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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENS MTR TOMORROW

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IN CHATER STATION TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE PRINCESS AND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AND LADY MACLEHOSE, WILL ARRIVE AT TSIM SHA TSUI STATION AT 10.20 AM WHERE THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MTR CORPORATION, MR NORMAN THOMPSON WHO WILL PRESENT TO THE PRINCESS EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE MTRC AND THEIR WIVES.

THE PARTY WILL THEN BOARD A SPECIAL TRAIN FOR CHATER STATION WHERE THE PRINCESS WILL MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR.

IN THE CHATER STATION LOBBY PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL BE INVITED TO UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF MTR. AFTER THE OPENING THE PRINCESS AND MR OGILVY WILL MEET A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AT A LARGE RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 1 500 PEOPLE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PRINCESS AND MR OGILVY WILL ATTEND A LUNCHEON OF MTRC AT 1.15 PM IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF HILTON HOTEL. AT THE END OF THE LUNCHEON, THE PRINCESS WILL GIVE A SPEECH.

THE ROYAL COUPLE'S LAST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DAY WILL BE A DINNER WITH THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES AND OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AT THE OFFICERS' MESS AT BRITISH FORCES HEADQUARTERS IN HMS TAMAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES

MTR OFFICIAL OPENING: TRANSPORT FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT AT TSIM SHA TSUI STATION WILL LEAVE THE CGO CAR PARK AT 9.30 AM SHARP TOMORROW.

NO PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR COVERING THE PLAQUE-UNVEILING IN CHATER STATION. ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO PRESS POSITIONS C AND D ARE REQUESTED TO MEET GIS OFFICERS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AT 9.45 AM SHARP TOMORROW. THE PARTY WILL THEN PROCEED ON FOOT TO CHATER STATION. FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO POSITION C TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF THE SPECIAL TRAIN FROM TSIM SHA TSUI, THEY ARE ADVISED TO BRING THEIR TELEPHOTO-LENSES TO COVER THE ASSIGNMENT.

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LUNCHEON IN HILTON HOTEL: ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO MEET GIS OFFICERS OUTSIDE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE AT 1.15 PM SHARP TOMORROW.

DINNER WITH CBF AND OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES: A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES, HMS TAMAR FOR COVERING THE PRINCESS'S ARRIVAL FOR THE DINNER. THOSE WISHING TO USE THE FACILITY SHOULD MEET JSPRS AND GIS OFFICERS OUTSIDE HMS TAMAR AT 8 PM SHARP TOMORROW.

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WHERE TO SEE HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

FOLLOWING IS A GUIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE THE PRINCESS AS SHE PROCEEDS TO THE EVENT.

AT 10.05 AM THE ROYAL MOTORCADE WILL LEAVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND TRAVEL VIA GARDEN ROAD, QUEENSWAY, ARSENAL STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

AFTER CROSSING THE HARBOUR, THE MOTORCADE WILL TRAVEL THROUGH CHEONG WAN ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, SALISBURY ROAD TO ARRIVE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI MTR STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND HAIPHONG ROAD AT 10.20 AM.

HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL BOARD A SPECIAL TRAIN AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI STATION FOR CHATER STATION.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE PRINCESS WILL LEAVE THE CHATER STATION AT 11.30 AM AND BOARD THE ROYAL MOTORCADE AT THE PEDDER STREET EXIT TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND UPPER ALBERT ROAD.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ATTENDS POLICE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR

CHEERS AND A SEA OF SMILING FACES GREETED HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN THEY JOINED MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THEIR ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR.

THE ACCENT WAS ON INFORMALITY AS THE PRINCESS MINGLED AND CHATTED WITH SOME OF THE 20 000 WHO THROGGED THE COLOURFUL FAIR GROUNDS AT THE POLICE CLUB AT KAI TAK.

ANXIOUS ORGANISERS WHO HAD BEEN KEEPING A WARY EYE ON THE WEATHER AND NERVOUSLY CHECKING LAST MINUTE DETAILS, SEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENTLY REGAINED THEIR COMPOSURE WHEN THE ROYAL COUPLE ARRIVED.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND MR OGILVY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER, MR ROY HENRY WHO PRESENTED MR K.L. YUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID LOW, MRS ELAINE CHAN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE AND CLUB MANAGER, MR AU-YEUNG CHUN.

THE PRINCESS, WHO IS HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE RHKPF, FIRST TOURED THE CLUB HOUSE WHERE SHE WATCHED LIVELY DISPLAYS OF JUDO AND TABLE TENNIS BY SOME OF THE FORCE'S FINEST SPORTING TALENTS.

OUTSIDE ON THE LAWN, SHE DOTTED THE EYES OF A LION AND A DRAGON AND RECEIVED A BOUQUET FROM NINE-YEAR-OLD LO KA-MUN, DAUGHTER OF SERGEANT LO HOK-YUEN.

SURROUNDED BY SCORES OF CHILDREN, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND MR OGILVY TOURED THE VARIOUS GAMES STALLS OFTEN STOPPING TO WATCH AND CHAT WITH PLAYING CHILDREN.

THE ROYAL COUPLE ALSO WATCHED A CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW.

BEFORE WINDING UP A BUSY AFTERNOON, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA MET JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND HAD TEA WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUNIOR CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL AND THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

DURING THE RECEPTION, THE ROYAL COUPLE RENEWED THEIR ACQUAINTANCE WITH INSPECTOR CHENG TAK-WAH, WHOM THEY FIRST MET IN UK IN AUGUST 1975.

MR CHENG, WHO WAS THEN 17, WAS AMONG THE FOUR WINNERS IN THE +HELP THE POLICE COMPETITION+. THEIR PRIZE WAS A TRIP TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WHERE THEY MET THE ROYAL COUPLE.

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HANDICAPPED CHILDREN SHOW OFF THEIR TALENTS TO
THE PRINCESS

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IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT YOU CAN SHOW OFF TO AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE HOW WELL YOU CAN HANDLE A BOW AND ARROW, DANCE, PLAY BASKETBALL, OR RIDE A HORSE, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE DISABLED.

THIS MORNING, HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN POKFULAM NOT ONLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS, BUT ALSO DOING SO FOR PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.

THE PRINCESS WAS SO DELIGHTED WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE THAT SHE OVERSTAYED HER VISIT TO THE CENTRE AND GAVE THEM MANY ENCOURAGING SMILES.

AMONG THE CHILDREN SHE MET WERE FOUR YOUNGSTERS WHO WERE DOING THEIR RIDING LESSONS. OTHERS DISPLAYED THEIR SKILLS ON HORSE BACK DESPITE VARIOUS HANDICAPS.

THE HON ANGUS OGILVY JOINED THOSE PRACTISING ARCHERY AND WON THEIR APPLAUSE WHEN HE HIT THE TARGET WITH HIS ONE AND ONLY SHOT.

THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, RUN BY THE PHAB ASSOCIATION, PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO MIX WITH THE ABLE-BODIED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

THE CENTRE HAS A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, A SWIMMING POOL, A DINING HALL, AN ARCHERY RANGE, A RIDING SCHOOL NEARBY, AND WELL FURNISHED LODGINGS FOR OVER-NIGHT CAMPERS.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, HAD A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME OF THESE FACILITIES.

THE PRINCESS ALSO MET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHAB ASSOCIATION, MR LI KWAN-HUNG AND SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF HIS ASSOCIATION.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ATTENDS UMELCO DINNER

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND HER HUSBAND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY THIS (MONDAY) EVENING ATTENDED A DINNER PARTY GIVEN IN THEIR HONOUR BY UMELCO MEMBERS.

THE ROYAL COUPLE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND LADY MACLEHOSE, WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN- SIR SIDNEY GORDON, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG.

SIR YUET-KEUNG LATER PRESENTED OTHER UMELCO MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES TO THE PRINCESS AND MR OGILVY.

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VALUE OF HK'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1979 UP 37 PER CENT
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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN 1979 ROSE BY 37 PER CENT TO \$55 912 MILLION COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEAR, IMPORTS UP BY 36 PER CENT TO \$85 837 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS UP BY 52 PER CENT TO \$20 022 MILLION, ACCORDING TO TRADE STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY).

THE MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE FOR 1979 AMOUNTED TO \$161 771 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 38 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO TEN MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>JAN-DEC 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
USA	18 797	15 125	+ 3 672	+ 24
WEST GERMANY	6 344	4 426	+ 1 918	+ 43
UK	5 974	3 871	+ 2 103	+ 54
JAPAN	2 656	1 856	+ 800	+ 43
AUSTRALIA	1 789	1 494	+ 295	+ 20
CANADA	1 637	1 271	+ 366	+ 29
SINGAPORE	1 413	1 104	+ 309	+ 28
NETHERLANDS	1 406	937	+ 469	+ 50
FRANCE	1 004	575	+ 429	+ 75
SWITZERLAND	949	683	+ 266	+ 39

INCREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO USA WERE REGISTERED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$937 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$532 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$397 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$277 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$259 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN SHIPMENTS TO WEST GERMANY, PARTICULARLY FOR CLOTHING (BY \$991 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$287 MILLION OR 138 PER CENT), AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$214 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

INCREASED DEMAND FROM THE UK WAS LARGELY FOR CLOTHING (BY \$920 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$266 MILLION OR 123 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$161 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$132 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT).

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING (BY \$271 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$88 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT) TO JAPAN AND OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$78 MILLION OR 126 PER CENT) TO CANADA.

AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION IS PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>JAN-DEC 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	20 131	15 709	+ 4 422	+ 28
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	9 454	6 634	+ 2 820	+ 43
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5 126	3 263	+ 1 863	+ 57
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	4 065	2 869	+ 1 196	+ 42
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	4 063	2 819	+ 1 244	+ 44
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	3 235	2 109	+ 1 126	+ 53

OVERSEAS DEMAND FOR HONG KONG MANUFACTURED GOODS REMAINED FAIRLY ACTIVE DURING THE YEAR. MARKED INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 620 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$1 002 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$918 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), AND RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVERS (BY \$558 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE NOTED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CONTROLLING INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS (BY \$19 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), AND ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$6 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT).

/THE CHANGES

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

	<u>JAN-DEC 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	19 320	14 405	+ 4 915	+ 34
CHINA	15 130	10 550	+ 4 580	+ 43
USA	10 365	7 519	+ 2 846	+ 38
TAIWAN	6 035	4 257	+ 1 778	+ 42
SINGAPORE	4 821	3 219	+ 1 602	+ 50
UK	4 350	2 975	+ 1 375	+ 46
WEST GERMANY	2 775	2 072	+ 703	+ 34
SWITZERLAND	2 592	2 115	+ 477	+ 23
SOUTH KOREA	2 529	1 793	+ 736	+ 41
AUSTRALIA	1 579	1 274	+ 305	+ 24

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ROSE CONSIDERABLY, MAINLY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$670 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$609 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$549 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$395 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$355 MILLION OR 40 PER CENT), AND ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$303 MILLION OR 34 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE LARGELY OF TEXTILES (BY \$959 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$702 MILLION OR 93 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$471 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT), AND FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS (BY \$168 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM USA ALSO SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS, AND CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$409 MILLION OR 165 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$350 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$289 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$117 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT).

MARKED INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$931 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE, AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$259 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN.

/THE FOLLOWING

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

	<u>JAN-DEC 79</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-DEC 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	26 931	20 498	+ 6 433	+ 31
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	18 609	12 467	+ 6 142	+ 49
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	12 525	8 884	+ 3 641	+ 41
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	9 646	8 207	+ 1 439	+ 18
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 819	4 606	+ 2 213	+ 48
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	4 906	3 122	+ 1 784	+ 57

BY COMMODITY, INCREASES IN IMPORTS WERE DUE MAINLY TO THE GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR TEXTILES (BY \$3 182 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$1 925 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 731 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$1 200 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$1 130 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$1 101 MILLION OR 514 PER CENT), TO USA (BY \$763 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT), TO TAIWAN (BY \$509 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT), TO SINGAPORE (BY \$414 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT), AND TO INDONESIA (BY \$382 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

THE DEMAND FOR RE-EXPORTS CONTINUED TO RISE, PARTICULARLY FOR TEXTILES (BY \$958 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$531 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$471 MILLION OR 102 PER CENT), PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (BY \$445 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT), AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$366 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

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THE TRADE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 1979 (1973 = 100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	329	172	191
IMPORTS	341	178	191

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX, EXPRESSED AS THE RATIO OF UNIT VALUE INDEX FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THAT FOR IMPORTS, FOR NOVEMBER 1979 WAS 97.

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PILOT MARINE CENSUS BEGINS TOMORROW
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ABOUT 1 000 HOUSEHOLDS LIVING ON HOUSE BOATS, FISHING JUNKS, LIGHTERS AND OTHER VESSELS IN ABERDEEN, CAUSEWAY BAY AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE VISITED BY ENUMERATORS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UNTIL FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE PILOT MARINE CENSUS, TIMED TO TAKE PLACE JUST BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHEN VIRTUALLY ALL VESSELS RETURN TO BASE. THE PILOT CENSUS FOR THE LAND POPULATION WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 7 TO 16.

ALL ENUMERATORS WILL BE CARRYING A RED SACHEL AND WILL HAVE TO SHOW A YELLOW CENSUS IDENTITY CARD, BEARING THE HOLDER'S PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME, BEFORE CONDUCTING AN INTERVIEW.

THESE MARINE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE ALL BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR THE PILOT CENSUS AND REPRESENT A CROSS-SECTION OF THE FLOATING POPULATION. THEY WILL BE ASKED QUESTIONS ON EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, INCLUDING SOME BASIC PERSONAL PARTICULARS, SOME DETAILS ON OCCUPATION AND EARNINGS, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, PLACE OF ORIGIN, AND DISABLEMENT.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE THE LENGTH AND TYPE OF THEIR VESSEL, THE NUMBER AND POWER OF ITS ENGINES, AND TO STATE WHETHER LAND ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION WHICH THEY SUPPLY WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NEVER DISCLOSED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR PRIVATE ORGANISATION.

/THE ENUMERATORS

THE ENUMERATORS WILL HAVE TO TAKE AN OATH OF SECRECY BEFORE BEING SENT OUT ON ASSIGNMENTS. THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THE PILOT CENSUS WILL BE PROCESSED BY COMPUTER AND THE RESULTS PRESENTED IN TABLE FORM. NO PERSONAL PARTICULARS COULD BE IDENTIFIED. ALL CENSUS SCHEDULES WITH THE NAMES WILL BE DESTROYED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE CENSUS.

THE PILOT MARINE CENSUS, AND THE PILOT LAND CENSUS ARE +DRESS REHEARSALS+ FOR THE POPULATION CENSUS IN 1981.

THEY WILL TEST THE OPERATION PROCEDURES AND FIELD ORGANISATION TO BE ADOPTED AND WILL SHOW UP ANY DEFECTS IN THE SYSTEM FOR CORRECTION BEFORE THE MAIN OPERATION INVOLVING THE WHOLE POPULATION OF HONG KONG BEGINS.

+THE CENSUS IS FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND PROVISION OF SERVICES IF IT IS SUPPLIED WITH UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE DATA TO FORMULATE SOLIDLY-BASED PLANS.

+BY HELPING THE ENUMERATORS TO MAKE A GOOD JOB OF IT, THEY WILL BE HELPING THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A BETTER LIFE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ELEVATED WALKWAY IN CONNAUGHT ROAD
CENTRAL OPENS TO PUBLIC TOMORROW
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A SECTION OF THE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT TO AND FROM THE NEARBY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY: +THE SECTION OF FOOTBRIDGE INVOLVED RUNS FROM THE EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF CONNAUGHT CENTRE TO THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS.

+IT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PEDESTRIANS FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MTR BY PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TOMORROW.+

TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, PWD CONTRACTORS HAVE PUT UP THE RAILINGS ON BOTH SIDE OF THE ELEVATED WALKWAY WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE \$14.4 MILLION PROJECT, WHICH CONSISTS OF A 480-METRE-LONG ELEVATED WALKWAY RUNNING FROM PEDDER STREET TO GILMAN STREET AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THE COVERED FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM, THE BIGGEST PROJECT OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

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NORTH WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES TO BEAR BRUNT OF
DEVELOPMENT

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IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE NORTH WEST AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF FUTURE URBAN DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NEXT DECADE OR TWO AND WILL ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT COMPLEMENTARY ROLE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS THE BORDER IN SHEKOU AND SHENZHEN.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, MR JAMES SWEETMAN, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) DURING A SPEECH AT A MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR SWEETMAN SAID: +HOWEVER, THE PRESSURE IS ALREADY ON AND WILL INCREASE DURING THE COMING YEAR OR TWO AS MORE TEMPORARY INDUSTRIES AND URBAN OPEN STORAGE FACILITIES WILL BE DISPLACED FROM KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN TO MAKE ROOM FOR INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT THERE.

+THERE WAS ALSO A DEMAND FOR SITES FOR SMALL INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS THAT COULD NOT ADAPT TO MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS.

+ONE MAY ASK WHY WE STILL NEED THESE, BUT IN SOME CASES THEY OFFER A VALUABLE HOME FACTORY FOR ENTREPRENEURS WHO HAVE ALREADY OPENED BRANCHES OVERSEAS BUT WHO NEED A BASE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO INSURE AGAINST ECONOMIC VICISSITUDES IN THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEIR OVERSEAS FACTORIES ARE SITUATED.+

MR SWEETMAN SAID THIS RAPID URBAN DEVELOPMENT WAS SURE TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON AGRICULTURE, BUT THE SPECULATIVE NATURE OF MANY LAND HOLDINGS LEAD THE OWNERS TO LEAVE THEM LYING FALLOW WITHOUT TENANTS, THUS RESTRICTING THE GROWTH OF MARKET GARDENING IN AREAS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE SUITABLE FOR SUCH ACTIVITY.

+IT IS NECESSARY THEREFORE TO PROVIDE SOME FORM OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO BRING FALLOW LAND UNDER CULTIVATION WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THAT LAND,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ALSO MOST DESIRABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF LARGER PIG AND POULTRY FARMS CONCENTRATED INTO PARTICULAR AREAS, RATHER THAN SCATTERED AS THEY ARE NOW ALL OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE, IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND MORE EFFECTIVE ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES.+

ALL THESE PRESSURES AND REQUIREMENTS CALLED FOR THE NEED FOR A POSITIVE POLICY, EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE PUBLIC, UNDER WHICH WE COULD MEET THESE PRESSURES IN AN ORDERLY MANNER, THUS REVERSING THE PRESENT TREND TOWARDS RURAL SQUALOR, MR SWEETMAN SAID.

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HE SAID: +WE HAVE RECENTLY INSTITUTED A PILOT SCHEME TO LIBERALISE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FACTORIES UNSUITABLE FOR MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND OPEN STORAGE FACILITIES CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON AGRICULTURAL LAND UNDER SHORT TERM WAIVERS, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WE ARE INSISTING ON HIGHER STANDARDS OF ACCESS ROADS, FIRE-FIGHTING PRECAUTIONS, A LOWER SITE COVERAGE AND THE LANDSCAPING OF THESE AREAS TO CONVERT THEM INTO INDUSTRIAL PARKS RATHER THAN UNSIGHTLY RURAL SQUATTER SLUMS.+

IN FUTURE THE MAIN GOVERNMENT EFFORT IN DEVELOPMENT MUST, AS IN THE PAST, BE CONCENTRATED ON THE INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS PROVIDING A BALANCE OF HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

OUR RESOURCES FOR SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY WERE LIMITED, BUT WE WERE HAPPY TO ENCOURAGE, OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWNS, MORE COMPREHENSIVE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT, USING PRIVATE CAPITAL AND INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM FORM OF BALANCED DEVELOPMENT WHILE RETAINING SUFFICIENT OPEN AREAS IN ORDER NOT TO PREJUDICE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO TO BRING ABOUT A LONG OVERDUE CONSOLIDATION OF THE EXTREMELY FRAGMENTED LAND HOLDINGS WHICH CAME ABOUT AFTER CENTURIES OF RURAL OCCUPATION FOR CULTIVATION OF PADDY LAND.

+WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN HANDICAPPED IN RURAL RE-DEVELOPMENT IN THAT WE HAVE TOWN PLANNING LEGISLATION BUT NO GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH COMPREHENSIVE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT CAN TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE THE TOWNS.

+THE EXPERIENCE NOW BEING GAINED IN NAM WAI IN SAI KUNG AND SAN TIN IN YUEN LONG IS THEREFORE INVALUABLE IN BRINGING ABOUT A NEW CONCEPT OF RURAL RE-DEVELOPMENT AND I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ANYONE CONSIDERING SETTING UP SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR I BELIEVE THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND WE MUST PROVIDE A PRACTICAL AND HYGIENIC ALTERNATIVE TO THE INDISCRIMINATE RASH OF SMALL HOUSES BEING BUILT ALL OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES AND A SPREAD OF RURAL SQUATTER SQUALORS.+

BUT EVEN WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT, MR SWEETMAN SAID, A CONSIDERABLE INPUT OF GOVERNMENT STAFF TIME AND OTHER RESOURCES WAS REQUIRED AND SUCH PROJECTS PUT AN INCREASING STRAIN ON OUR ROAD SYSTEM.

+THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DELAYED AND EVEN JEOPARDISED UNLESS SUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT RESOURCES IN MANPOWER AND FINANCE ARE MADE AVAILABLE NOT ONLY STEADILY TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW TOWNS BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE THE BASIC SUPPORT FOR WHAT I HAVE HOPED WILL BE AN INCREASING STREAM OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.+

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EARLY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO THOSE RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE WHOSE COUPONS ARE DATED FOR PAYMENTS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THOSE WITH COUPONS TO BE CASHED ON FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18 AND 19 COULD DO SO ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14 AND 15 RESPECTIVELY.

HE SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH TREASURY OFFICES, POST OFFICES, AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WHERE THE COUPONS ARE CASHED.

HE ADVISED THOSE INVOLVED TO TAKE NOTE OF THEIR OWN CASHING DATES SO THAT THEY COULD GET THEIR PAYMENTS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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MARINA TO BE DEVELOPED IN SHAM WAN

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TENDER FOR THE ABERDEEN MARINE LOT AT SHAM WAN HAS BEEN AWARDED TO CLINTWOOD CO LTD.

THE LOT, NEXT TO THE FLOATING RESTAURANTS, WAS OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A MARINA.

THE CONDITIONS OF SALE REQUIRED THE DEVELOPER TO BUILD A MARINA WITH NOT LESS THAN 300 BERTHS ALONG WITH SUPPORTING FACILITIES OF DRY STORAGE, SLIPWAY, FUELLING AND WORKS AREA.

THE CONDITIONS ALSO REQUIRED THE DEVELOPER TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND A CHANDLERY.

THE LAND BASED ACCOMMODATION WILL BE LOCATED IN AN AREA WHICH HAS TO BE RECLAIMED AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF SALE.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SEES GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN SESSION
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY (MONDAY) SAW TWO OF THE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN SESSION HELD BETWEEN AIDED SCHOOLS TEACHERS AND SENIOR STAFF OF HIS DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

FIRST HE WENT TO THE BUDDHIST WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE AT EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY WHERE HE TALKED TO TEACHERS AND LISTENED TO THEIR VIEWS REGARDING COMMUNICATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR TEACHERS.

LATER THE DIRECTOR VISITED ANOTHER GROUP AT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS LO YU CHIK PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PITT STREET, KOWLOON.

SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALSO PAID SIMILAR VISITS TO THE 26 GROUP DISCUSSIONS HELD TODAY AT VARIOUS CENTRES IN SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INFORMAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AIM TO FURTHER IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE TOPICS UNDER DISCUSSION HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM AIDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE TOPICS INCLUDED COMMUNICATION AMONG TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND PARENTS- LEAVE AND SUPPLY TEACHERS- PROVIDENT FUND- TEACHER-CLASS RATIO- SALARY STRUCTURE AND PROMOTION- AND FRINGE BENEFITS AS ENJOYED BY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS.

AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ALSO DISCUSSED STUDENT GUIDANCE- OUTSIDE WORK- MORAL AND SEX EDUCATION- TEACHING PERIODS AND TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

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LEAFLET PUBLISHED ON SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK

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A FULL-COLOURED LEAFLET ON THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THE VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED.

THE NEW LEAFLET IS THE FOURTH SPONSORED BY THE CHARTERED BANK AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE AND IS THE SIXTH IN THE SERIES OF PUBLICATIONS ON COUNTRY PARKS. THE OTHER FIVE LEAFLETS ARE ON THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, THE KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK, THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK AND THE LION ROCK COUNTRY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY SAID, +AS SAI KUNG HAS BECOME A FAVOURITE OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA, THE LEAFLET WILL BE A USEFUL GUIDE TO THOSE VISITING THE VARIOUS SCENIC SPOTS.+

THE LEAFLET INCORPORATES A MAP OF THE AREA WHICH IS MADE UP OF THE SAI KUNG (EAST) AND SAI KUNG (WEST) COUNTRY PARKS.

THE COUNTRY PARK COVERS ABOUT 7 500 HECTARES OF LAND ON WHICH FACILITIES FOR CAMPING, SWIMMING, BOATING, PICNICKING AND BARBECUING ARE PROVIDED. AS IN OTHER COUNTRY PARKS, THERE ARE ALSO MANAGEMENT CENTRES, RAIN SHELTERS, FIRST AID POSTS, TOILETS, BARBECUE PITS, PICNIC AREAS AND CAMP SITES.

INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF VEGETATION AND SPECIES OF WILDLIFE WITHIN THE COUNTRY PARK IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE LEAFLET.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT THE FOUR MANAGEMENT CENTRES - PAK TAM AU, HOI HA, KEI LING HA AND PAK TAM CHUNG IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON LANTAU

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A SECTION OF KEUNG SHAN ROAD ON LANTAU ISLAND BETWEEN HANG PUI AND THE WESTERN EDGE OF SHEK PIK RESERVOIR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 AM TO 11.40 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 13) FOR HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S VISIT TO TAI O.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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