 AT THE VICTORIA PARK, FA HUI PARK, KOWLOON PARK AND KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND. THE LATTER IS A NEW VENUE REPLACING THE POPULAR CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND WHICH IS NOW UNDER REDEVELOPMENT.

MORE THAN 1 300 STALLS FOR THE SALE OF DRY OR WET GOODS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THESE LOCATIONS. OF THE TOTAL, 568 STALLS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE VICTORIA PARK, 312 AT FA HUI PARK, 260 AT KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND AND 164 AT KOWLOON PARK.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR A DRY GOODS STALL RANGES FROM \$225 TO \$510 AND THAT FOR A WET GOODS STALL, FROM \$450 TO \$1 013. TWO FAST-FOOD CENTRES, EACH CARRIES AN UPSET PRICE OF \$20 250, WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT VICTORIA PARK.

AUCTIONING OF THE STALLS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE IN EARLY JANUARY. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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SWITCHING-ON OF URBAN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS TREE IN CENTRAL  
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CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. AND TO SHARE THE JOY OF THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH THE PUBLIC, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL LIGHT UP A CHRISTMAS TREE AT A SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED BY URBAN COUNCILLOR FREDERICK FUNG ON FRIDAY:

THE SIX-METRE DOUGLAS FIR TREE, PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, IS DECORATED WITH SOME 1 000 BULBS. IT WILL BE PLACED IN THE CHATER GARDEN THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF STATUE SQUARE WHERE DEVELOPMENT WORK IS NOW UNDERWAY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE EVENT WILL BE MR MAURICE B. COPITHORNE, THE COMMISSIONER OF CANADIAN COMMISSION IN HONG KONG, AND MR H. HARGADON, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR WHICH FLEW THE TREE TO HONG KONG.

THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL CENTRAL CHILDREN CHOIR AND THE CALVIN WONG'S CHILDREN WIND BAND WILL SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS DURING THE CEREMONY.

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BOARD TO VISIT SPECIAL SCHOOL  
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL VISIT A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND A HOME FOR THE BLIND TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

THEY WILL ARRIVE AT THE MORNING LIGHT SCHOOL AT 2.30 PM TO ATTEND AN 'INTEREST CLASS' SESSION WHICH HELPS CHILDREN TO DEVELOP INTEREST IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DANCE AND MUSIC.

THE MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT THE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND TO SEE THE FACILITIES THERE AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE IN THE HOME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT TO THE MORNING LIGHT SCHOOL AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT UNITS 7-16 AND 40-46, BLOCK 5, G/F, YUEN LONG ESTATE AND THE HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND AT 3.45 PM AT LOT 49, ON NING ROAD, YUEN LONG.

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PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME FOR OLD FOLKS  
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DETAILS OF THE +PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT+ WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SEVEN ELDERLY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD; THE CHAIRMAN AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG AND MR LAM MAN-HO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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MEDICAL PLAN FOR KWUN TONG ELDERLY  
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DETAILS OF A +LOW COST PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN KWUN TONG+ WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR EDDIE LAMB, AND THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CONCERN FOR THE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MISS MONA LO.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP UNDER THE COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER TO EXPLORE WAYS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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PLB RESTRICTION  
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FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF NORTHBOUND CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED AS PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- \* CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN KADOORIE BEACH CAR PARK AND A POINT ABOUT 330 METRES NORTH OF THE CAR PARK.
- \* CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 360 METRES NORTH OF KADOORIE BEACH CAR PARK AND A POINT ABOUT 370 METRES NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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PUMPING STATION TO BE OPENED  
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THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION WITHIN THE BORDER AREA WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, AT 10.30 AM ON DECEMBER 20.

PRESS, RADIO-TV REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE STATION ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD THEIR NAMES AND ID CARD NUMBERS FOR THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL BORDER PASSES.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD TELEPHONE MRS MAZY LEE AT 5-26702701 OR MISS YVONNE CHIN AT 5-262527 OF LANDS AND WORKS INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BY NOON ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14).

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND A COACH WILL LEAVE FROM MURRAY BUILDING CAR PARK IN GARDEN ROAD AT 8.30 AM ON THAT DAY.

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MUSIC QUIZ  
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THIRTEEN TUEN MUN DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING PART IN A MUSIC QUIZ FROM DECEMBER 14 TO 18.

THE QUIZ IS ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TUEN MUN MUSIC AND DANCE FORTNIGHT.

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MORE RECREATIONAL AREAS FOR TSUEN WAN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REST GARDEN AND A RECREATIONAL AREA IN TSUEN WAN.

THE GARDEN, AT TSUEN FU STREET, WILL COVER ABOUT 1 000 SQUARE METRES. IT WILL INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

THE RECREATIONAL AREA WILL BE IN TSUEN WING STREET, AND WILL SPREAD OVER 2 000-SQUARE METRES. IT INCLUDES TWO BASKETBALL COURTS WITH FLOOD LIGHTING, A PUBLIC TOILET, CHANGING ROOMS, AND A SITTING OUT AREA.

WORKS IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRE HAZARD CHECKS

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE CARRYING OUT A FIRE HAZARD INSPECTION OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY AREA ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE OPERATION, A JOINT EFFORT OF THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND AND THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH INSPECTION FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

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ROAD LINK READY

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THE NEW SECTION OF PAK FUK ROAD, BETWEEN THE CUL-DE-SAC AT BRAEMAR TERRACE AND THE POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS IN NORTH POINT, WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE NEW AND EXISTING SECTIONS OF PAK FUK ROAD WILL PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET AND TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD NEAR BRAEMAR HILL ROAD.

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