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RE-EXPORTS SET NEW RECORD

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HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS REACHED A RECORD OF \$20 024 MILLION IN 1979, AN INCREASE OF 52 PER CENT OVER 1978, ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIVE LARGEST MARKETS FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF RE-EXPORTS VALUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	1979 (HK\$ MN)	1978 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	2 477	2 282	+ 195	+ 9
USA	1 995	1 232	+ 763	+ 62
SINGAPORE	1 804	1 390	+ 414	+ 30
TAIWAN	1 730	1 221	+ 509	+ 42
INDONESIA	1 684	1 302	+ 382	+ 29

JAPAN REMAINED THE LARGEST MARKET FOR HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS WITH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS (BY \$110 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$78 MILLION OR 149 PER CENT). HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DEMAND FOR TEXTILES (BY \$81 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT) AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$76 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

AMONG THE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO USA WERE CLOTHING (BY \$182 MILLION OR 269 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$98 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$81 MILLION OR 70 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE ALSO SHOWED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN TEXTILES (BY \$74 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT), AND PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$60 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN SHOWED GOOD ADVANCES IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$132 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$40 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$39 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS TO INDONESIA WERE MAINLY MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL (BY \$46 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$36 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), AND MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$24 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	1979 (HK\$ MN)	1978 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	5 663	3 659	+ 2 004	+ 55
JAPAN	3 393	2 243	+ 1 150	+ 51
USA	2 286	1 694	+ 692	+ 43
TAIWAN	898	402	+ 496	+123
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	660	501	+ 159	+ 32

OVERSEAS PURCHASES OF CHINESE PRODUCTS THROUGH HONG KONG REMAINED ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS OF TEXTILE MADE-UP ARTICLES (BY \$255 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT), UNDER-GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$100 MILLION OR 235 PER CENT), NON-TEXTILE CLOTHING (BY \$84 MILLION OR 118 PER CENT), LADIES' AND INFANTS' OUTER GARMENTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$70 MILLION OR 135 PER CENT), AND WOVEN FABRICS AND MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$65 MILLION OR 103 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE OVERSEAS DEMAND FOR JAPANESE WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$202 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTO-CELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$65 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT), RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$56 MILLION OR 121 PER CENT), AND MISCELLANEOUS TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY (BY \$51 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF US ORIGIN WERE NOTED IN THERMIONIC, COLD CATHODE AND PHOTO-CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, PHOTOCELLS, TRANSISTORS AND PARTS THEREOF (BY \$111 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$103 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT) AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (BY \$37 MILLION OR 77 PER CENT).

A SIZEABLE PORTION OF THE INCREASE IN RE-EXPORTS ORIGINATED FROM TAIWAN CONSTITUTED TEXTILE YARN (BY \$123 MILLION OR 315 PER CENT), WOVEN FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES (BY \$50 MILLION OR 84 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND PARTS (BY \$36 MILLION OR 139 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS OF SWISS ORIGIN ALSO SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH, PARTICULARLY FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$79 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT).

WHEN ANALYSED BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, THERE WERE INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF CHINA ORIGIN TO USA (BY \$362 MILLION OR 97 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$241 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$159 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT) AND NIGERIA (BY \$112 MILLION OR 91 PER CENT). INCREASES IN RE-EXPORTS OF JAPAN ORIGIN WERE MAINLY TO CHINA (BY \$323 MILLION OR 815 PER CENT), TAIWAN (BY \$150 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT) AND WEST GERMANY (BY \$56 MILLION OR 107 PER CENT). INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN RE-EXPORTS OF US ORIGIN TO CHINA (BY \$99 MILLION OR 309 PER CENT).

INDOOR STADIUM A STEP NEARER COMPLETION

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THE SPECTATOR STAND OF THE NEW HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM IS NOW TAKING SHAPE.

MR PAU SHIU-HUNG, SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID MORE THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE WORK ON THE STAND HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

+ON ITS FULL COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE 10 000 SQUARE-METRE STEEL-FRAMED ROOF WILL BE LOWERED ONTO ITS CONCRETE RIM.

+THEN, CONTRACTORS WILL PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE AIR-CONDITIONING PLANT, SOUND SYSTEM AND SPORTS FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, 12 500 SEATS WILL BE FITTED,+ HE SAID.

MR PAU EXPECTED THAT THE \$100 MILLION SPORTS STADIUM WOULD BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

ONE OF ITS FEATURES WILL BE A FOUR SIDED VIDEO SCREEN, SUSPENDED ABOVE THE CENTRE OF THE ARENA AND INCORPORATING SCOREBOARD AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION FACILITIES.

+WITH SUCH EQUIPMENT, LARGER-THAN-LIFE CLOSE-UPS AND INSTANT REPLAYS, ALL IN COLOUR, WILL BE POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

+THE STADIUM WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR STAGING EVENTS RANGING FROM GYMNASTICS AND BASKETBALL MATCHES TO THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES AND MAJOR EXHIBITIONS. FOR THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF EVENT, DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS OF SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.+

THE ARENA ITSELF WILL BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, VOLLEYBALL COURTS OR TENNIS COURTS, OR FOR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS OR 24 TABLE-TENNIS TABLES AT ONE TIME.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, MEETING ROOMS, GENERAL OFFICES, A LARGE EQUIPMENT STORE, FURNITURE STORE, CONTROL BOOTHS, BOOKING OFFICES AND TOILETS.

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RACE DAY TRAINS CANCELLED

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL NOT BE RUNNING SPECIAL RACE DAY TRAINS TO SHA TIN THIS SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 23), A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THIS IS BECAUSE THAT DAY COINCIDES WITH THE HEAVIEST PERIOD OF THE RETURNING LUNAR NEW YEAR PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO HONG KONG, HE EXPLAINED.

ON THE SAME DAY IN THE LAST LUNAR NEW YEAR, SOME 32 000 PASSENGERS CAME BACK FROM CHINA. IN VIEW OF THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NEW YEAR VISITS TO CHINA THIS YEAR, THE RETURN TRAFFIC WILL CLEARLY BE EVEN HEAVIER.

KCR RESOURCES WILL BE FULLY STRETCHED TO MEET THIS RETURN TRAFFIC AS WELL AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULAR COMMUTERS.

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PORT WORKS CHIEF ENGINEER RETIRES
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MR HOWARD CHAMBERLAIN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PWD PORT WORKS DIVISION, WILL RETIRE NEXT WEEK AFTER NEARLY 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT MURRAY BUILDING, THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR DAVID STEAD, PRESENTED MR CHAMBERLAIN WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

MR STEAD RECALLED THAT MR CHAMBERLAIN FIRST JOINED THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE IN AUGUST 1954 AS ENGINEER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STAR FERRY PIERS.

SINCE THEN, HE HAS SPENT PRACTICALLY HIS ENTIRE CAREER IN PORT WORKS, EXCEPT FOR 18 MONTHS IN THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

MR CHAMBERLAIN WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR ENGINEER IN NOVEMBER 1961 AND TO THE PRESENT RANK IN SEPTEMBER IN 1966.

+THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE CAREER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HE HAS MAINTAINED A HIGH STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, AS WELL AS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY,+ MR STEAD SAID.

+HIS SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE IN MARINE ENGINEERING WORK HAS BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO THE DEPARTMENT AND HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG.+

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, MR CHAMBERLAIN WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE MBE.

OUTSIDE THE OFFICE, MR CHAMBERLAIN HAD BEEN A CLARINETTIST WITH THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FOR TEN YEARS. ALSO HE WAS FOR SOME YEARS AN INSPECTOR OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRISON OFFICERS RECEIVE RANK INSIGNIA
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TWENTY-TWO OFFICER CADETS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF OFFICER WILL RECEIVE THEIR APPOINTMENT LETTER AND RANK INSIGNIA AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE PRISON OFFICERS CLUB IN STANLEY TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR CHAN WA-SHEK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 2 PM. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED LEAVING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 1.15 PM SHARP.

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BUS-ONLY LANES ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD
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TWO +BUS ONLY+ LANES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 22).

THEY ARE THE SECTION OF THE OUTERMOST LANE (THAT IS THE TRAFFIC LANE NEAREST TO THE CENTRAL DIVIDER) OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EXTENDING FROM THE CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD JUNCTION TO A POINT OF ABOUT 30 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION- AND THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE +BUS ONLY+ LANES UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

ON THE SAME DAY, A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY ZONE WILL BE SET UP ON THE SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY SIGN LOCATED ABOUT 90 METRES EAST OF THE CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE TO A POINT OUTSIDE THE VENTILATION SHAFT OF MTR CHOI HUNG STATION.

WITHIN THE ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

APPROPRIATE SIGNPOSTS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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