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EXTERNAL TRADE: PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS
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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN AUGUST 1980 COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) IMPROVED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT. HOWEVER, A MUCH LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS (+ 20 PER CENT) THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS (+ 8 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 45 PER CENT.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF THE GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY:

CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1980 WITH AUGUST 1979

	<u>EXPORT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUES</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUMES</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 12%	+ 9%	+ 3%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 10%	+ 3%	+ 6%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 13%	+ 5%	- 17%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	- 14%	+ 7%	- 19%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	+ 19%	+ 4%	+ 15%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 39%	+ 12%	+ 24%
FOOTWEAR	+ 13%	+ 14%	- 1%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 30%	+ 15%	+ 13%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+ 64%	+ 5%	+ 56%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 48%	- 7%	+ 60%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 17%	+ 8%	+ 8%

APART FROM WATCHES AND CLOCKS, THE EXPORTS PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY 7 PER CENT, EXPORT PRICES OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED AT VARYING RATES, FROM A 3 PER CENT INCREASE FOR TEXTILE FABRICS TO A 15 PER CENT INCREASE FOR METAL MANUFACTURES.

/CONSIDERABLE GROWTH

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS NOTED FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+ 60%), METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+ 56%) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+ 24%). HOWEVER, SIZABLE DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (- 19%) AS WELL AS TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (- 17%).

CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1980 WITH AUGUST 1979

	IMPORT VALUES	IMPORT UNIT VALUES	IMPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 34%	+ 9%	+ 24%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 46%	- 1%	+ 48%
FUELS	+ 59%	+ 43%	+ 12%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 15%	+ 7%	+ 7%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 24%	+ 6%	+ 17%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 29%	+ 7%	+ 20%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 43 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY CHANGED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM - 1 PER CENT TO + 9 PER CENT.

MOST IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SUGAR, LIVE POULTRY, SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS FRUIT.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS AND TAPE RECORDERS, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, PASSENGER MOTOR CARS AND FOOTWEAR.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 12 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VARIOUS KINDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SHOWED A MIXED TREND. WHEREAS PURCHASES OF WOOLLEN YARN AND MIXTURES, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, COTTON YARN AND THREAD AND FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FABRICS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, DEMAND FOR PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS, CHEMICAL ELEMENTS AND COMPONENTS, WOOD, LUMBER AND CORK AS WELL AS RAW COTTON DROPPED.

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AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, TEXTILE MACHINERY AND SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, OPTICAL, MEASURING AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS. HOWEVER, THE SUPPLY OF OFFICE MACHINES DECREASED.

CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1980 WITH AUGUST 1979

	RE-EXPORT VALUES	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUES	RE-EXPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 23%	+ 1%	+ 22%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 57%	+ 3%	+ 52%
FUELS	+ 220%	+ 45%	+121%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 59%	+ 10%	+ 45%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 40%	+ 6%	+ 32%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 53%	+ 6%	+ 45%

THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, PARTICULARLY THAT OF FUELS.

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MAKING THE BEST USE OF SPORTING FACILITIES

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THE AIM OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS IN TSUEN WAN MUST BE TO GET THE MOST OUT OF LOCAL SPORTING FACILITIES, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY.

DR HAYES WAS SPEAKING DURING THE OPENING OF THE SECOND TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE NEW OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL, KWAI CHUNG.

ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE THIS MEANT EQUIPPING AND STAFFING THE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM HOURS, HE SAID.

ON THE PRIVATE SIDE, THIS MEANT, INDEPENDENTLY OR TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, PROVIDING AN ORGANISED PROGRAMME OF TRAINING AND EVENTS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE GREATEST NUMBER OF LOCAL PEOPLE.

/+THIS IS

+THIS IS NOT AN EASY TARGET TO ACHIEVE,+ DR HAYES ACKNOWLEDGED.

ASSUMING FOR THE MOMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD AND WOULD DO ITS SIDE OF THE WORK, THERE WAS STILL A GREAT DEAL ELSE TO BE DONE.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S MANAGERS MUST BE IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND LISTEN TO THEIR SUGGESTIONS.

+ON THEIR PART, THE CLUBS MUST NOT BE PETTY MINDED ABOUT CO-OPERATING WITH OTHERS AND ABOUT SHARING FACILITIES.+

+THIS IS, I KNOW, A COUNSEL OF PERFECTION,+ DR HAYES SAID, +BUT NOTHING LESS IS REQUIRED IF OUR AMENITIES ARE TO BE FULLY UTILIZED AND, THEREBY, OUR VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PERSONS GIVEN ADEQUATE OUTLET FOR THEIR ENERGIES OUTSIDE WORK AND STUDY.+

HE SAID THE SECOND TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WAS +ANOTHER STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION+ BECAUSE IT GOT PEOPLE ALL WORKING TOGETHER AND ACHIEVING RESULTS. +THEREBY, WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS IF WE ALREADY LOOK CRITICALLY AT WHAT IS DONE WITH AN EYE TO IMPROVEMENT.+

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IS NOW ONE OF THE REGULAR FEATURES OF THE TSUEN WAN RECREATIONAL CALENDAR, DR HAYES SAID, AND HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WAS LONGER AND MORE AMBITIOUS THAN LAST YEAR'S.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, LATER CUT A RIBBON AND DECLARED THE FESTIVAL OPEN.

A GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE AND A FITNESS-THROUGH-DISCO DEMONSTRATION WERE STAGED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY A BASKETBALL EXHIBITION MATCH BETWEEN A HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES TEAM AND THE TSUEN WAN TEAM.

A TOTAL OF 54 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING GO-KART RACING AND EXHIBITION MATCHES BY TOP PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS AND TENNIS PLAYERS, WILL BE HELD DURING THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL PERIOD.

BESIDES EXHIBITION MATCHES, THERE ARE EVENTS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN, INCLUDING ATHLETICS AND AQUATIC EVENTS AND AN ARCHERY COMPETITION. NEW EVENTS SUCH AS SQUASH COMPETITIONS, CANOE POLO MATCHES AND BASKETBALL MATCHES FOR THE HANDICAPPED HAVE ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

LARGE CROWDS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OR WATCH EVENTS WHICH COST ABOUT \$200 000 TO ORGANISE. OF THIS AMOUNT THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING \$150 000. THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

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MAC INAUGURATED IN TSING YI SQUATTER COMMUNITY

A SQUATTER COMMUNITY ON TSING YI ISLAND WAS TOLD TODAY IT STOOD IN GREATER NEED OF ASSISTANCE THAN MOST OTHER PLACES IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, DR JAMES HAYES, MADE THIS COMMENT WHEN INAUGURATING THE MOON CHAI TONG MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL SERVE ABOUT 2 500 SQUATTERS.

DR HAYES SAID HE CHOSE TO INAUGURATE THE MAC BECAUSE HE WAS PERSONALLY CONCERNED AT CONDITIONS IN THE MOON CHAI TONG TYPHOON SHELTER AND SQUATTER BOAT ANCHORAGE.

+I FELT THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS IN CO-OPERATION WITH CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE TIME THAT IS STILL LEFT BEFORE REDEVELOPMENT BRINGS YOU NEW AND BETTER HOMES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE THAT THE COMMUNITY STOOD IN GREATER NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION AND FACILITIES FOR RECREATION.

HE HAD ASKED THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO IMPROVE SANITATION IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION AND, IN THE MEANTIME, MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WERE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, MR WONG DAI-HEI, WHO HAD LEVELLED A PIECE OF CROWN LAND FOR GAMES USE.

A CROWN LAND PERMIT WOULD BE ISSUED TO COVER OCCUPATION OF THIS LAND AND HE WAS GLAD THAT THE DAB WOULD PAY FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED SO THAT MINI-SOCCER GAMES COULD BE PLAYED THERE.

+I HAVE POINTED TO THE NEEDS AND YOU YOURSELVES WILL BE ONLY TOO FAMILIAR WITH THEM,+ DR HAYES SAID. +I HOPE THAT THROUGH MUTUAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS AND SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS IN THE FEW YEARS THAT ARE LEFT AT MOON CHAI TONG.+

THE AREA IS DUE FOR RECLAMATION DURING 1982/83 AND THE SITE WILL BE MAINLY USED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR VISITS HOME FOR PROBLEM GIRLS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY VISITED THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME IN HO MAN TIN TO SEE FOR HIMSELF ITS DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

THE \$4 MILLION GIRLS' HOME PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE AND TRAINING TO YOUNG GIRLS PUT ON PROBATION OR REMAND, AND TO THOSE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

IT IS ONE OF THE FIVE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO REHABILITATE AND RE-EDUCATE YOUNG OFFENDERS OR PROBLEM BOYS AND GIRLS.

ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR LAI CHAM-KAN, MR ALLEYNE SAW GIRLS RECEIVING ACADEMIC SCHOOLING, PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TAKING PART IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

HE WATCHED THEM BEING TAUGHT CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS, AND HANDICRAFT SUCH AS KNITTING, EMBROIDERY, AND TOYMAKING.

THE DIRECTOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES, THE EMPHASIS OF WHICH IS ON CHARACTER TRAINING THROUGH A DISCIPLINED ROUTINE, POSITIVE GUIDANCE AND INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.

HE LATER INSPECTED THE FACILITIES OF THE HOME, LOOKING AT ITS DORMITORIES, LIBRARY, ASSEMBLY HALL, COMMON ROOMS FOR RECREATION, BASKETBALL COURT AND CLINIC.

THE MODERN COMPLEX REPLACED IN 1978 THE OLD HOME IN MAU TAU WAI ROAD AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 144 GIRLS.

IT SERVES AS A COMBINED REMAND AND PROBATION HOME, AS WELL AS A PLACE OF REFUGE, FOR GIRLS AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 18 YEARS.

MR ALLEYNE LATER WENT ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE IN HUNG HOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY CATER TO VISIT MEMBER AGENCIES OF COMMUNITY CHEST

LADY CATER, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG, WILL VISIT TWO MEMBER AGENCIES IN WAN CHAI ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

LADY CATER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MR DAVID K.W. WONG. SHE WILL GO TO THE CANOSSIAN MISSION SCHOOLS FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED AND THE DEAF AT 10 AM AND CONTINUE HER VISIT TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE LATER AT ABOUT 11 AM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER LADY CATER'S VISITS ON MONDAY. THE CANOSSIAN MISSION SCHOOLS FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED AND THE DEAF IS AT KENNEDY ROAD, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MONMOUTH PATH- AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS AT RM 602 DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, 15 HENNESSY ROAD.

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YAU MA TEI SECTION OF NATHAN ROAD CLOSED

THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF NATHAN ROAD IN YAU MA TEI BETWEEN PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND MAN MING LANE HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC DUE TO EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO A WATER MAIN.

AS A RESULT OF THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST TWO WEEKS, THE FOLLOWING BUS DIVERSIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED:

- * CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS NOS. 102, 104, 105 AND 112 FROM HONG KONG ISLAND, AND KOWLOON MOTOR BUS NO. 6C ON GASCOIGNE ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO KANSU STREET, CANTON ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET INSTEAD OF TAKING THE ROUTE OF NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET.
- * KMB ROUTES 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3C, 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 9, 13, 70 AND 71 AND COACH SERVICES 202, 206, 210, 216, 246, 207, AND 208 ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS ON NATHAN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 3 AND 4) AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE FIRING AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

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WATER SUPPLY TO REPULSE BAY AND TO AN AREA OF SHA TIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3) NIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

IN REPULSE BAY, SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF AT 11 PM. THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE NOS. 101-119A, REPULSE BAY ROAD, AND 3-45 AND 4-8 SOUTH BAY CLOSE, INCLUDING SEA VIEW RESTAURANT AND REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN SHA TIN, WHERE INTERRUPTION OF SUPPLY WILL BEGIN AT 9 PM, THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED COVERS HO TUNG LAU TSUEN, LOK LO HA TSUEN, THE RACE COURSE, UNIVERSITY STATION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, SEA VIEW VILLA AND RED BRIDGE VILLA.

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