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GOVT DETERMINED TO COMBAT CRIME

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THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO COMBAT CRIME AND TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF LAW AND ORDER, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

"THIS IS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT," MR ASPREY SAID.

MR ASPREY SAID HE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA, HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TO TRACK DOWN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUSPECTED ARSON AND HOMICIDE CASE IN A MAHJONG CLUB IN HUNG HOM.

THE POLICE WILL DEPLOY SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT ORGANISED CRIME. CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND POLICE PATROL ON THE STREET WILL BE THE SPEARHEAD IN THIS BATTLE.

LONGER-TERM MEASURES BEING ACTIVELY EXAMINED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH ORGANISED CRIME.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WILL BE NO LET UP IN THE POLICE EFFORT AGAINST OTHER CRIME," HE SAID.

MR ASPREY NOTED THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESPONDED SWIFTLY ON RECEIPT OF THE ALARM.

"FIREMEN REACHED THE SCENE WITHIN THREE MINUTES. THIS PROMPT RESPONSE UNDOUBTEDLY SAVED MANY LIVES."

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE THAT YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT WHICH KILLED SIX PERSONS WAS ARSON. THE MOST EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST CRIMES OF THIS NATURE IS TO TRACK DOWN THE CRIMINALS AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE.

"THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THEIR CHINESE COUNTERPART THROUGH INTERPOL WHICH LED TO THE ARRESTS OF TWO MEN BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT ARMED ROBBERY CASE IN SHEUNG WAN IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE HONG KONG POLICE WILL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT CRIMINALS WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE," HE SAID.

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STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE:

"THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IS NATURALLY VERY CONCERNED THAT A CALCULATED, VICIOUS AND CRUEL ATTACK ON A MAHJONG ASSOCIATION IN HUNG HOM SHOULD HAVE RESULTED IN SO MANY DEATHS AND INJURIES.

"THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE AND WHO BELIEVE THEY CAN DO THIS KIND OF THING AND GET AWAY WITH IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO.

"POLICE WILL SEEK OUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED AND AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCIDENT IS BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED.

"IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY INSOFAR AS WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE. THERE ARE HOWEVER A NUMBER OF LINES OF ENQUIRY WHICH ARE BEING ACTIVELY FOLLOWED UP. THESE INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF TRIAD INVOLVEMENT."

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ALL FIRE SERVICES TAKING MEASURES TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY
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COMMENTING ON THE RECENT SERIOUS FIRE IN HUNG HOM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT SURVEYS ON PRIVATE CLUBS TO ASCERTAIN HOW MANY OF THESE POSE AN UNACCEPTABLE FIRE HAZARD.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS BY REPORTING TO THE FIRE SERVICES COMPLAINTS HOTLINE 528 1224 ANY SUSPECTED FIRE HAZARDS IN PLACES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADMITTED FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

INSPECTIONS WILL BE MADE AND IF NECESSARY THE OPERATORS WILL BE ADVISED TO IMPROVE THE FIRE PROTECTION STANDARDS FAILING WHICH THEY WILL BE SERVED WITH FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES AND LEGAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM.

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HK'S EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR JULY 1990

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JULY 1990 STOOD AT \$111,083 MILLION, REPRESENTING A GROWTH OF 10 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1989, ACCORDING TO THE DETAILED FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE IN JULY 1990 RELEASED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 3 PER CENT TO \$20,409 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT TO \$36,194 MILLION. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$56,603 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 12 PER CENT TO \$54,479 MILLION.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO JULY 1990, AT \$686,550 MILLION, INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT TO \$120,947 MILLION, WHILE THAT OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT TO \$219,290 MILLION.

THUS, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 8 PER CENT TO \$340,238 MILLION. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO \$346,312 MILLION.

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

COMPARING JULY 1990 WITH JULY 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE, CHINA, TAIWAN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT, 10 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT, 9 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA, THE USA, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DECREASED BY 20 PER CENT, 12 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA DECREASED BY 18 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE USA AND FRANCE ALSO DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 9 PER CENT, 6 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE, BY 44 PER CENT AND 22 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO AND TOBACCO MANUFACTURES (BY \$706 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT); ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$351 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); TEXTILES (BY \$254 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT); AND CLOTHING (BY \$49 MILLION OR LESS THAN 1 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$1,350 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$711 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING JULY 1990 WITH JULY 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM MOST OF THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED. SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA, BY 26 PER CENT AND 21 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM JAPAN, TAIWAN, SWITZERLAND, SINGAPORE, THE USA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT, 8 PER CENT, 7 PER CENT, 5 PER CENT, 4 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM CHINA, THE USA AND SWITZERLAND INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT, 11 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE FROM TAIWAN, ITALY AND SINGAPORE INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

HOWEVER, IMPORTS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DECREASED IN VALUE TERMS BY 4 PER CENT, 3 PER CENT, 2 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$5,238 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$4,457 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,738 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,375 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR IRON AND STEEL (BY \$1,613 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,435 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS IN JULY 1990 OVER JULY 1989.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN AND FRANCE, BY 60 PER CENT, 58 PER CENT, 31 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO CANADA, THE USA AND CHINA ALSO INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS, BY 18 PER CENT, 17 PER CENT AND 4 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN DECREASED BY 11 PER CENT AND 5 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, RE-EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE USA, TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN VALUE TERMS, BY 53 PER CENT, 32 PER CENT, 27 PER CENT, 26 PER CENT, 26 PER CENT, 25 PER CENT AND 19 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THOSE TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND CHINA DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING JANUARY TO JULY 1990 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1989, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (BY \$7,181 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$5,669 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$3,816 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AND TEXTILES (BY \$1,106 MILLION OR 5 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR TEXTILE FIBRES AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$1,523 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$941 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN JULY 1990 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY OCTOBER 1990.

DETAILED STATISTICS ON TRADE VALUE BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE JULY 1990 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN JULY 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND SEPTEMBER 14 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$27 PER COPY.

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. NO. 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 823 4915).

TABLE 1: DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
USA	6,174	- 12	35,924	- 6
CHINA	4,258	+ 10	25,586	+ 5
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,729	+ 9	9,053	+ 4
UK	1,250	- 9	6,773	- 18
JAPAN	1,034	- 11	6,310	- 9
SINGAPORE	652	+ 19	3,896	+ 22
TAIWAN	435	+ 9	3,217	+ 44
CANADA	570	- 20	3,074	- 15
NETHERLANDS	496	+ 7	2,710	*
FRANCE	304	- 2	1,992	- 5

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 2: DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,333	- 2	37,541	*
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	2,245	- 16	14,325	- 9

/PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,889	+ 8	11,000	+ 3
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,412	+ 1	9,513	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,413	- 10	9,462	- 7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,567	+ 10	9,108	- 1

* DENOTES LESS THAN 0.5%

TABLE 3: IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

MAJOR SUPPLIER	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
CHINA	21,081	+ 21	124,505	+ 16
JAPAN	8,759	+ 11	54,804	- 3
TAIWAN	4,896	+ 8	31,054	+ 4
USA	3,876	+ 4	30,094	+ 11
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2,603	+ 26	15,872	- 1
SINGAPORE	2,004	+ 5	13,254	+ 3
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,199	+ 2	7,806	- 4
UK	1,126	+ 2	7,624	- 2
SWITZERLAND	979	+ 7	6,282	+ 11
ITALY	909	- 5	6,092	+ 3

TABLE 4: IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,656	+ 8	43,559	+ 3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	5,558	+ 15	34,854	+ 5
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,965	+ 24	28,119	+ 23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4,434	+ 37	26,109	+ 17
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	4,409	+ 30	24,327	+ 22
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2,915	+ 25	17,948	+ 6

TABLE 5: RE-EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR MARKETS

MAJOR MARKET	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
CHINA	9,361	+ 4	59,573	- 3
USA	8,419	+ 17	46,448	+ 26
JAPAN	1,916	- 5	12,425	+ 2

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TAIWAN	1,823	+ 31	11,945	+ 25
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,975	+ 60	10,636	+ 53
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,059	- 11	7,552	- 5
SINGAPORE	1,068	- 1	7,298	+ 19
UK	1,348	+ 58	6,020	+ 27
CANADA	660	+ 18	3,628	+ 26
FRANCE	523	+ 29	3,343	+ 32

TABLE 6: RE-EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JUL 90 OVER JUL 89 (%)	JAN-JUL 1990 (HKD MN.)	JAN-JUL 90 OVER JAN-JUL 89 (%)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	5,613	+ 28	27,901	+ 35
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,955	- 1	25,364	+ 5
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	4,757	+ 28	25,066	+ 29
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,968	+ 3	20,925	+ 9
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,070	+ 27	18,338	+ 26
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	1,329	+ 19	8,462	+ 28

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SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE ON 100 YEARS OF ELECTRICITY IN HK
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A SET OF SPECIAL STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE 100 YEARS OF ELECTRICITY IN HONG KONG WILL BE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 2, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THERE WILL BE FOUR DENOMINATIONS : 60 CENT, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5.

IN ADDITION, A SOUVENIR SHEET INCORPORATING THE \$1.40 AND \$5 STAMPS WILL BE SOLD AT \$6.40.

THE STAMPS AND SOUVENIR SHEET WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR THE ADVANCE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC FROM SEPTEMBER 22 AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

"CONCURRENT WITH THIS NEW ISSUE, WE WILL INTRODUCE NEW PICTORIAL DATESTAMPS IN ADDITION TO THE TRADITIONAL 'JUNK' DATESTAMP IN USE IN OUR PHILATELIC OFFICES SINCE 1984," MR WONG SAID.

"THERE WILL BE SEVEN NEW PICTORIAL DATESTAMPS, FEATURING THE FOLLOWING LANDMARKS CLOSE TO OUR PHILATELIC OFFICES, AS FOLLOWS: AIRPORT (AIRPORT POST OFFICE), ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE), STAR FERRY (GENERAL POST OFFICE), MOSQUE (GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE), PEAK TRAMWAY (PEAK POST OFFICE), SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK (SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE) AND CLOCK TOWER/CULTURAL CENTRE (TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE).

"I AM SURE THAT THESE NEW DATESTAMPS WILL BE ATTRACTIVE TO PHILATELISTS," HE ADDED.

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE PICTORIAL DATESTAMPS, A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE SEVEN PHILATELIC OFFICES FROM OCTOBER 2.

THE "JUNK" DATESTAMP WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THE PHILATELIC BUREAU. A HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BUREAU ON OCTOBER 2 AT HARBOUR BUILDING POST OFFICE, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

FIRST DAY COVERS FOR THE 100 YEARS OF ELECTRICITY IN HONG KONG SPECIAL STAMPS ISSUE ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES AT 70 CENTS EACH.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PHILATELIC PRODUCTS/SERVICE CAN ALSO BE PLACED AT ANY POST OFFICE BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 22:

- * SETS OF SEVEN OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS BEARING THE SEVEN NEW PICTORIAL DATESTAMP IMPRESSIONS;
- * OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS BEARING THE "JUNK" OR "HONG KONG NO. 1" DATESTAMP; AND

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* DATESTAMPING SELF-PROVIDED COVERS WITH EITHER THE "JUNK" OR "HONG KONG NO. 1" IMPRESSIONS.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, FIRST DAY COVERS PRE-AFFIXED WITH A SET OF STAMPS AND CANCELLED WITH THE "JUNK" DATESTAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$11 EACH AT THE DESIGNATED COUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING 20 OFFICES ON OCTOBER 2:

HONG KONG ISLAND

BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE
CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE
GENERAL POST OFFICE
PEAK POST OFFICE
SAI YING PUN POST OFFICE
TSAT TSZ MUI POST OFFICE

KOWLOON

AIRPORT POST OFFICE
CHEUNG SHA WAN POST OFFICE
GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE
KOWLOON BAY POST OFFICE
KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE
KWUN TONG POST OFFICE
MONG KOK POST OFFICE
TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE
SHEK WU HUI POST OFFICE
TAI PO POST OFFICE
TSUEN WING STREET POST OFFICE
TUEN MUN SAN HUI POST OFFICE
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PLANS FOR WALLED CITY SITE ENDORSED

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PLANS TO DEVELOP THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY SITE INTO A PARK WERE ENDORSED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PLANS PROVIDED FOR A LANDSCAPED PARK INCORPORATING LILY PONDS, A TAI-CHI TERRACE AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, AS WELL AS THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE OLD YAMEN BUILDINGS.

"THE \$50 MILLION PARK WILL BE BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT AFTER COMPLETION," HE SAID.

"THE PARK WILL BE DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE FACILITIES IN THE ADJACENT CARPENTER ROAD PARK, AND TOGETHER THEY WOULD FORM AN OASIS OF GREENERY," HE ADDED.

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ACTION ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KOWLOON

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS IN YAU YAT TSUEN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

IN YAU YAT TSUEN, THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT FLAT B, THIRD FLOOR INCLUDING ITS APPERTAINING ROOF, SUNSHINE COURT, 4 VERBENA ROAD.

IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE IS ON THE ROOF OVER 135 KIU KIANG STREET.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 17 AND DECEMBER 12 RESPECTIVELY WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE, A CLOSURE ORDER IS REQUIRED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

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GOVT LOT IN CHEUNG SHA WAN TO LET BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A LAND LOT IN CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION, KOWLOON.

WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 7,450 SQUARE METRES, THE LOT IS FOR OPEN STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY IS FOR THREE MONTHS, RENEWABLE MONTHLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 28.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN ROYAL COMMONWEALTH
SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION

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TWENTY STUDENTS WHO WON THIS YEAR'S LOCAL ROUND OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES TODAY (WEDNESDAY) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR LI SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES THIS YEAR OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

"THE ENCOURAGING RESPONSE," HE SAID, "CLEARLY REFLECTS INCREASING ENTHUSIASM AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN EXPLORING AND DEVELOPING IDEAS OF THEIR OWN AND IN EXERCISING THEIR LITERARY SKILLS IN ENGLISH, WHICH IS A SECOND LANGUAGE TO MOST OF THEM."

HE ALSO COMMENDED THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OVER THE YEARS BY WINNING A NUMBER OF MERITORIOUS AWARDS IN WHICH THEY HAD TO COMPETE WITH SOME 4,000 ENTRANTS FROM OVER 40 COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES.

OF THE 20 ENTRIES SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THIS YEAR'S CONTEST, HONG KONG STUDENTS WERE AWARDED FIVE HIGH COMMENDATIONS AND FIVE COMMENDATIONS.

WINNERS OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION WERE AWARDED BOOK PRIZES RANGING FROM \$250 TO \$1,100.

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THE HIGHEST AWARD - THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG AWARD - WENT TO AMY NG TSUI-YAN OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. IN ADDITION TO THE \$1,100 BOOK PRIZE, SHE ALSO EARNED A ROUND TRIP TO KUALA LUMPUR.

ALSO PRESENTING PRIZES TO THE WINNERS WERE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DR Y.S. CHEUNG, AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG, MRS OPHELIA CHEUNG-MACPHERSON.

THE LIST OF WINNERS OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION ARE:

CLASS A

PRIZE -----	NAME -----	SCHOOL -----
FIRST	AMY NG TSUI-YAN	DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND	EDDIE CHUNG	DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL
THIRD	KAISER FUNG KAI-SZE	QUEEN'S COLLEGE

CLASS B

FIRST	AULINA CHAN	SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
SECOND	LILIAN JUNG	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE
THIRD	ERIC WONG	DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

CLASS C

FIRST	VALERIE SUNG	DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND	MICHELLE, KWOCK PUI-SHAN	DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
THIRD	HESTER CHAN	ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE

/CLASS D

CLASS D

FIRST	CHANTAL YUNN LIU	DIOCESAN GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL
SECOND	DENISE WOO	DIOCESAN GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL
THIRD	KAREN HUNG	DIOCESAN GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG AWARD

AMY NG TSUI-YAN DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION VIDEO FOR LOAN

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A VIDEO ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND THE OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO ORGANISATIONS.

THE 13-MINUTE VIDEO, PRODUCED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF ITS CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, CONTAINS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE 18 CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

IT ALSO LOOKS AT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, WHICH TOGETHER PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT, THE VIDEO GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING, MEDICAL SERVICE, TRANSPORT, AND COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS MAY CONTACT THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTRE AT HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHAI WAN ON TEL. 557 2495.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME TO WATCH THE VIDEO AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE WHICH OPENS FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AND FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM DAILY, EXCEPT ON MONDAYS.

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POLICE BANDS HELP PROMOTE PR
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HAVING EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN HELPING THE POLICE TO PROMOTE THE ANNUAL BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR, THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 ZONE 6 HAD A FORETASTE OF THINGS TO COME AT THEIR JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

FOLLOWING AN ADDRESS BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL MR BENNY NG, THE POLICE PIPE BAND PROVIDED A COLOURFUL PERFORMANCE FOR THE DINERS AT A LOCAL HOTEL.

MR NG POINTED OUT THAT THE COMBINED POLICE BANDS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING POLICE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

"THEY CONDUCT ABOUT 600 PERFORMANCES A YEAR AND IN EARLY NOVEMBER THE BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR.

"PROCEEDS ARE ALWAYS DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

"THIS YEAR, THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10 AND 11 AND THE BENEFICIARY ON THIS OCCASION IS THE LIONS MORNING HILL SCHOOL IN HAPPY VALLEY," MR NG SAID.

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