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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY SHOWED AN ENUMERATED POPULATION OF 5 022 000 ON MARCH 9, 1981.

THIS FIGURE INCLUDES 14 000 TRANSIENTS AND 20 000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, BUT EXCLUDES 120 000 RESIDENTS WHO WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG ON THE REFERENCE DATE.

TAKING THESE INTO ACCOUNT, THE TOTAL RESIDENT POPULATION OF HONG KONG BECOMES 5 108 000.

THE MARCH 1981 HEADCOUNT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1 074 000 PEOPLE OR 27.2 PER CENT OVER THE 1971 CENSUS COUNT, GIVING AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 2.4 PER CENT.

IT WAS FOUND IN THE CENSUS THAT THERE WERE 1 090 MALES TO EVERY 1 000 FEMALES- THE SEX RATIO FOR 1971 WAS 1 033 MALES PER 1 000 FEMALES. THE INCREASE IN THE PROPORTION OF MALES OVER FEMALES DURING THIS PERIOD IS A RESULT OF THE LARGE INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, WHO WERE PREDOMINANTLY YOUNG AND MALE.

A BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE POPULATION, WITH THE 1971 CENSUS RESULTS FOR COMPARISON, IS AS FOLLOWS:

CENSUS AREA	1971 CENSUS		1981 CENSUS	
	ENUMERATED POPULATION *	%	ENUMERATED POPULATION *	%
HONG KONG ISLAND	996 000	25.2	1 183 000	23.6
KOWLOON	716 000	18.1	799 000	15.9
NEW KOWLOON	1 469 000	37.3	1 652 000	33.0
TSUEN WAN	276 000	7.0	608 000	12.1
YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN	175 000	4.4	308 000	6.1
TAI PO AND FANLING	132 000	3.3	183 000	3.6
SHA TIN	29 000	0.7	117 000	2.3
SAI KUNG SOUTH AND HANG HAU	26 000	0.7	42 000	0.8
ISLANDS	38 000	1.0	46 000	0.9
MARINE	80 000	2.0	50 000	1.0
TRANSIENTS	11 000	0.3	14 000	0.3
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES	-	-	20 000	0.4
TOTAL	3 948 000	100.0	5 022 000	100.0

* FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND.

FROM 1971 TO 1981, THE INCREASE IN POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY THE NEW TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS, WAS ESPECIALLY SUBSTANTIAL. INDEED, TSUEN WAN HAS RECORDED THE LARGEST ABSOLUTE INCREASE OF 332 000 PEOPLE IN THE PAST DECADE, AND SHA TIN HAS RECORDED A THREEFOLD INCREASE. AS A RESULT, THE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ROSE FROM 17 PER CENT IN 1971 TO 26 PER CENT IN 1981.

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THE MARINE POPULATION CONTINUED TO DECREASE DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS. ITS NUMBER IN 1981 WAS LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THAT IN 1971. THE AVERAGE RATE OF DECREASE WAS 4.6 PER CENT PER ANNUM.

ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY COUNT OF THE CENSUS, THE THREE MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS, IN ORDER OF THEIR POPULATION DENSITY, ARE SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK, AND HUNG HOM.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER SQUARE KM IN SHAM SHUI PO WAS 165 400.

+THESE PROVISIONAL FINDINGS OF THE CENSUS ARE BASED ON A PRELIMINARY MANUAL COUNT. FINAL AND MORE DETAILED RESULTS WILL BE RELEASED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CENSUS, WHICH COST SOME \$21 MILLION, TOOK PLACE FROM MARCH 6 TO MARCH 15.

DATA COLLECTION WAS CARRIED OUT BY SOME 12 500 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO VISITED ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE TERRITORY.

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COUNTRY AND COMMODITY BREAKDOWN FIGURES
FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-MARCH 1981
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1981, VALUED AT \$56 670 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 29 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1980. DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT TO \$16 064 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 28 PER CENT TO \$31 081 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 58 PER CENT TO \$9 526 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 30 PER CENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT RELEASED TODAY THE RELEVANT DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS.

/THE CHANGES

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN-MAR 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-MAR 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	5 361	4 352	+1 009	+23
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 606	1 616	- 10	- 1
U.K.	1 516	1 373	+ 144	+10
JAPAN	555	498	+ 57	+11
CHINA	552	305	+ 248	+81
AUSTRALIA	523	452	+ 71	+16
CANADA	428	347	+ 81	+23
SINGAPORE	376	369	+ 7	+ 2
NETHERLANDS	370	349	+ 21	+ 6
NIGERIA	323	198	+ 125	+63

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$585 MILLION OR 41 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (BY \$292 MILLION OR 140 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$165 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$68 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS DECLINED (BY \$46 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

AS FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY, INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN CLOTHING (BY \$69 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$5 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINED (BY \$13 MILLION OR 10 PER CENT, AND \$40 MILLION OR 23 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY).

INCREASES WERE NOTED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.K. OF CLOTHING (BY \$40 MILLION OR 6 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$37 MILLION OR 67 PER CENT), AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$12 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$47 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$75 MILLION OR 525 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$45 MILLION OR 136 PER CENT) TO CHINA.

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

	<u>JAN-MAR 81</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-MAR 80</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	5 669	4 574	+1 095	+24
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	2 246	2 171	+ 75	+ 3
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1 686	1 313	+ 373	+28
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1 117	1 129	- 13	- 1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	1 109	883	+ 226	+26
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1 102	1 035	+ 67	+ 6

/THE CHANGES

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

	JAN-MAR 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-MAR 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	7 480	5 383	+2 097	+39
CHINA	6 044	4 419	+1 624	+37
U.S.A.	3 310	2 892	+ 417	+14
TAIWAN	2 539	1 695	+ 843	+50
SINGAPORE	2 307	1 532	+ 774	+51
U.K.	1 440	1 111	+ 329	+30
SOUTH KOREA	1 306	798	+ 508	+64
F.R. OF GERMANY	796	745	+ 52	+ 7
SWITZERLAND	722	667	+ 55	+ 8
THAILAND	445	413	+ 32	+ 8

LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$429 MILLION OR 94 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$312 MILLION OR 69 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$222 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$205 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$205 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$376 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$303 MILLION OR 92 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$97 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$77 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$94 MILLION OR 439 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$77 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$58 MILLION OR 143 PER CENT), AS WELL AS VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$55 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES (BY \$124 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT) AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (BY \$63 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$451 MILLION OR 72 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN, AND OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$672 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE.

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

	JAN-MAR 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-MAR 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	9 204	7 221	+1 983	+27
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	7 099	5 129	+1 971	+38
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	5 039	3 452	+1 586	+46
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	3 075	2 504	+ 571	+23
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	2 404	1 712	+ 692	+40
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 112	2 118	- 6	LESS THAN 0.5%

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 266 MILLION OR 192 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$464 MILLION OR 99 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$430 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$268 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$117 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$112 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$103 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), SOUTH KOREA (BY \$72 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), PANAMA (BY \$68 MILLION OR 235 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (BY \$60 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE F.R. OF GERMANY (BY \$37 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$70 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$880 MILLION OR 122 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$412 MILLION OR 247 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$289 MILLION OR 133 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$279 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$187 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

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+THE HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, BEING A SUMMARY REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN MARCH 1981, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$3 PER COPY.

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MONTH'S IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY JUNE 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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NEED TO PROTECT HONG KONG'S TRADING REPUTATION STRESSED

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+PROTECTION OF OUR TRADING REPUTATION IS OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST CREEPING PROTECTIONISM,+ SAID THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD TODAY (MAY 14).

BECAUSE OF ITS COLOURFUL ORIGINS, HONG KONG WAS GOOD HEADLINE MATERIAL IN THE WORLD PRESS.

+IT HAS A MYSTERIOUS, BIZARRE, BUCCANEERING, 'OPIUM DENS AND HAUNT OF PIRATES' FLAVOUR TO IT IN THE EYES OF MANY WESTERN READERS- AND IT IS NOT TOO LONG A STEP FROM THERE TO AN IMAGE OF SWEAT SHOPS, FIERCE COMPETITION, DANGEROUS GOODS AND FRAUDS,+ HE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON.

+GIVE A DOG A BAD NAME AND IT WILL STICK,+ HE SAID.

THIS WAS AGGRAVATED BY WHAT LESS REPUTABLE JOURNALISTS WERE PREPARED TO PUBLISH, SAID MR DORWARD, GIVING EXAMPLES.

A REPORT IN A SCOTTISH NEWSPAPER ABOUT A GLASGOW WOMAN'S TERRIFYING ENCOUNTER WITH BOMBS ON A NEW TERRITORIES ROAD WAS INVESTIGATED AND FOUND TO BE A HOAX BY GLASGOW STUDENTS.

EVEN MORE DAMAGING, PERHAPS, WAS A RECENT FRENCH TELEVISION PROGRAMME MADE BY A TEAM WHO CAME HERE, SO THEY SAID WHEN THEY ASKED FOR HELP, TO MAKE A SERIES CALLED 'ASIAN CHALLENGE', SAID MR DORWARD.

+THE PART OF THE PROGRAMME DEVOTED TO HONG KONG CONSISTED OF AN INTERVIEW ON GAMBLING IN MACAU, HORSE RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY - NEITHER OF WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH THE ASIAN CHALLENGE -- AND THEIR ALLEGATIONS, BASED ON ONE SO-CALLED EXAMPLE, THAT HONG KONG IS A 'COUNTERFEITER'S PARADISE' WHICH 'PILLAGES THE IDEAS OF OTHERS',+ HE SAID.

THE T.V. JOURNALISTS, APPARENTLY MOTIVATED BY THAT THEORY THAT ONE SHOULD NEVER SPOIL A STORY FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING THE FACTS RIGHT, WENT ON TO CLAIM, QUITE WRONGLY, THAT DESIGNS CANNOT BE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

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ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HONG KONG HAD ITS SHARE OF COMMERCIAL VILLAINS AND SHARP BUSINESSMEN, MR DORWARD SUMMARISED THE LEGISLATION AND ACTION TAKEN TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AT HOME AND OVERSEAS.

BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COPYRIGHT PROTECTION UNIT IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN 1973, HONG KONG, LIKE MOST CITIES IN ASIA AND A LOT OF THE REST OF THE WORLD WAS FLOODED WITH PIRATED MUSIC CASSETTES.

IN FIVE YEARS THE UNIT WITH, AT ITS PEAK, JUST OVER 40 MEN, VIRTUALLY STAMPED OUT THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF THESE CASSETTES IN HONG KONG, AND WAS NOW TRYING TO ACHIEVE THE SAME SUCCESS IN THE FIELD OF PIRATED VIDEO TAPES, SAID MR DORWARD.

+NO-ONE CAN PUT A FIGURE ON THE VALUE OF THE POSITIVE PUBLICITY WHICH RESULTS FROM ALL THIS, BUT AT A TIME WHEN HONG KONG IS A TARGET FOR PROTECTIONIST SNIPING, IT MUST BE SUBSTANTIAL.

+IRONICALLY, THE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY OUR SUCCESS IN TRACKING DOWN AND PROSECUTING THE COMPANIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MUSIC PIRACY, TEXTILE TRANSHIPMENTS AND OTHER INFRINGEMENTS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF TRADE TENDS, UNFORTUNATELY, TO GIVE CREDENCE TO ALLEGATIONS THAT IT IS MORE PREVALENT THAN INDEED IT IS,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO TEXTILE TRANSHIPMENT FRAUDS, COMMITTED MAINLY IN 1978 AND 1979, AND DETECTED DURING LAST YEAR, MR DORWARD SAID:
+I SAY WITH CONVICTION THAT WE ATTACKED THIS PROBLEM WITH ALL THE RESOURCES AND DEDICATION AT OUR DISPOSAL. WE TOOK COURT ACTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST A TOTAL OF 95 COMPANIES. AND, ALTHOUGH ONE CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY CERTAIN, I BELIEVE WE HAVE HAD THE PROBLEM VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED FOR ABOUT A YEAR.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE FACT THAT SUCH FRAUDS TOOK PLACE IS BEING USED, NOTABLY IN THE EEC, AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR A MORE RESTRICTIVE ATTITUDE IN CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. TALK OF PUNITIVE AND AUTOMATIC PENALTIES ON COUNTRIES OF ORIGINAL EXPORT IS BEING HEARD, HE SAID.

+A CONSIDERABLE PART OF OUR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND TRADE INVESTIGATION BRANCH, A TOTAL FORCE OF ABOUT 2 500, IS AT ANY GIVEN TIME DEPLOYED ON CONSIGNMENT CHECKS, FACTORY INSPECTIONS, CARGO EXAMINATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

+THIS IS NOT ONLY TO CURB THE MOVEMENT OF PROHIBITED ARTICLES, SUCH AS NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS, BUT TO MEET INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF SUCH THINGS AS ORIGIN CERTIFICATION, TEXTILE IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROLS, HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE HONG KONG CONSUMER, MR DORWARD SAID GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WAS ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE CONSUMERS REALISTICALLY COULD NOT PROTECT THEMSELVES.

HE CITED AREAS, WHICH WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TICD, WHERE THE PROVIDERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES COULD PREVENT CONSUMERS MAKING A FAIR JUDGEMENT, AND WHICH NOW CAME UNDER THE NEW TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE.

+THIS DEALS WITH MISDESCRIPTIONS ORALLY OR IN ADVERTISEMENTS= IT PROVIDES FOR MARKING ORDERS TO BE LAID DOWN= AND FOR INCREASED PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENTS.

+THE CONSUMER COUNCIL ORDINANCE HAS, OF COURSE, ALREADY MADE A CONSIDERABLE IMPACT. IT GIVES THE COUNCIL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT CONSUMERS BY PROVIDING FACTUAL INFORMATION AND SETTLING COMPLAINTS. MY DEPARTMENT WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE COUNCIL IN THIS EFFORT,+ HE SAID.

+WE HAVE REGRETTABLY FALLEN BEHIND IN THE MATTER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, BUT WE HAVE RECRUITED AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD AND ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN PREPARING A NEW LAW WHICH WILL, WE ANTICIPATE, DEFINE THE VARIOUS UNITS, SPECIFY TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND SET UP A SPECIAL INSPECTORATE. IMPLEMENTATION WILL, I EXPECT, BEGIN IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR FROM NOW,+ HE PREDICTED.

MR DORWARD SAID THAT OTHER AREAS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSUMER PROTECTION WERE HIRE PURCHASE AND PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARDS.

+WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING AN EXTENSION OF THE NEW TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE TO COVER MORE THAN JUST GOODS, AS AT PRESENT, AND TO INCLUDE, PERHAPS, SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATION,+ HE SAID.

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RECOGNITION OF CUSTOMS' ACTIONS AGAINST RECORD-PIRACY
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+THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO STEAL FROM HONG KONG INDUSTRY OR TO DECEIVE THE PUBLIC WITH COUNTERFEIT AND INFERIOR PRODUCTS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW,+ THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, TOLD REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS DURING A PRESENTATION OF \$68 000 TO THE SERVICE'S WELFARE FUND BY THE HONG KONG GROUP AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRODUCERS OF PHONOGRAMS AND VIDEOGRAMS (IFPI). THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY MR JAMES WOLSEY, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF IFPI, AND MR CHUNG KUM-PUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GROUP.

THE DONATION WAS IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION, SPECIFICALLY IN REDUCING MUSIC PIRACY IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS OF COURSE AN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT - OF WHICH THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART - TO PROTECT THE LEGITIMATE TRADE OF HONG KONG,+ SAID MR JORDAN.

+OUR RECORD SHOWS WE MEAN BUSINESS, AND I TRUST IT WILL SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS WHO MAY BE TEMPTED TO FLOUT COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION,+ HE CONTINUED.

MR JORDAN SAID THE SERVICE'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE COPYRIGHT LAWS IN HONG KONG HAVE A RELATIVELY SHORT HISTORY - JUST OVER SEVEN YEARS - BUT THE SUCCESSES ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

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+WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HELD AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS FOR THE NOTABLE RESULTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN REDUCING - IF NOT ELIMINATING - THE ILLEGAL TRADE OF MUSIC PIRACY IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR JORDAN SAID THAT THE SUCCESSES IN COMBATTING RECORD PIRACY WERE MOST SATISFYING IN THEMSELVES.

+BUT IT IS EVEN MORE GRATIFYING TO HAVE OUR EFFORTS RECOGNISED AND APPRECIATED IN SUCH A TANGIBLE MANNER AS YOU HAVE SEEN FIT TO DO TODAY,+ HE SAID.

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GOLD COIN CABINETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUALITY COIN PRESENTATION CABINETS ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE NEXT WEEK TO GOLD COIN COLLECTORS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE CABINETS, MADE OF SATIN-FINISHED DANISH ROSEWOOD, ARE PERFECT PRESENTATION CASES FOR STORING AND DISPLAYING THE GOLD COINS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL BE ON SALE FROM 9.30 AM TO 4 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (MAY 18-20).

A TOTAL OF 470 CABINETS ARE BEING OFFERED AT HK\$1 200 EACH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE CABINET ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INTEREST WHEN A PROTOTYPE WAS PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN LATE 1977. SINCE THEN, MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH TO PURCHASE SUCH A CABINET.

+ADDITIONAL CABINETS MAY BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A LATER DATE SHOULD DEMAND EXCEED SUPPLY.+

THE CABINET CONTAINS 14 RECESSES TO HOLD THE COMPLETE SERIES OF HONG KONG GOLD COINS, INCLUDING THE 12 NEW YEAR COINS, THE ROYAL VISIT COIN AND A COIN YET TO BE DESIGNATED. IT ALSO HAS A DRAWER TO HOLD THE GOLD COIN BOOKLETS.

EACH CABINET WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH THREE PLASTIC CAPSULES FOR THE FIRST THREE GOLD COINS, MARKING THE ROYAL VISIT (1975), THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON (1976) AND THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE (1977), WHICH WERE ISSUED WITHOUT SUCH CAPSULES.

THE LID OF THE CABINET IS IMPRESSED WITH THE HONG KONG COAT OF ARMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, THE CABINETS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE PER PERSON AND WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS, AT THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OFFICE OF THE TREASURY, 2ND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.+

PURCHASERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS.

+THEY MAY PAY EITHER IN CASH OR BY BANKER'S CASHIER ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO THE +GOLD COIN PRESENTATION CABINET ACCOUNT+. UNDATED OR POST DATED BANKER'S CASHIER ORDERS WILL BE REJECTED. PERSONAL CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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\$2 MILLION PWD LIGHTING CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A CONTRACT TODAY (THURSDAY) TO AU CHOW ELECTRICAL CO. LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR THE UNDERPASS AT THE KWUN TONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE \$2 MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, MR AU YEUNG CHOW.

THE PERMANENT LIGHTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATING LIGHT-SENSING CONTROL TO SWITCH ON AND OFF SELECTED GROUPS OF LAMPS TO COMPENSATE FOR VARIATIONS OF AMBIENT ILLUMINANCE, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY SYSTEM AND WILL PROVIDE A BETTER STANDARD OF LIGHTING FOR MOTORISTS AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

INSTALLATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF AUGUST.

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CDO BRINGS SERVICE TO PEOPLE

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WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPERATE A MOBILE ENQUIRY CENTRE ON A TRIAL BASIS STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY (MAY 20), BRINGING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN OUT-OF-THE-WAY AREAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CDO SAID THE +MOBILE CENTRE+, WHICH IS A SPECIALLY FITTED-OUT VAN, WILL PARK AT CHOI HUNG ESTATE POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PATROL POST FROM 6.30 PM TO 9 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY AND OUTSIDE FU SHAN HOUSE OF FU SHAN ESTATE FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM EVERY SATURDAY.

THE AIR-CONDITIONED CENTRE WILL BE MANNED BY THREE STAFF MEMBERS WHO WILL ADMINISTER STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, HANDLE ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS, AND DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT FORMS.

DESCRIBING THE SERVICE AS A MEANS OF +BRINGING GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CENTRE WILL BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE IF PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MOBILE ENQUIRY VAN WILL PARK IN THE COURTYARD OUTSIDE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, KING FUK STREET (NEXT TO SAN PO KONG MAGISTRACY) FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 16). PRESS ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR MARCUS YU OF WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3-222261.

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PUBLIC REMINDED TO KEEP FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS EFFICIENT

OWNERS OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER EXISTING FIRE SERVICE REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE UPKEEP OF SUCH FACILITIES.

FAILING TO DO SO COULD LEAD TO FINES UP TO \$2 000.

THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN IN A LETTER ISSUED BY THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ALL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND INCORPORATED OWNERS OF BUILDINGS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: +UNDER EXISTING FIRE SERVICE REGULATIONS, THE OWNERS OF ANY FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION OR EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN ANY PREMISES, SHOULD KEEP SUCH INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT IN EFFICIENT WORKING ORDER AT ALL TIMES AND HAVE IT INSPECTED BY A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY 12 MONTHS.+

HE SAID THAT OWNERS OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT INCLUDED THE OCCUPIERS OR THE OWNERS OF THE PREMISES IN OR ON WHICH THE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT WERE INSTALLED OR KEPT.

+WHEN THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDING HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED, THE RIGHTS AND POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF THE OWNERS IN RELATION TO THE COMMON PARTS OF THE BUILDING SHALL BE EXERCISED AND PERFORMED BY THE CORPORATION.

+BUT THIS CORPORATION DOES NOT DISCHARGE THE LIABILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL OWNERS FOR THE CONDITION OF THE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT WITHIN THEIR PREMISES,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

INDIVIDUAL OWNERS WERE THEREFORE URGED TO OBSERVE STRICTLY THE PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED: +IF THE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS OR EQUIPMENT INSIDE YOUR PREMISES REQUIRE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE, YOU SHOULD ENGAGE A REGISTERED FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION CONTRACTOR OF YOUR OWN CHOICE TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY WORK.

+A MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE ISSUED BY THE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION CONTRACTOR WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORK, AND A COPY FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.+

IN CASE OF DOUBT, THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE APPROACHED FOR ADVICE.

A LIST OF THE REGISTERED FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT ANY FIRE STATION, CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE.

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PLB PROHIBITED ZONES IN KOWLOON CITY

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WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 16), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING SEVERAL STREETS IN THE KOWLOON CITY AREA UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE STREETS ARE THE SECTION OF JUNCTION ROAD BETWEEN TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND FU MEI STREET, HENG LAM STREET BETWEEN FU MEI STREET EAST AND JUNCTION ROAD, AND WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD SECTION BETWEEN FU MEI STREET EAST AND JUNCTION ROAD.

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+ON DEMAND+ SERVICE TO FRANCE

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A SPEEDPOST +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE TO FRANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM MONDAY, MAY 18, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING +CONTRACT+ SERVICE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SERVICE IS RESTRICTED TO BUSINESS PAPERS, DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES WITHOUT COMMERCIAL VALUE AND IS AVAILABLE TO PARIS CITY, HAUTS DE SEINE, SEINE SAINT-DENIS AND VAL DE MARNE BEARING POSTAL CODE NUMBER PREFIXED BY 75, 92, 93 OR 94.

THIS REPRESENTS ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT TO THE SPEEDPOST SERVICES WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE FAST AND RELIABLE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS DOCUMENTS. PRE-DETERMINED FLIGHTS OUT OF HONG KONG ARE USED AND PACKAGES ARE SPECIALLY DELIVERED TO THE OVERSEAS ADDRESSEES.

THE CHARGES FOR THE SERVICE ARE \$90 FOR THE FIRST 500 GRAMMES AND \$15 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 500 GRAMMES.

THE STANDARD OF THE SERVICE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS :-

<u>POSTING</u>		<u>DELIVERY IN PARIS</u>	<u>DELIVERY IN OTHER PLACES</u>
MONDAY	1 PM	TUESDAY AFTERNOON	WEDNESDAY MORNING
TUESDAY	6 PM	THURSDAY MORNING	THURSDAY MORNING
WEDNESDAY	3 PM	THURSDAY AFTERNOON	FRIDAY MORNING
THURSDAY	6 PM	SATURDAY MORNING	MONDAY MORNING
FRIDAY	6 PM	MONDAY MORNING	MONDAY MORNING
SATURDAY	3 PM	MONDAY MORNING	MONDAY AFTERNOON

CUSTOMERS WISHING TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222, OR THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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RESIDENTIAL SUMMER COURSE FOR MUSIC TEACHERS
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A FIVE-DAY RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR MUSIC TEACHERS WILL BE HELD IN JULY AT SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WITH LECTURES BY WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS AND COMPOSERS.

VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSIC CURRICULUM WILL BE COVERED, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE TECHNIQUE OF ARRANGING MUSIC FOR CLASSROOM USE.

THE COURSE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

TWO COMPOSERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, MR MICHAEL HURD AND MR KENNETH PLATTS WILL DELIVER LECTURES AND CONDUCT MUSIC WORKSHOPS FEATURING THEIR OWN COMPOSITIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

MISS CYNTHIA FOK, WHO BEGAN HER MUSICAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG, WILL RUN A SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON DALCROZE EURYTHMICS, A METHOD OF MUSICAL TRAINING FOR THE YOUNG.

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO MUSIC APPRECIATION COMPRISING A SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR KEITH ANDERSON, WHO IS ENGAGED IN MUSIC CRITICISM AND PRIVATE TUITION.

THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM JULY 22 TO 26 FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

COURSE FEES WILL BE \$280. A LIMITED NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENTIAL PLACES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AND FEES WILL BE \$220.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICER, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG= AND ALSO AT THE MUSIC SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CAROLINE MANSION, 4/F, 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY JUNE 15 TO THE EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WANTS PART-TIME STAFF
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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME TEACHERS TO START WORKING WITH THE CHOIR NEXT MONTH.

THERE ARE VACANCIES FOR AN ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR AND TWO ACCOMPANISTS.

THE ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR SHOULD HAVE REACHED GRADE EIGHT IN PIANO OR VOCAL MUSIC AND HAVE EXPERIENCE, WHILE THE ACCOMPANISTS SHOULD HAVE REACHED GRADE SEVEN IN PIANO IN THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

THE ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR WILL BE PAID \$500 PER MONTH AND THE ACCOMPANISTS \$400 PER MONTH. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES WILL BE PAID FOR EACH PERFORMANCE.

TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM AT SAI KUNG MAN YEE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSTS SHOULD REACH SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BY MAY 30.

THE CHOIR, INAUGURATED LAST MARCH WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 80, NOW HAS 200 MEMBERS AGED FROM SIX TO 14. IT BECAME AN INDEPENDENT BODY IN FEBRUARY.

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