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ANALYSIS OF EXTERNAL TRADE BY TRANSPORT MODE IN 1992

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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE BY OCEAN ACCOUNTED FOR 52.6% OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE LAST YEAR. ANOTHER 17.7% WAS TRANSPORTED BY AIR.

THE REST 29.7% INCLUDED SHIPMENT BY LAND, BY RIVER, AS POSTAL PARCELS, AND HAND-CARRIED GOODS BY PASSENGERS ON VARIOUS MEANS OF TRANSPORT.

THESE STATISTICS ARE RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

SHIPMENT BY OCEAN AMOUNTED TO \$988 BILLION IN 1992, WITH AN INCREASE OF 22.3% OVER THAT IN 1991. HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE BY AIR WENT UP BY 17.7% TO \$333 BILLION IN 1992.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINED THE LARGEST COUNTRY OF DESTINATION FOR HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS (INCLUDING DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS) BY OCEAN, ACCOUNTING FOR A SHARE OF 31.9% IN VALUE TERMS IN 1992. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS BY OCEAN TO THE UNITED STATES WENT UP BY 24.8% IN 1992.

LAST YEAR, CHINA OVERTOOK GERMANY TO BECOME THE SECOND LARGEST DESTINATION FOR HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS BY OCEAN. THE VALUE OF SEABORNE EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 76.1% IN 1992 OVER 1991, WHILE THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS BY OCEAN TO GERMANY DECREASED BY 3.9%.

JAPAN WAS THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF HONG KONG'S IMPORTS BY OCEAN, ACCOUNTING FOR A SHARE OF 27.9% IN VALUE IN 1992. THE VALUE OF IMPORTS BY OCEAN FROM JAPAN WENT UP BY 36.5% IN 1992 OVER 1991.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN SEABORNE IMPORTS FROM THE OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS: TAIWAN (+14.8%), THE UNITED STATES (+14.9%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+28.4%) AND CHINA (+19.3%).

IN 1992, THE UNITED STATES MARKET ACCOUNTED FOR 29.0% OF THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS BY AIR IN 1992. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS BY AIR TO THE UNITED STATES INCREASED BY 16.1% OVER 1991.

THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS BY AIR TO MOST OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION ALSO WENT UP, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GERMANY (-6.6%).

AIRBORNE IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IN 1992. THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN VALUE IN 1992 OVER 1991 WERE: JAPAN (+12.5%), THE UNITED STATES (+27.1%), SINGAPORE (+36.6%), TAIWAN (+32.8%) AND SWITZERLAND (+19.2%).

/SIGNIFICANT INCREASES .....

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS BY OCEAN FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$22,109 MILLION OR 35.0%), CLOTHING (BY \$10,999 MILLION OR 22.9%) AND FOOTWEAR (BY \$9,762 MILLION OR 41.9%) AS WELL AS IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS BY OCEAN FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$15,841 MILLION OR 108.9%) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$9,951 MILLION OR 38.3%).

HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY OCEAN FOR OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$1,595 MILLION OR 27.1%), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY PRINTED MATTERS (BY \$1,449 MILLION OR 12.6%) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$1,143 MILLION OR 20.0%).

COMPARING 1992 WITH 1991, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS BY AIR FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$9,046 MILLION OR 23.6%) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$3,979 MILLION OR 35.4%).

ON EXPORTS BY AIR, INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR RE-EXPORTS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$3,376 MILLION OR 32.2%), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$3,254 MILLION OR 23.0%) AND CLOTHING (BY \$3,073 MILLION OR 21.9%); AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$2,754 MILLION OR 25.0%) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS (BY \$1,678 MILLION OR 18.0%).

HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY AIR FOR CLOTHING (BY \$1,804 MILLION OR 7.6%) AND PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1,525 MILLION OR 11.2%).

DETAILED STATISTICS OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE ANALYSED BY MODE OF TRANSPORT ARE PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER 1992 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" REPORT WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT \$52 A COPY.

THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REPORT MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG (TEL 842 8802) AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL 582 4915).

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TABLE 1 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

MODE OF TRANSPORT/ TYPE OF TRADE	JAN-DEC	JAN-DEC	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1992 HKD Mn.	1991 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
<b>OCEAN</b>				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	102,913	107,434	- 4,521	- 4.2
RE-EXPORTS	417,865	324,010	+ 93,854	+ 29.0
TOTAL EXPORTS	520,778	431,445	+ 89,333	+ 20.7
IMPORTS	467,720	376,585	+ 91,134	+ 24.2
TOTAL BY OCEAN	988,497	808,030	+ 180,467	+ 22.3
<b>AIR</b>				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	70,173	69,171	+ 1,002	+ 1.4
RE-EXPORTS	91,795	74,115	+ 17,680	+ 23.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	161,969	143,286	+ 18,683	+ 13.0
IMPORTS	170,686	139,348	+ 31,337	+ 22.5
TOTAL BY AIR	332,654	282,635	+ 50,020	+ 17.7
<b>OTHERS</b>				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	61,037	54,441	+ 6,597	+ 12.1
RE-EXPORTS	181,169	136,715	+ 44,454	+ 32.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	242,207	191,155	+ 51,051	+ 26.7
IMPORTS	316,890	263,048	+ 53,842	+ 20.5
TOTAL BY OTHERS	559,096	454,204	+ 104,893	+ 23.1
<b>ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT</b>				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	234,123	231,045	+ 3,078	+ 1.3
RE-EXPORTS	690,829	534,841	+ 155,989	+ 29.2
TOTAL EXPORTS	924,953	765,886	+ 159,067	+ 20.8
IMPORTS	955,295	778,982	+ 176,313	+ 22.6
TOTAL TRADE	1,880,248	1,544,868	+ 335,380	+ 21.7

TABLE 2 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY OCEAN BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNER

MAJOR TRADING PARTNER	JAN-DEC	JAN-DEC	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1992 HKD Mn.	1991 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
<b>DOMESTIC EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	38,494	37,610	+ 884	+ 2.3
GERMANY	9,716	11,861	- 2,144	- 18.1
UNITED KINGDOM	9,132	10,093	- 960	- 9.5
JAPAN	4,555	4,666	- 111	- 2.4
TAIWAN	3,586	3,564	+ 22	+ 0.6
ALL COUNTRIES	102,913	107,434	- 4,521	- 4.2
<b>RE-EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	127,544	95,451	+ 32,093	+ 33.6
CHINA	33,857	18,722	+ 15,135	+ 80.8
JAPAN	27,750	21,203	+ 6,548	+ 30.9
GERMANY	26,920	26,243	+ 677	+ 2.6
UNITED KINGDOM	17,057	12,264	+ 4,793	+ 39.1
ALL COUNTRIES	417,865	324,010	+ 93,854	+ 29.0
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	166,038	133,061	+ 32,977	+ 24.8
CHINA	36,803	20,903	+ 15,900	+ 76.1
GERMANY	36,637	38,104	- 1,467	- 3.9
JAPAN	32,305	25,868	+ 6,437	+ 24.9
UNITED KINGDOM	26,190	22,357	+ 3,833	+ 17.1
ALL COUNTRIES	520,778	431,445	+ 89,333	+ 20.7
<b>IMPORTS (SUPPLIER)</b>				
JAPAN	130,475	95,605	+ 34,870	+ 36.5
TAIWAN	76,498	66,647	+ 9,850	+ 14.8
UNITED STATES	39,560	34,426	+ 5,133	+ 14.9
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	38,307	29,845	+ 8,462	+ 28.4
CHINA	37,260	31,243	+ 6,017	+ 19.3
ALL COUNTRIES	467,720	376,585	+ 91,134	+ 24.2

TABLE 3 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY AIR BY MAJOR TRADING PARTNER

MAJOR TRADING PARTNER	JAN-DEC	JAN-DEC	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1992 HKD Mn.	1991 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
<b>DOMESTIC EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	26,061	25,166	+ 895	+ 3.6
SINGAPORE	7,826	5,790	+ 2,035	+ 35.1
JAPAN	6,380	6,902	- 522	- 7.6
GERMANY	6,199	7,414	- 1,214	- 16.4
UNITED KINGDOM	3,399	3,599	- 200	- 5.5
ALL COUNTRIES	70,173	69,171	+ 1,002	+ 1.4
<b>RE-EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	20,933	15,316	+ 5,617	+ 36.7
JAPAN	9,643	8,249	+ 1,394	+ 16.9
TAIWAN	9,244	7,633	+ 1,611	+ 21.1
GERMANY	6,152	5,807	+ 344	+ 5.9
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5,898	5,366	+ 532	+ 9.9
ALL COUNTRIES	91,795	74,115	+ 17,680	+ 23.9
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (COUNTRY OF DESTINATION)</b>				
UNITED STATES	46,994	40,482	+ 6,511	+ 16.1
JAPAN	16,024	15,151	+ 873	+ 5.8
SINGAPORE	12,511	10,085	+ 2,426	+ 24.1
GERMANY	12,351	13,221	- 870	- 6.6
TAIWAN	12,152	10,124	+ 2,029	+ 20.0
ALL COUNTRIES	161,969	143,286	+ 18,683	+ 13.0
<b>IMPORTS (SUPPLIER)</b>				
JAPAN	35,380	31,438	+ 3,942	+ 12.5
UNITED STATES	30,849	24,278	+ 6,571	+ 27.1
SINGAPORE	12,062	8,827	+ 3,235	+ 36.6
TAIWAN	10,500	7,908	+ 2,592	+ 32.8
SWITZERLAND	9,613	8,065	+ 1,548	+ 19.2
ALL COUNTRIES	170,686	139,348	+ 31,337	+ 22.5

TABLE 4 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY OCEAN BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC	JAN-DEC	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1992 HKD Mn.	1991 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS				
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	51,996	49,363	+ 2,634	+ 5.3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PRINTED MATTER)	10,076	11,525	- 1,449	- 12.6
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	9,007	9,479	- 472	- 5.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	4,578	5,721	- 1,143	- 20.0
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	4,294	5,888	- 1,595	- 27.1
RE-EXPORTS				
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	85,196	63,087	+ 22,109	+ 35.0
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	59,091	48,092	+ 10,999	+ 22.9
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	43,218	35,026	+ 8,192	+ 23.4
FOOTWEAR	33,081	23,320	+ 9,762	+ 41.9
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	24,369	17,851	+ 6,518	+ 36.5
IMPORTS				
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	66,753	61,667	+ 5,086	+ 8.2
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	35,915	25,964	+ 9,951	+ 38.3
ROAD VEHICLES	30,382	14,540	+ 15,841	+ 108.9
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	28,533	24,038	+ 4,495	+ 18.7
GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS	22,285	14,123	+ 8,162	+ 57.8

TABLE 5 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY AIR BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION

MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-DEC 1992 HKD Mn.	JAN-DEC 1991 HKD Mn.	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE HKD Mn.	%
<b>DOMESTIC EXPORTS</b>				
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	21,879	23,683	- 1,804	- 7.6
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	13,760	11,006	+ 2,754	+ 25.0
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	12,069	13,594	- 1,525	- 11.2
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	11,019	9,341	+ 1,678	+ 18.0
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	5,846	6,078	- 233	- 3.8
<b>RE-EXPORTS</b>				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	17,400	14,147	+ 3,254	+ 23.0
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	17,097	14,024	+ 3,073	+ 21.9
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	13,851	10,475	+ 3,376	+ 32.2
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	7,893	5,702	+ 2,191	+ 38.4
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	7,819	8,459	- 640	- 7.6
<b>IMPORTS</b>				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	47,430	38,384	+ 9,046	+ 23.6
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	22,405	20,914	+ 1,492	+ 7.1
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	18,558	15,750	+ 2,808	+ 17.8
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	15,214	11,235	+ 3,979	+ 35.4
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9,798	7,954	+ 1,844	+ 23.2

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SENIOR HEALTH OFFICIALS OFF TO BEIJING ON AIDS TESTS

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A HONG KONG DELEGATION CONSISTING OF THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, AND A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR VICTOR NG, DEPARTED FOR BEIJING THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE HEALTH AUTHORITIES ON HIV SCREENING OF FREQUENT VISITORS TO THE COUNTRY.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE MEETING THEIR CHINESE COUNTERPARTS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE, MRS WONG SAID THE VISIT WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE WITH THE CHINESE HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

"OUR MISSION IS TO REFLECT HONG KONG PEOPLE'S CONCERN TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CHINA'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIV TESTS AT THE BORDER CHECKPOINTS AND, TOGETHER, TO EXPLORE WAYS OF MINIMISING INCONVENIENCE TO TRAVELLERS, PARTICULARLY FOR FREQUENT TRAVELLERS FROM HONG KONG.

"ALL OPTIONS WILL BE OFFERED FOR DISCUSSION," SHE ADDED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD RETURN TO HONG KONG ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

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THREE MORE HIV-INFECTED CASES CONFIRMED

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THREE MEN WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST LAST MONTH, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF HIV-INFECTED PERSONS IN HONG KONG TO 340.

SPEAKING AT A MONTHLY MEDIA SESSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE PROGRAMME), DR S S LEE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) NO NEW AIDS CASE WAS REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED AIDS CASES IS 73 WITH 49 DEATHS. THE 24 OTHERS ARE EITHER UNDER COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT OR HAVE LEFT THE TERRITORY.

OF THE 340 PERSONS INFECTED, 239 GOT THE INFECTION SEXUALLY, SEVEN WERE INTRAVENOUS DRUG-USERS, AND 64 GOT THE INFECTION THROUGH CONTAMINATED BLOOD OR BLOOD PRODUCTS BEFORE 1985 WHEN HIV ANTIBODY TEST AND SAFE HEAT-TREATED CLOTTING CONCENTRATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOR THE REMAINING 30, THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS INADEQUATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

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UNDER THE HIV SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 259,776 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 1,195,947 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND 26 DONORS WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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LEGO MEETS TOMORROW

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HOLD TWO MOTION DEBATES ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW AND SHORTAGE OF NURSES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTION ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW WILL BE MOVED BY THE HON MRS MIRIAM LAU AND THE OTHER BY THE HON MICHAEL HO.

REV THE HON FUNG CHI-WOOD WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE.

MEMBERS WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 21 QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER FOUR BILLS AT THE MEETING.

OF THE BILLS, MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIMITATION OF SHIPOWNER LIABILITY) BILL AND FILM CENSORSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. DEBATES ON THEM ARE DUE TO BE ADJOURNED.

DEBATES ON THE OTHER BILLS WILL BE RESUMED. THEY ARE DUE TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND BE GIVEN A THIRD READING.

THEY ARE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993 AND HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992.

ALSO, THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS WILL PRESENT THE LI PO CHUN CHARITABLE TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 1991 TO AUGUST 31, 1992. THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL PRESENT THE TRUSTEE'S REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1992.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING AND THEY MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY BY TEL 869 9492.

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FEWER TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS IN LAST QUARTER OF 1992

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THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS/SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR DROPPED BY SEVEN PER CENT TO 2,704 COMPARED WITH 2,894 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

THE DECREASE IS ATTRIBUTABLE MAINLY TO FEWER COMPLAINTS AGAINST RAIL SERVICES (-64 PER CENT FROM 76 TO 27 CASES); FERRY (-58 PER CENT FROM 64 TO 27 CASES); GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES (-30 PER CENT FROM 172 TO 121 CASES), ENFORCEMENT ACTION (-16 PER CENT FROM 551 TO 465 CASES) AND TAXI MALPRACTICES (-3 PER CENT FROM 773 TO 749 CASES).

DURING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31 LAST YEAR, DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST RAIL SERVICES IS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SIGNIFICANT DROP IN COMPLAINTS AGAINST HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, FROM 46 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 18.

THIS IS DUE TO FEWER COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE USE OF AIRHORNS BY TRAM DRIVERS.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST FERRY SERVICES ALSO DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 64 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 27.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI MALPRACTICES ALSO DROPPED SLIGHTLY BY THREE PER CENT TO 749 COMPARED WITH 773 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. OF THE TOTAL OF 276 RECEIVED, 37 PER CENT WERE RELATED TO OVERCHARGING.

ON ROAD MAINTENANCE, THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ROSE TO 175 FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER OF 146. THE COMPLAINTS WERE MAINLY RELATED TO MALFUNCTIONING OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS.

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TAC BRIEFED ON KMB FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME

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THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) AT ITS MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) WAS BRIEFED ON THE FORWARD PLANNING PROGRAMME OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS (KMB) FOR 1993-1997.

TAC MEMBERS WERE ALSO INFORMED OF THE FINDINGS OF THE TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY 1992 AND THE PROGRESS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW WHICH WOULD END ON FEBRUARY 28.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT UNDER KMB'S ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, 38 NEW ROUTES AND 210 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS WERE PLANNED TO CATER FOR DEMAND FROM NEW DEVELOPEMNT AREAS.

FOUR NEW CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES WERE PROPOSED THIS YEAR, INCLUDING ONE VIA THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND THREE VIA EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE SPECIAL MORNING PEAK SERVICES TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH KOWLOON INTRODUCED IN MID-1991 AND SUBSEQUENT EXPANSION OF SERVICES TO TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING AND TAI PO LAST YEAR HAD HELPED RELIEVE THE MTR CONGESTION ALONG THE NATHAN ROAD CORRIDOR DURING THE SUMMER.

THEY ASKED THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO CLOSELY MONITOR THESE SERVICES. THEY ALSO ASKED KMB TO STRENGTHEN ITS SERVICE IF NECESSARY.

ON AIR-CONDITIONED BUS SERVICES, KMB PROPOSES TO EXPAND ITS FLEET FROM 510 LAST YEAR TO 732 IN 1997 WHILE THE NUMBER OF NON-AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES WILL INCREASE FROM 2,623 TO 2,830.

KMB'S DEPOT PROGRAMME, PATRONAGE FORECAST AND ITS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WERE ALSO TABLED FOR CONSIDERATION.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY 1992 WHICH COLLECTED UP-TO-DATE DATA FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANNING STUDIES.

MEMBERS NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF LICENSED CARS HAD DOUBLED SINCE 1973 BUT THE PERCENTAGE OF CAR-OWNING HOUSEHOLDS HAD REMAINED THE SAME AT 13 PER CENT FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.

THE TRIPS MADE IN AN AVERAGE WEEKDAY LAST YEAR WAS 10,300,000, ALMOST DOUBLED THE NUMBER MADE IN 1973 AND 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN 1981. SUCH INCREASE WAS DUE TO CHANGES IN AGE STRUCTURE AND IN LAND USE, INCREASED WEALTH, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF BETTER TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

ON TAXI POLICY REVIEW, MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT UP TO FEBRUARY 2, A TOTAL OF 84 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND 277 TELEPHONE CALLS HAD BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION BEGAN ON OCTOBER 30.

TAC MEMBERS HAD ATTENDED 28 MEETINGS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, RADIO INTERVIEWS AND TV PROGRAMMES INCLUDING 16 MEETINGS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS DURING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

A FURTHER MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED BEFORE THE CONSULTATION ENDS.

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE VIEWS RECEIVED IN THE CONSULTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL OR MAY .

MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINT UNIT QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 3 FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992.

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AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS ON SATURDAY AT 9.30 AM AT THEATRE I, HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

A TOTAL OF 50 LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

FB1178	FB718	FA1288	FB1318	FB8885
EY4898	*AV88	*XX68	*989	EZ713
*FG919	FB8889	FB8882	*HK19	FB8863
FL125	*HK123	*136	*2	*FG54
FB2866	FB928	FA128	FB547	FB1813
*303	*899	*44	FB1913	ER1223
AP7728	FB275	AS238	*CK1212	FB3736
FB133	CL95	*3680	FB8896	*FF345
*FF838	FB405	FB738	FB951	FB8208
FA356	*HK99	*HK868	*FF25	FB1136

\* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MUST BE PRODUCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION IF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK IS TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF BODY CORPORATE.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION, AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES, WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 189TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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LONDON OFFICE STAFF HONOURED IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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A STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON TONIGHT (TUESDAY) RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN THE UK.

MR PETER MA KING-MAN, SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER IN LONDON OFFICE, WAS ONE OF THE 10 AWARDEES OF THE 1993 LEADERSHIP AWARDS SPONSORED BY COURVOISIER S.A..

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THE LEADERSHIP AWARDS SOUGHT TO GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO INDIVIDUAL OVERSEAS CHINESE FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE. SIMILAR AWARDS HAD BEEN OFFERED IN CANADA, THE USA AND AUSTRALIA SINCE 1986.

THE UK AWARD WAS OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WAS GIVEN TO CANDIDATES WHO EXCEL IN THE FIELDS OF ACADEMIC, ARTS, CATERING DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, CHINESE CULINARY ART, ENTERPRISE, FINANCE, PROFESSIONALS, RETAIL AND SERVICES FOR THE UK COMMUNITY.

COMMENTING ON THE AWARD, MR MA SAID IT WAS A RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN WORKING WITH DEDICATION FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN THE UK.

THEY WERE THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION IN THE LONDON OFFICE AND HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING IN OVER 140 CHINESE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HE HOPED THE NEXT RECIPIENTS OF THE LEADERSHIP AWARD WOULD GO TO THESE VOLUNTEERS WHOSE CONTRIBUTION AND COMMITMENT SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

AGED 44, MR MA JOINED HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN 1968. HE HAS BEEN A SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN THE LONDON OFFICE SINCE 1989 AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIAISON WORK WITH THE CHINESE AND THE UK COMMUNITIES.

THE AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER WAS HELD IN LONDON CHINATOWN. THE COMMISSIONER, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WAS ALSO PRESENT AS A GUEST OF HONOUR.

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MORE RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 174 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 58 MEN, 44 WOMEN, 41 BOYS AND 31 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 144TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE GROUP BROUGHT TO 707 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 27,019 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	23 FEB 93	23 FEB 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q308	Y386
AMOUNT APPLIED	HK\$4,760 MN	HK\$1,720 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HK\$1,000 MN	HK\$200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	2.90 PCT	3.34 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	2.90 PCT	3.35 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 56 PCT	ABOUT 67 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	2.94 PCT	3.44 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 1 MARCH 1993 -

TENDER DATE	2 MAR 93	2 MAR 93
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q309	H359
ISSUE DATE	3 MAR 93	3 MAR 93
MATURITY DATE	2 JUNE 93	1 SEPT 93
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$1,000 + 200 MN	HK\$400 + 80 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION -----
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,635
REVERSAL OF LAF	+515
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,150
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-145
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,005
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 113.7 *-0.3* 23.2.93	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.54 PCT	15 MONTHS	2405	5.50	102.60	3.35
1 MONTH	2.71 PCT	18 MONTHS	2408	5.50	101.38	3.44
3 MONTHS	2.85 PCT	21 MONTHS	2411	4.375	101.62	3.68
6 MONTHS	2.97 PCT	24 MONTHS	2502	4.625	101.62	3.93
12 MONTHS	3.39 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 11,711MN

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