



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1972

Exports Show Increase Of 13.9 Per Cent

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The value of Hong Kong's domestic exports for November, 1972 was \$1,343 million, which represents an increase of \$164 million or 13.9 per cent over November, 1971.

The Census and Statistics Department today published the provisional figures for Hong Kong's external trade during November, 1972.

At \$1,919 million, the value of imports shows an increase of \$134 million or 7.5 per cent while the value of re-exports at \$416 million shows a rise of \$80 million or 23.7 per cent when compared with November last year.

A spokesman of the Commerce and Industry Department said that during the three-month period from September to November 1972, domestic exports totalled \$4,317 million, imports \$5,721 million and re-exports \$1,203 million.

Compared with the corresponding period in the previous year, these figures represented increases of 16.3 per cent, 10.7 per cent and 25 per cent respectively.

Figures for the eleven-month period from January to November show increases over the same period in 1971 of 10.9 per cent for domestic exports, 6.8 per cent for imports and 20.6 per cent for re-exports.

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## PARK AND SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR KWAI CHUNG

Work To Begin In February

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The fast developing town of Kwai Chung will have a new park complete with a swimming pool complex, children's playground and sitting-out areas.

The park is to be built on a 258,000 sq.ft. site near the Kwai Fong Low Cost Housing Estate at an estimated cost of over \$5 million.

The main attraction in the park is expected to be the swimming pool complex to be built on a design similar to the pools at Morse Park and Lei Cheng Uk. It can accommodate 5,000 swimmers.

The complex will consist of a standard pool and a secondary pool, both measuring 50 meters by 21 meters. But the secondary pool will be slightly shallower than the standard one.

Also included in the complex will be a diving pool, three training pools, a children's pool and a paddling pool.

A two-storey main building will house the general offices, changing rooms, toilet facilities, a first aid room, spectator stands, and a cafe and soda fountain.

Other features of the park will be children's play areas, a rest pavilion, flower beds, turfing and sitting-out areas.

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There will be a separate building housing the staff dormitory, and parking spaces for 46 cars.

Funds for the projects have been donated by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Piling work on the site has been completed, and construction work is expected to begin next month and completed in the middle of 1974.

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VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND NORTH POINT

Ferry Berth To Be Built In Kwun Tong

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The Government intends to build a ferry berth in Kwun Tong for a new vehicular ferry service between Kwun Tong and North Point.

The proposed berth will be situated at the Kwun Tong seawall, alongside the breakwater currently under construction.

This follows the Government's approval of an application by the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company to operate the service, which is expected to improve the present traffic congestion in Kwun Tong.

A Notification, to be published tomorrow in the Gazette, fully describes the boundaries of the area of seabed that will be affected by the project.

Those objecting to the proposed work or having any claims of private right in the matter should submit such objections or claims in writing to the Director of Public Works within two months of the date of Notification.

The Notification, both in English and Chinese, can also be seen on Notice Boards posted near the site.

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CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTHS & DEATHS REGISTRATION

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January 1, 1973 was the centenary anniversary of the commencement of births and deaths registration in Hong Kong.

In drawing attention to this the Registrar General, Mr. W. Hume, noted that the first Ordinance to provide for the registration of births and deaths in the Colony was enacted on July 23, 1872 and came into force on January 1, 1873.

Prior to this, Mr. Hume said, the only records relating to births and deaths were the Registers of Baptisms and Burials kept by churches.

In 1873, the numbers of births and deaths registered were 1,796 and 2,754 respectively, as compared with 79,053 and 21,145 in 1972.

Mr. Hume cautioned, however, that in comparing these figures account must be taken of the fact that whereas the more recent figures are believed to be virtually complete, those for 1873 are less accurate, even though the 1872 Ordinance provided a penalty of \$25 for failure to register births or deaths within 60 days.

According to the census of December 1, 1872 the total population of Hong Kong on that date was 121,985 as compared with an estimated population of 4,093,500 on December 1, 1972.

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THREE CROWN LAND LOTS UP FOR SALE

Total Upset Price Close To \$7 Million

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Three lots of Crown land will be put up for sale by auction on Friday, January 26, 1973 at 2.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the 8th floor of the City Hall.

They have a total upset price of nearly \$7 million.

One of the lots is for private residential use while the others are for non-industrial purposes.

Their particulars are as follows:

\* Argyle Street, Kowloon

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10220

16,000 sq. ft.

for private residential purposes

Upset Price - \$5,800,000

\* Nos. 289-293, Shanghai Street, Kowloon

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10120 (with existing buildings)

2,231 sq. ft.

for non-industrial purposes

Upset Price - \$700,000

\* Nos. 279-281 Shanghai Street, Kowloon

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10131 (with existing buildings)

1,351 sq. ft.

for non-industrial purposes

Upset Price - \$400,000

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Full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from and sale plans inspected at the Public Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), Ground Floor, Hong Kong and at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, No. 405, Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

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#### DISPUTE IN WIG FACTORY SETTLED

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With the help of the Labour Department, an amicable settlement has been reached in the dispute in the Fair Tress Limited in Kwun Tong over the termination of the employment of 68 workers.

Officers of the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department had actively mediated between the parties involved. Six conciliation meetings were held at the Labour Department.

Final agreement was reached and signed by the two parties in the presence of a labour officer of the Labour Relations Service in Kwun Tong yesterday (January 3).

The workers concerned will receive from their employer on January 9 a sum of \$44,000 as arrears of wages, holidays pay, payment in lieu of notice of termination and special allowance in recognition of the workers' service with the factory.

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BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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The Building Authority today declared the front portion of No. 44, Elgin Street, Hong Kong Island, to be in a dangerous condition.

In a statement issued this morning, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that the front portion of this pre-war building comprises two riding floors over access passageway to the main premises and a timber breastsummer supporting a wall has decayed to such an extent that there is a risk of collapse.

In addition, fractures in the walls and defective roof timbers were observed.

Notice of intention to apply for a Closure Order in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on February 15, 1973 was posted today.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

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The Port Health Authority announced today that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Tandjungkarang-Telukbetung (port) in Indonesia and Cochin (port) in India because of cholera.

Similar restrictions have been imposed on arrivals from Delhi (excluding airport) in India on account of smallpox.

Meanwhile, quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bahrain (excluding airport) Delhi (excluding airport) because of cholera, and Kandahar (airport) in Afghanistan because of smallpox have been removed.

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