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SIR EDWARD OFF TO PEKING FOR TALKS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND TWO OFFICIALS FROM THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN, VICE-CHIEF EDITOR AND MR JI SHAOXIANG, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO PEKING WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN AND GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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COUNTRY AND COMMODITY BREAKDOWN FIGURES  
FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY - MAY 1983  
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY - MAY 1983, VALUED AT \$115 423 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 9 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1982, ACCORDING TO SUMMARY TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 11 PER CENT TO \$34 241 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 8 PER CENT TO \$61 596 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 9 PER CENT TO \$19 586 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1 AT THE END OF THIS PRESS RELEASE.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE USA ROSE BY 21 PER CENT IN VALUE. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 098 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$443 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$436 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$319 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$30 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UK WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$190 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$58 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP INCREASED BY \$218 MILLION OR 827 PER CENT.

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN VALUE, INCLUDING OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$51 MILLION OR 271 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$31 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF DECREASED BY \$13 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TEXTILES (BY \$223 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT) AND FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS (BY \$86 MILLION OR 715 PER CENT); AND IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN OF JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$28 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$465 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT), MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$138 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (BY \$99 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), AND PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$77 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$560 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$292 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$256 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$74 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE USA WERE MOSTLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$373 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$318 MILLION OR 790 PER CENT), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$179 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$96 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT), AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES UNWORKED OR WORKED (BY \$65 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

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DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF TEXTILES (BY \$184 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT) AND IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE OF PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$894 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM TAIWAN INCREASED (BY \$28 MILLION OR 4 PER CENT); AND IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF FROM SINGAPORE ALSO INCREASED (BY \$114 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS.

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE USA (BY \$575 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$289 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) (BY \$232 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$198 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT), VIETNAM (BY \$118 MILLION OR 139 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$94 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$82 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT) AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (BY \$79 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$95 MILLION OR 3 PER CENT) AND JAPAN (BY \$66 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE GIVEN TO TABLE 5.

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$510 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$286 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$195 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$156 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$315 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES) (BY \$125 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$84 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 6.

THE MAY 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID-JULY 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 MAY 1983 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY AUGUST 1983 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$10 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).

TABLE 1 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

<u>MAJOR MARKETS</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
U.S.A.	13 669	11 251	+2 418	+21
U.K.	2 641	2 671	- 29	- 1
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 602	2 458	+ 144	+ 6
CHINA	1 988	1 519	+ 469	+31
JAPAN	1 298	1 128	+ 170	+15
CANADA	1 193	887	+ 305	+34
AUSTRALIA	877	1 079	- 202	-19
SINGAPORE	808	740	+ 68	+ 9
NETHERLANDS	704	635	+ 69	+11
FRANCE	602	592	+ 9	+ 2

TABLE 2 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

<u>COMMODITY DIVISIONS</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1 216	10 450	+ 767	+ 7
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	5 273	5 578	- 305	- 5
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3 240	2 884	+ 355	+12

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD-TYPE APPLIANCES)	2 822	2 469	+ 352	+14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2 489	2 232	+ 257	+12
TEXTILES YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 443	2 016	+ 427	+21

TABLE 3 : IMPORTS FROM TEN MAJOR SOURCES

<u>MAJOR SOURCES</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1983</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1982</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CHINA	14 200	12 632	+1 568	+12
JAPAN	14 000	12 538	+1 462	+12
U.S.A.	7 142	6 031	+1 111	+18
TAIWAN	4 310	4 320	- 10	-0.2
SINGAPORE	3 622	4 229	- 607	-14
U.K.	2 937	2 771	+ 167	+ 6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 700	1 940	- 240	-12
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 640	1 372	+ 268	+20
SWITZERLAND	1 161	1 100	+ 61	+ 6
THAILAND	912	755	+ 156	+21

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TABLE 4 : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS

<u>COMMODITY SECTIONS</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	17 034	16 598	+ 436	+ 3
MACHINERY AND AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	13 975	12 736	+1 239	+10
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	10 948	9 460	+1 487	+16
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	6 867	6 050	+ 817	+13
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, N.E.S.	4 448	3 874	+ 573	+15
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	4 330	4 572	- 242	- 5

TABLE 5 : RE-EXPORTS BY TEN MAJOR MARKETS

<u>MAJOR MARKETS</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1983 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAY 1982 (\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
CHINA	3 391	3 486	- 95	- 3
U.S.A.	2 712	2 137	+ 575	+27
INDONESIA	1 759	1 804	- 45	- 2
SINGAPORE	1 649	1 360	+ 289	+21

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TAIWAN	1 158	1 075	+ 82	+ 8
JAPAN	1 043	1 109	- 66	- 6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	913	681	+ 232	+34
MACAU	716	622	+ 94	+15
PHILIPPINES	615	599	+ 16	+ 3
SAUDI ARABIA	511	313	+ 198	+63

TABLE 6 : RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISIONS	JAN-MAY 1983 (\$ MN)	JAN-MAY 1982 (\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 657	2 972	- 351	-11
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	1 550	1 040	+ 510	+49
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES	1 530	1 335	+ 195	+15
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1 523	1 238	+ 286	+23
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1 041	924	+ 116	+13
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	959	1 043	- 84	- 8

## PROPOSAL FOR MAXICABS TO REPLACE BUS ROUTES

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RECENT STUDIES HAVE PRODUCED EVIDENCE THAT TWO BUS ROUTES IN A SPARSELY-POPULATED AREA NEAR YUEN LONG SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH MAXICABS - IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED TRANSPORT POLICY IN SUCH CASES.

A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS REVIEW GROUP SAYS THE TWO ROUTES - NUMBERS 57 AND 58, - ARE AMONG THE SERVICES WITH THE BIGGEST LOSSES. THEY SERVE THE COASTAL AREA RUNNING TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT OF LAU FAU SHAN - THE 57 RUNS DOWN TOWARDS PAK NAI AND THE 58 UP TO TSIM BEI TSUI.

ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE REVIEW GROUP, WHICH CARRIED OUT A STUDY OF THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS, WAS TO LOOK AT UNECONOMIC ROUTES.

DETAILED STUDIES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE GROUP'S ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUB-GROUP WHICH COMPRISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

THE 57 AND 58 ROUTES WERE AMONG THOSE LOSS-MAKERS LOOKED AT THE SUB-GROUP, AFTER DETAILED CONSIDERATION, RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO ROUTES BE REPLACED BY MAXICABS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SUMMED UP THE SITUATION SO FAR AS FOLLOWS:

1. BECAUSE OF THE NARROW ROADS, SMALL ALBION BUSES WITH LIMITED CAPACITY HAVE TO BE USED. THERE ARE FEW OF THESE BUSES LEFT IN SERVICE WITH KMB AND THOSE ON THE 57 AND 58 ROUTES ARE 18-21 YEARS OLD - NEAR THE END OF THEIR SERVICEABLE LIVES.
2. BUS PATRONAGE IN THE AREA IS VERY LOW AND DEMAND DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE OPERATION OF THE PRESENT SERVICES.

IT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED THAT THE TWO ROUTES SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND SERVICE TO PASSENGERS PROVIDED BY MAXICABS. THIS WAS RAISED AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

AT THE BOARD'S REQUEST A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD THE FOLLOWING MONTH TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL. DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS SAID THEY WISHED TO SEE THE BUSES RETAINED INDEFINITELY.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, IN FEBRUARY, CARRIED OUT A DETAILED SURVEY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE AREA TO INVESTIGATE THE CURRENT DEMAND PATTERN. PASSENGER DEMAND ON DEEP BAY ROAD, BETWEEN FUI YIU, PAST PAK NAI, AND SHA KIU AND LAU FAU SHAN ROUNDABOUT WAS RECORDED. EACH BUS WAS BOARDED AND CHECK POINTS WERE SET UP TO RECORD PATRONAGE OF HIRE CARS, ILLEGAL HIRE CARS, GOODS VEHICLES WITH EXCESS PASSENGER PERMITS, TAXIS AND PRIVATE CARS.

THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE KMB BUSES CARRIED ONLY ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF PASSENGERS GOING TO OR FROM THE PAK NAI AREA AND ABOUT 33 PER CENT OF THOSE GOING TO OR FROM THE SHA KIU AREA.

THE PROBLEM WITH THE TWO KMB ROUTES WAS SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS: A POOR, 40-MINUTE FREQUENCY (FREQUENCY AT MEALBREAK 90 MINUTES), THE SLOW SPEED, POOR STANDARD OF COMFORT, A CAPACITY OF ONLY 50 PASSENGERS PER PEAK HOUR, ROUTE LIMITATIONS, SHORT OPERATING HOURS AND THE FACT THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE COULD NOT BE CARRIED.

ON THE PLUS SIDE HOWEVER, THERE WAS THE ATTRACTION OF THE CHEAP, 90-CENT FARE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TOOK THE SURVEY FINDINGS INTO ACCOUNT - ALONG WITH THREE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD - THAT ANY REPLACEMENT SERVICE MUST CONNECT DIRECT WITH YUEN LONG, THAT THERE BE FARE STAGES, AND THAT STUDENTS SHOULD TRAVEL AT HALF PRICE.

INITIALLY, IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED THAT THE REPLACEMENT MAXICABS SHOULD RUN FROM PAK NAI TO LAU FAU SHAN AND FROM TSIM BEI TSUI TO LAU FAU SHAN WITH AN INTERCHANGE FOR BOTH WITH A LAU FAU SHAN TO YUEN LONG SERVICE.

BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES RECOMMENDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, A REVISED PLAN WAS PREPARED WHICH CALLS FOR THREE MAXICAB SERVICES, FROM FUI YIU, TSIM BEI TSUI AND LAU FAU SHAN - ALL GOING RIGHT THROUGH TO YUEN LONG.

FARE STAGES WERE TO BE INTRODUCED. IN ADDITION FARES WERE TO BE LOWERED: FOR INSTANCE, THE ADULT FARE FROM TSIM BEI TSUI OR FUI YIU TO YUEN LONG WOULD GO DOWN FROM \$3 TO \$2.20. ALSO, STUDENTS WERE TO BE GIVEN REDUCED RATES.

ALTHOUGH MAXICABS WOULD COST SLIGHTLY MORE, SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN, THIS WOULD BE MORE THAN OUTWEIGHED BY THE GREATLY IMPROVED SERVICE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA.

MAXICABS WOULD RUN EVERY 10 MINUTES, WOULD HAVE AN IMPROVED STANDARD OF COMFORT - EACH PASSENGER HAVING A SEAT, WOULD MAINTAIN FAST SERVICE, AND WOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY MORE PASSENGERS EACH HOUR.

THEY WOULD EXTEND THE ROUTE FURTHER - SUCH AS TO FUI YIU, WOULD HAVE LONGER OPERATING HOURS, AND, IN VIEW OF RECENTLY APPROVED CHANGES TO THE APPROVED SIZE OF THE VEHICLES, WOULD HAVE MORE ROOM TO CARRY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

THE MAXICAB SERVICES WOULD BE INTRODUCED THIS SEPTEMBER. IN ORDER TO GIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD TO GET USED TO THE NEW SERVICES, THE KMB ROUTES 57 AND 58 WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE FOR A THREE-MONTH CHANGEVER PERIOD AFTER WHICH THEY WOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

THE NEW MAXICAB PROPOSALS MEET WITH ALL THREE OF THE STIPULATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD LAST YEAR.

+THE RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT OF TWO UNECONOMIC ROUTES WITH MAXICABS WHICH WILL PROVIDE GREATLY INCREASED STANDARDS OF SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF THESE AREAS IS FULLY IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED TRANSPORT POLICY,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOME DOUBT AS TO THIS IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE BUT THIS CASE IS A CLASSICAL EXAMPLE OF WHERE A TRANSPORT ROUTE SHOULD BE CONVERTED FROM BUS TO MAXICAB OPERATION.

+AS TRANSPORT PLANNERS WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE CORRECT MODE TO DO EACH JOB. IN THIS CASE, GIVEN THE DENSITY OF TRAFFIC AND, IN PARTICULAR THE POOR ROAD CONDITIONS, MAXICABS ARE FAR MORE APPROPRIATE THAN BUSES.+

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### GRADUATES GET ADVICE ON TEACHING

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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY (MONDAY) GAVE ADVICE TO SEVERAL HUNDRED PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS ON HOW TO SUCCEED IN THEIR PROFESSION.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, MR TOPLEY SAID TEACHERS MUST HAVE MASTERY OF WHAT THEY TEACH.

+IF THEY DO NOT, THEN THE TEACHING APPROACH USUALLY BECOMES ONE OF SLAVISH ADHERENCE TO THE TEXTBOOK WITH HARDLY ANY EXCHANGE BETWEEN PUPIL AND TEACHER DURING LESSONS - A RECIPE FOR FRUSTRATION.+

HE ADDED THAT TEACHERS MUST, IN ADDITION, COMMAND THE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS REQUIRED TO TEACH THEIR SUBJECT TO CHILDREN OF DIFFERENT AGES, APTITUDES AND BACKGROUNDS.

+YOU HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO MAKE YOUR SUBJECT ACCESSIBLE TO PUPILS OF ALL KINDS AND TO ASSESS THEIR PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING DID NOT EXHAUST THE QUALITIES REQUIRED OF A TEACHER, MR TOPLEY SAID THAT PERSONALITY, CHARACTER AND COMMITMENT WERE AS IMPORTANT AS THE SPECIFIC SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE USED IN THE CLASSROOM.

MR TOPLEY SAID THAT AS TEACHERS THEY ALSO NEEDED THOSE SKILLS WHICH WERE VITAL FOR THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR ROLE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, IN THE SOCIAL AND CORPORATE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND IN RELATIONSHIP TO PARENTS AND TO THE COMMUNITY.

+YOUR PERSONAL QUALITIES INFLUENCE YOUR EFFECTIVENESS AS A TEACHER VERY DECISIVELY,+ HE SAID.

FINALLY, MR TOPLEY URGED TEACHERS TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING THEMSELVES UP TO DATE AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITIES.

+BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULUM HAVE TO RESPOND TO NEW IDEAS AND CHANGING EXPECTATIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, ALSO ATTENDED TODAY'S GRADUATION CEREMONY.

THE PRINCIPAL OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DR Y.F. KONG, REPORTED THAT 670 FULL-TIME COURSE GRADUATES AND 301 PART-TIME COURSE GRADUATES HAD COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES AT THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION THIS YEAR.

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MONDAY, JULY 11, 1983

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### 300 000 BOYS BENEFIT FROM SCOUT ACTIVITIES

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SCOUTING HAS GIVEN TRAINING IN CITIZENSHIP VALUES AND ENJOYMENT TO WELL OVER 300 000 BOYS SINCE THE SCOUT MOVEMENT STARTED IN HONG KONG 72 YEARS AGO.

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS HAD GROWN FROM 20 000 TO 40 000, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, SAID TODAY.

+THIS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE MOVEMENT IS GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE,+ HE SAID.

MR MILLS WAS SPEAKING AT THE SEVENTH INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL THIS EVENING.

HE SAID THE UPSHOT OF DEVELOPMENTS OF NEW TOWNS IN THE NT AND MORE HOUSING ESTATES IN THE URBAN AREA WAS THE BIRTH OF NEW COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE STRANGERS TO ONE ANOTHER AND CLUSTERED IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

THE EMPHASIS BY THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION ON GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT AND REACHING OUT TO YOUNGSTERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY IN HOUSING ESTATES AND NEWLY DEVELOPING DISTRICTS, WAS THEREFORE MOST CRUCIAL AND TIMELY, HE SAID.

+SPECIFICALLY, IT REFLECTS A RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO ADAPT THE SCOUT MOVEMENT TO THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR COMMUNITY.

+YOUR REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE ONEROUS TASK OF PROVIDING A HEALTHY OUTLET FOR YOUTHFUL ENERGY AND INTEREST, AND IN PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN SOCIETY AS RESPONSIBLE, THINKING AND USEFUL CITIZENS,+ HE SAID.

MR MILLS SAID THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO FOSTERING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND MAKING HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

+IN YOUR TASK OF PROMOTING SCOUTING IN EAST KOWLOON, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF GOODWILL AND SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL,+ HE SAID.

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HK-US TO DISCUSS EXPORT AUTHORISATION CALLS

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF FOUR CATEGORIES COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE HONG KONG/US BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT.

THE TALKS, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JULY 14 AND 15, WILL CONCERN THE US REQUEST FOR LIMITS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN 1983 FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN CAT. 604 (MMF SPUN NON-CELLULOSIC YARN); CAT. 644 (MMF SUITS, W,G AND I); CAT. 313 (COTTON SHEETING) AND CAT. 352 (COTTON UNDERWEAR).

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INDUSTRY'S ROLE IN TECHNICAL TRAINING STRESSED

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INDUSTRY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS IT REQUIRES TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND DIVERSIFY THE MANUFACTURING TRADES.

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS HAS BEEN A VITAL ASPECT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SUCH TRAINING WAS OFTEN ARRANGED DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WHEN STUDENTS ARE GIVEN A CHANCE TO WORK IN FACTORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS SYSTEM OF SUPPLEMENTING THE STUDENTS' ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE WITH ACTUAL WORKING EXPERIENCE HELPED PROVIDE INDUSTRY WITH SUFFICIENT WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER, HE POINTED OUT.

THE SAME APPROACH COULD ALSO BE APPLIED TO THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE RESPONSE FROM EMPLOYERS THIS SUMMER HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING -- THE NUMBER OF PLACES TO BE FILLED BY STUDENTS IN SEVERAL AREAS OF STUDY HAD BEEN PROVIDED.

THESE INCLUDE THE TOURIST, CLOTHING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

WITH A FEW MORE OFFERS EXPECTED FROM OTHER INDUSTRIES SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, ALL STUDENTS REQUIRING SUMMER TRAINING WILL BE PLACED, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS COMMON FOR GRADUATES TO BE OFFERED EMPLOYMENTS BY ESTABLISHMENTS IN WHICH THEY HAD RECEIVED TRAINING DURING THE SUMMER.

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME WERE URGED TO CONTACT THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, HAKING WONG, KWUN TONG OR LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 89.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 514.223 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 372.872 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WORK ON FLYOVER

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THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30 AM TO 6.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13) FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC FROM WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AREA HEADING FOR LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HARBOUR ROAD EASTBOUND, TONNOCHY ROAD NORTHBOUND, HUNG HING ROAD AND MARSH ROAD.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 14) FOR SEVEN HOURS FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PING TIN STREET AND ON TIN STREET INCLUDING BLOCK 15 TO 24, LAM TIN ESTATE AND LAM TIN FIRST TO FOURTH VILLAGE.

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