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CLOSED CAMPS PLANNED FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
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THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY REVIEWED ITS POLICY ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT CLOSED CAMPS SHOULD BE SET UP IN WHICH TO DETAIN THEM. THE BILL WILL ENABLE EFFECT TO BE GIVEN TO THE NEW POLICY BY PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE NECESSARY POWERS TO SET UP CLOSED CAMPS, TO DETAIN REFUGEES IN THEM AND TO DRAW UP RULES FOR THE GOOD MANAGEMENT OF THE CAMPS.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT ALSO PROVIDES THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE ADDITIONAL LEGAL POWERS TO REPATRIATE ANY REFUGEES IF AND WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR LEWIS DAVIES, SAID TODAY THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE STRONGER MEASURES TO DETER THE FLOW OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES INTO HONG KONG AND, IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING ORDER IN OPEN CAMPS, BY TAKING POWERS TO DETAIN CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

MR DAVIES SAID THAT THE DECISION TO SET UP CLOSED CAMPS WAS TAKEN AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF THE CONTINUING OUTFLOW OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM INTO THE REGION GENERALLY, PARTICULARLY INTO HONG KONG, AND OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE A REDUCTION IN RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, A CALL BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRIES TO ADOPT A POLICY OF +HUMANE DETERRENCE+ TO DISCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE FROM LEAVING VIETNAM, AND RECENT DISTURBANCES IN THE REFUGEE CAMP AT KAI TAK.

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR.

+THE MAIN AIM IN SETTING UP CLOSED CAMPS IS TO DISCOURAGE MORE REFUGEES FROM LEAVING VIETNAM,+ MR DAVIES SAID. +CLOSED CAMPS WILL ALSO HELP TO DETER REFUGEES ALREADY IN HONG KONG FROM UNRULY BEHAVIOUR AND UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

SUBJECT TO THE BILL BEING PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE NECESSARY FUNDS BEING VOTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, IT IS PROPOSED TO SET UP CLOSED CAMPS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 2, 1982 AND TO DETAIN ALL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVING IN HONG KONG ON OR AFTER THAT DATE. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE CAMPS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO ACHIEVE THE OPTIMUM DETERRENT BY DISCOURAGING PERSONS COMING HERE FROM VIETNAM, IT IS PROPOSED TO COMPLETE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN ONE SITTING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 30, 1982.

DETAILED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTING UP CLOSED CAMPS ARE BEING WORKED OUT NOW. CAMPS WILL BE STAFFED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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GIRL GUIDE TRAINING VALUABLE, GOVERNOR SAYS
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ENTERPRISE, SELF-RELIANCE AND OTHER QUALITIES EMPHASISED IN THEIR TRAINING WERE AS VALUABLE AS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN DEVELOPING A BALANCED AND MATURE PERSONALITY, HONG KONG'S GIRL GUIDES WERE TOLD BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS MORNING (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, SIR EDWARD SAID THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION RENDERED AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO GIRLS BY PROVIDING BOTH TRAINING AND FUN FOR THEM IN THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

+THE OPPORTUNITY FOR RELAXATION AND ADVENTUROUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITY, UNDER CAREFUL SUPERVISION, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY PARENTS AND TEACHERS,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WOULD PROVIDE THE ASSOCIATION WITH A FIRM BASE ON WHICH TO EXPAND ITS PROGRAMME, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND WISHED THEM ALL +EVERY SUCCESS+.

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PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS
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A PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS CONTAINING THE REGISTERED PARTICULARS OF ABOUT 910 000 RESIDENTS IN THE TEN URBAN AND EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO JUNE 28.

IT CAN BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE,
18TH FLOOR, NEW MERCURY HOUSE,
22 FENWICK STREET,
HONG KONG=
- * CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS,
5TH FLOOR, HK HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING,
101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD,
KOWLOON=
- * OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON),
CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION,
9TH FLOOR, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING,
141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL,
HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, RELEVANT PARTS OF THE REGISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RESPECTIVE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND NT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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THE FINAL REGISTER WILL BE READY FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM AUGUST 6.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER, MR C.W. WONG, EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER WAS COMPILED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR TWO PURPOSES.

+THOSE WHO WANT TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS ON SEPTEMBER 23 THIS YEAR BUT MISSED THEIR CHANCE TO REGISTER IN THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION PERIOD CAN NOW USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A LATE REGISTRATION.

+THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO FOR ANY REASON, SUCH AS ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG, DID NOT REGISTER AT THAT TIME,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER REASON FOR SETTING UP THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER IS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE OBJECTIONS AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BE REGISTERED OR WHO HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED IN THE CONSTITUENCY WHERE THEY LIVE.

MR WONG EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS VERY SIMPLE FROM INTENDING ELECTORS TO APPLY FOR LATE REGISTRATION OR FOR THE PUBLIC TO RAISE OBJECTIONS.

+ALL INTENDING ELECTORS HAVE TO DO IS TO CALL AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ANY TIME DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM JUNE 18 TO 28, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR DRIVING LICENCE.

+ON ARRIVAL, THEY WILL COMPLETE A STANDARD REGISTRATION FORM SUPPLIED AT THE OFFICE AND LODGE IT IN PERSON WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER,+ HE SAID.

+THOSE WHO HAVE AN OBJECTION TO RAISE CAN ALSO CALL DURING THE SAME PERIOD AT THE SAME OFFICE WHERE THEY CAN OBTAIN A SPECIFIED FORM TO COMPLETE AND LODGE IN PERSON WITH THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

+THE OBJECTION WILL THEN BE DEALT WITH BY THE REVISING OFFICER, WHO IS THE REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT,+ MR WONG SAID.

HE ADVISED THOSE ELECTORS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AFTER SENDING IN THEIR REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO WRITE TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, QUOTING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, THEIR NAME AND NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

ALTERNATIVELY, THEY CAN COMPLETE A FORM (REO-2) ENTITLED +APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN A REGISTER OF ELECTORS+, WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, NT DISTRICT OFFICE OR POST OFFICE. THE COMPLETED FORM CAN BE RETURNED, POSTAGE FREE, TO THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE, HE SAID.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR REPORTING CHANGES OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN THE PRESENT REGISTRATION CYCLE IS JUNE 28. +IF A CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS REPORTED IN TIME, THE ELECTOR WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN HIS NEW CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE LIVES. OTHERWISE HE WILL HAVE TO VOTE IN THE OLD CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH HE WAS PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED,+ MR WONG EXPLAINED.

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINE SHOWN IN SURVEY

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THE DESEASONALISED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER 1981 WAS 3.1 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 4.1 PER CENT ESTIMATED FOR MARCH 1981 AND 3.6 PER CENT ESTIMATED FOR SEPTEMBER 1981, ALL THREE FIGURES USING THE DEFINITIONS OF THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY.

THE DECREASE OF 1.0 PERCENTAGE POINT IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BETWEEN MARCH AND DECEMBER 1981 AND THE DECREASE OF 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1981 WERE BOTH STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

IN COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (SCHOOL LEAVERS) VARIED FROM MONTH TO MONTH. THE DESEASONALISED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WHICH HAD BEEN ADJUSTED FOR THIS SEASONAL INFLUENCE, WAS THEREFORE USED IN MAKING COMPARISON WITH THE MARCH AND SEPTEMBER 1981 RATES.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE FOR DECEMBER 1981 WAS OBTAINED FROM A SAMPLE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1981 TO JANUARY 1982.

ACCORDING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT USED IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, THERE WERE 73 800 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1981, REPRESENTING 3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE. THE RATE WAS UNCHANGED AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL INFLUENCES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS DREW ATTENTION TO THE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS USED IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, COMPARED WITH THOSE USED IN THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY. IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER WHO WERE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT BUT WERE SEEKING WORK IN THE SEVEN DAYS BEFORE ENUMERATION WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

THOSE CLASSIFIED AS +UNEMPLOYED+ ALSO INCLUDED PEOPLE WHO WERE WAITING TO TAKE UP A NEW JOB= OR WHO HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WITHOUT PAY= OR WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT WERE NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NONE AVAILABLE OR BECAUSE THEY WERE TEMPORARILY SICK.

THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR NOVEMBER 1981 TO JANUARY 1982 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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BREAKDOWN FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE
FOR JANUARY-APRIL 1982

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO APRIL 1982, VALUED AT \$83 966 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF NINE PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1981, ACCORDING TO FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 10 PER CENT TO \$24 041 MILLION, IMPORTS BY EIGHT PER CENT TO \$45 711 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 11 PER CENT TO \$14 214 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 WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

| | JAN.-APR. 1982 (HK\$MN) | JAN.-APR. 1981 (HK\$MN) | INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN) | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| U.S.A. | 8 469 | 7 390 | +1 079 | +15 |
| U.K. | 2 113 | 2 102 | + 11 | + 1 |
| F.R. OF GERMANY | 1 953 | 2 061 | - 108 | - 5 |
| CHINA | 1 237 | 731 | + 506 | +69 |
| AUSTRALIA | 878 | 695 | + 183 | +26 |
| JAPAN | 870 | 776 | + 94 | +12 |
| CANADA | 682 | 585 | + 97 | +17 |
| SINGAPORE | 586 | 513 | + 73 | +14 |
| NETHERLANDS | 531 | 479 | + 52 | +11 |
| FRANCE | 460 | 442 | + 18 | + 4 |

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY 15 PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$445 MILLION OR 120 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$286 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$238 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$25 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$231 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$24 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT) AND TEXTILES (BY \$16 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY \$35 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT.

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (DECLINED BY \$20 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (DECLINED BY \$33 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (DECLINED BY \$78 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED STEADILY (BY \$11 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$206 MILLION OR 203 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$98 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO AUSTRALIA (BY \$37 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT).

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED BELOW:-

| | JAN.-APR. 1982 (HK\$MN) | JAN.-APR. 1981 (HK\$MN) | INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN) | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES | 8 036 | 7 568 | + 468 | + 6 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS) | 4 220 | 3 170 | +1 050 | +33 |
| PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS | 2 340 | 2 348 | - 8 | INSIGNIFICANT |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES) | 1 930 | 1 551 | + 379 | +24 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT | 1 785 | 1 510 | + 275 | +18 |
| TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE- UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS | 1 600 | 1 520 | + 80 | + 5 |

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:-

| | JAN.-APR. 1982 (HK\$MN) | JAN.-APR. 1981 (HK\$MN) | INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN) | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| CHINA | 10 179 | 8 320 | +1 859 | +22 |
| JAPAN | 9 824 | 10 232 | - 408 | - 4 |
| U.S.A. | 4 820 | 4 537 | + 283 | + 6 |
| SINGAPORE | 3 523 | 3 007 | + 516 | +17 |
| TAIWAN | 3 444 | 3 408 | + 36 | + 1 |
| U.K. | 2 252 | 1 878 | + 374 | +20 |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) | 1 598 | 1 795 | - 197 | -11 |
| F.R. OF GERMANY | 1 093 | 1 075 | + 18 | + 2 |
| SWITZERLAND | 875 | 970 | - 95 | -10 |
| AUSTRALIA | 733 | 556 | + 177 | +32 |

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$366 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$349 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$157 MILLION OR 142 PER CENT), AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$151 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$173 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$108 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE YARN (BY \$145 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$172 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$226 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AS WELL AS ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$229 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$147 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$63 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$90 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (BY \$105 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

CONSIDERABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$383 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT), AND OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES FROM TAIWAN (BY \$136 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY \$93 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTION:-

| | JAN.-APR. 1982 (HK\$MN) | JAN.-APR. 1981 (HK\$MN) | INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$MN) | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER) | 13 271 | 12 579 | +692 | + 6 |
| MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT | 10 239 | 9 766 | +473 | + 5 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL) | 7 421 | 6 909 | +512 | + 7 |
| FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD | 4 857 | 4 124 | +733 | +18 |
| MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS | 3 862 | 3 326 | +536 | +16 |
| CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS | 3 082 | 2 819 | +263 | + 9 |

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$260 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$237 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$132 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$127 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$114 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (BY \$101 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$78 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT) AND MACAU (BY \$73 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO FRANCE (BY \$58 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT) AND U.K. (BY \$229 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$274 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$199 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY \$188 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

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DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$107 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$299 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

THE APRIL 1982 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$5 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN APRIL, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY JULY AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$10 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-214375).

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON FRIDAY (JUNE 25) IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAYS. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTE HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 0-422096= TUEN MUN 0-818443= HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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FARMERS GRATEFUL FOR HELP
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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE PRIMARY PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS TODAY (THURSDAY) THANKED THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE ASSISTANCE IT OFFERED TO FARMERS DURING THE RECENT FLOODS.

AT A SHORT CEREMONY AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES POULTRY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN KOK-WAI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF PIG-RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, MR LEUNG CHIK, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, MR KO HOK, PRESENTED LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN.

MORE THAN 1 000 HECTARES OF CROPS, 10 000 PIGS, 700 000 POULTRY AND 400 HECTARES OF FISH PONDS WERE DESTROYED BY THE FLOODS.

DURING THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE FLOODS, THE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYED 150 OFFICERS TO ASSIST THE FARMERS, SET UP 14 REGISTRATION CENTRES AND SENT OUT 20 MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAMS TO THE RELATIVELY REMOTE AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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KUNG FU CONTEST IN QUEEN ELIZABETH YOUTH CENTRE
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ANY PERSON EXCELLING IN CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS OR HER SKILLS AND WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN A COMPETITION BEING ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.

THE CONTEST IN THE FORM OF A TWO-MINUTE DISPLAY FOR EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE HELD IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH YOUTH CENTRE ON YIM PO FONG STREET, MONG KOK ON AUGUST 14 FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND ON AUGUST 21 FOR THE FINALS.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: MEN AGED 18 OR ABOVE, MEN UNDER 18 AND WOMEN OF ANY AGE. EACH PARTICIPANT MAY DEMONSTRATE ONLY ONE FORM OF MARTIAL ART AND WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL AS A SOUVENIR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT RSS HEADQUARTERS AND ITS DISTRICT OFFICES AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 18.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-944803 OR 5-458511.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1982

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SUSPENSION OF AIR MAIL, AIR PARCEL SERVICES TO BEIRUT
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DUE TO THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN BEIRUT, AIR MAIL AND AIR PARCEL SERVICES FROM HONG KONG TO LEBANON HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT THE SUSPENSION WAS EXPECTED TO BE TEMPORARY.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TUEN MUN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVERAL HOURS THIS WEEK FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN, INCLUDING AREAS 4-B, 10, 36 AND 37, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, SAN FAT ESTATE, TAI HING ESTATE, INDUSTRIAL ZONE AREAS 9 AND 12, LICENSED AREAS IN MING KUM ROAD AND AREA 34 WILL HAVE THEIR SUPPLY TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 19) TO 12 NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY (SUNDAY).

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG BOUNDED BY HING SHING ROAD, KO FONG STREET, WING FONG ROAD, SHING FONG STREET AND HING FONG ROAD= INCLUDING BLOCKS 9, 10 AND 11 OF KWAI FONG ESTATE WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (SATURDAY).

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SATURDAY TRAM SERVICES CURTAILED FOR WORKS
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TRAM SERVICES AT THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND TONG SHUI ROAD, WILL BE CURTAILED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 19) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF HK ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE LAST TRAMS WILL DEPART FROM WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN AT 8.45 PM, FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET AT 9.35 PM, FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO SHAU KEI WAN AT 9 PM, AND FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO HAPPY VALLEY AT 9.30 PM.

THE NORTH POINT TRAMS WILL TERMINATE AT THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND NORTH POINT ROAD INSTEAD OF TONG SHUI ROAD.

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