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FEE REVISION IN VEHICLE EXAMINATION AND CERTAIN LICENCES
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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAD APPROVED INCREASES IN VARIOUS LICENCES AND EXAMINATION FEES. THEY WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (JULY 16) AND COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

FEES FOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION, WHICH WERE SET IN 1978, HAVE NOW BEEN RAISED, HE SAID, TO REFLECT THE INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF PROVIDING THIS SERVICE. THE FEE FOR A PRIVATE CAR EXAMINATION HAS BEEN RAISED FROM \$60 TO \$120, FOR A LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE FROM \$60 TO \$150, AND FOR A HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE FROM \$110 TO \$220. FEES FOR EXAMINING PLBS AND OTHER BUSES HAVE ALSO BEEN INCREASED. THE COMPLETE LIST OF NEW CHARGES IS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>TYPES OF VEHICLES</u>	<u>OLD FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
	\$	\$
PRIVATE CAR, TAXI, TRAILER	60	120
GOODS VEHICLE UNDER 45 CWT	60	150
GOODS VEHICLE OVER 45 CWT	110	220
PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIGHT BUS	60	150
SINGLE-DECKER BUS	110	190
DOUBLE-DECKER BUS	110	220

FEES FOR TRADE LICENCES HAVE BEEN INCREASED FROM \$250 TO \$500.

FOR VEHICLE OWNERS PURCHASING LUCKY NUMBERS, THE COST OF TRANSFERRING THE NUMBER FROM ONE VEHICLE TO ANOTHER WILL NOW COST \$500 INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS \$300.

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' LICENCES WHICH WERE FIXED AT \$200 SINCE 1961 HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO \$500 PER ANNUM. ABOUT 2 000 PRACTISING INSTRUCTORS WILL BE AFFECTED. HOWEVER, THE INCREASE IS ONLY EQUIVALENT TO AN EXTRA \$6 PER WEEK, SO FEES CHARGED FOR LESSONS SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENTION WAS TO SET FEES AT A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL SINCE, IN MOST CASES, THE RATES WERE LAST REVISED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO.

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THE NEW FEES FOR THE FOLLOWING LICENCES AND PERMITS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TOMORROW:

	<u>PERMIT/LICENCE</u>	<u>LAST REVISED</u>	<u>OLD FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
			\$	\$
A	TRADE LICENCE	1961	250	500
B	PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SITE VEHICLE	1961	10	100
	AIRPORT PERMIT	1961	10	100
	TRAFFIC PERMIT	1961	10	100
	LONG/WIDE LOAD PERMIT	1961	5	25
C	REGISTRATION FEE	1961	10	20
D	TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION NUMBER	1974	300	500
E	DUPLICATE REGISTRATION BOOK	1974	15	50
	DUPLICATE TRAILER LICENCE	1961	2	10
	DUPLICATE VEHICLE LICENCE	1974	15	50
	DUPLICATE TRADE LICENCE	1974	15	50
F	INSTRUCTOR'S LICENCE	1961	200	500(ANNUAL)

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EXHIBITION CENTRE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT SIGNED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER TSAO TODAY (THURSDAY) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM TO CARRY OUT THE STAGE II CONSULTANCY FOR THE PROPOSED HONG KONG EXHIBITION CENTRE AT A COST OF \$3.6 MILLION.

THE CONSULTANCY GROUP COMPRISES TWO CANADIAN COMPANIES - ARCOP THOM ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS AND CONCORDIA MANAGEMENT CO. LTD. - AND TWO F.R. GERMAN COMPANIES - IGEDO AND WILKE.

A TEAM OF FIVE CONSULTANTS HAVE ALREADY STARTED WORK IN HONG KONG ON DRAWING UP A DETAILED BRIEF AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A MULTI-STORY DEVELOPMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON AN EXHIBITION CENTRE, BUT WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES AND MAXIMUM APPROPRIATE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WAN CHAI SITE; TO PROVIDE ESTIMATES OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS TO BE INCURRED, AS WELL AS REVENUE OBTAINABLE; AND TO RECOMMEND THE MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING SYSTEMS FOR THE EXHIBITION CENTRE.

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 HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-MAY 1982
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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO MAY 1982, VALUED AT \$105 883 MILLION, INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1981, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY SEVEN PER CENT TO \$30 885 MILLION, IMPORTS BY FIVE PER CENT TO \$57 028 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY TEN PER CENT TO \$17 970 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER INCREASED BY EIGHT PER CENT.

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

	JAN.-MAY 1982 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-MAY 1981 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	11 251	9 976	+1 275	+13
U.K.	2 671	2 754	- 83	- 3
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 458	2 632	- 174	- 7
CHINA	1 519	944	+ 575	+61
JAPAN	1 128	1 020	+ 108	+11
AUSTRALIA	1 079	864	+ 215	+25
CANADA	887	786	+ 101	+13
SINGAPORE	740	663	+ 77	+12
NETHERLANDS	635	598	+ 37	+ 6
FRANCE	592	579	+ 13	+ 2

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ROSE BY 13 PER CENT. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$603 MILLION OR 110 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$394 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$242 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$31 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$362 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$13 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS, HOWEVER, DECLINED BY \$48 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT.

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLINED IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (DECLINED BY \$21 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (DECLINED BY \$49 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND CLOTHING (DECLINED BY \$113 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT). DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED STEADILY (BY \$10 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$217 MILLION OR 161 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TEXTILES (\$132 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT) AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO AUSTRALIA (BY \$39 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

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

	JAN.-MAY 1982 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-MAY 1981 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	10 450	9 943	+ 507	+ 5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	5 578	4 304	+1 274	+30
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	2 884	3 053	- 169	- 6
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	2 469	2 061	+ 408	+20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2 232	1 962	+ 270	+14
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2 016	1 952	+ 63	+ 3

/THE CHANGES

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

	JAN.-MAY 1982 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-MAY 1981 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
CHINA	12 632	10 790	+1 842	+17
JAPAN	12 538	12 859	- 321	- 2
U.S.A.	6 031	5 751	+ 280	+ 5
TAIWAN	4 320	4 383	- 63	- 1
SINGAPORE	4 229	3 987	+ 242	+ 6
U.K.	2 771	2 457	+ 314	+13
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	1 940	2 247	- 308	-14
F.R. OF GERMANY	1 372	1 376	- 4	INSIGNI- FICANT
SWITZERLAND	1 100	1 229	- 129	-10
AUSTRALIA	957	755	+ 202	+27

LOCAL DEMAND FOR IMPORTED GOODS FROM CHINA REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN CLOTHING (BY \$441 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$268 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (BY \$212 MILLION OR 137 PER CENT), AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS (BY \$145 MILLION OR 45 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN, INCREASES WERE NOTED FOR TEXTILE FABRICS (BY \$196 MILLION OR 15 PER CENT) AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, AND MACHINE PARTS (BY \$81 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES YARN (BY \$169 MILLION OR 37 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$198 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$222 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$240 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$146 MILLION OR 28 PER CENT), AS WELL AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$72 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL RESINS AND PLASTIC MATERIALS (BY \$102 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT) AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$113 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT).

CONSIDERABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS FROM SINGAPORE (BY \$138 MILLION OR FIVE PER CENT), AND OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES FROM TAIWAN (BY \$173 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT). IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM TAIWAN DECLINED (BY \$157 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT).

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

	JAN.-MAY 1982 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-MAY 1981 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	16 598	15 940	+ 658	+ 4
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	12 736	12 560	+ 176	+ 1
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	9 460	8 906	+ 554	+ 6
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	6 050	5 226	+ 824	+16
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	4 572	4 314	+ 258	+ 6
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 874	3 565	+ 309	+ 9

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO U.S.A. (BY \$307 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), CHINA (BY \$244 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$201 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$146 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), SAUDI ARABIA (BY \$124 MILLION OR 65 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (BY \$117 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$104 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT), AND SINGAPORE (BY \$91 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO FRANCE (BY \$59 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AND U.K. (BY \$237 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING CLOTHING (BY \$275 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$234 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$209 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT). DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE RE-EXPORTS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$92 MILLION OR SEVEN PER CENT), AND METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$260 MILLION OR 62 PER CENT).

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

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN MAY, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY AUGUST AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AT HK\$10 A 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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MTR CHIEF LEAVING
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MR NORMAN THOMPSON, THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION SINCE ITS FORMATION, HAS INFORMED THE GOVERNOR THAT HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THE END OF HIS CURRENT CONTRACT, WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN MARCH 1983, AND THEREFORE HE HAS DECLINED WITH REGRET THE GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO ACCEPT A FURTHER CONTRACT.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID TODAY THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT MR THOMPSON HAD DECIDED NOT TO STAY ON FOR A FURTHER PERIOD.

HE SAID MR THOMPSON HAD MADE A MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND CONTROL IN THE TREMENDOUS TASK OF CONSTRUCTING AND BRINGING INTO OPERATION THE MTR.

+MR THOMPSON WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK ON HIS WORK IN HONG KONG WITH JUSTIFIABLE SATISFACTION AND PRIDE,+ HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP SAID THE PROCEDURE TO FIND A SUITABLE SUCCESSOR FOR MR THOMPSON IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC APPOINTMENT WOULD BEGIN SOON.

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HANOI ROAD AREA REDEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER GRANTING NEW LEASES TO SIX CORPORATIONS REPRESENTING ALL THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS AND 34 FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS OF LEASE EXPIRED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN HANOI ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BEFORE THIS WAS DONE, THOSE FORMER OWNERS WHO WERE NOT PARTY TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF NEW LEASES WOULD BE GIVEN A FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART.

+THEY WOULD BE GIVEN TWO MONTHS TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE,+ HE SAID. +AFTER THE TWO-MONTH PERIOD, NO FURTHER ACCOUNT WILL BE TAKEN OF THEIR NON-PARTICIPATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT ALL REGISTERED OWNERS OF INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN HANOI ROAD WERE INFORMED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA IN NOVEMBER 1978.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS WERE CONTAINED IN A DOCUMENT, COPIES OF WHICH WERE GIVEN TO THEM EXPLAINING THE OUTLINE TERMS OF GRANT OF CROWN LEASES FOR THE AREA.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED, HAD BEEN TO TRY AND ENSURE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA SO THAT THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAYOUT OF THIS PART OF TSIM SHA TSUI COULD BE IMPROVED. IT WAS ALSO GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO GIVE THE FORMER OWNERS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN JANUARY 1979, PROVISIONAL BASIC TERMS OF REGRANT WERE SENT TO ALL REGISTERED OWNERS OF PROPERTIES TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO WHAT THE PREMIA AND DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS WERE LIKELY TO BE.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONAL BASIC TERMS OFFER WAS RECEIVED FROM MORE THAN 75 PER CENT OF THE FORMER OWNERS OF EACH OF THE SIX NEW SITES, IN RATEABLE VALUE TERMS, IN DECEMBER 1979.

IN SEPTEMBER 1980, A MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD BY THE FORMER OWNERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PLAN, APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN FEBRUARY 1981, HAD THE SUPPORT OF ABOUT 98.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FORMER OWNERS CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF RATEABLE VALUE, WHICH WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE 75 PER CENT REQUIREMENT STIPULATED UNDER THE OUTLINE TERMS OF GRANT.

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+UNDER THE OUTLINE TERMS, THE FORMER OWNERS SHOULD HAVE FORMED THEMSELVES AT THAT STAGE INTO A CORPORATION OR CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FORMALLY TO GOVERNMENT FOR THE GRANT OF THE NEW SITES,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, STARTING FROM EARLY 1980, THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS AND FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS OVER THE APPORTIONMENT AND ALLOCATION OF SHARES IN THE CORPORATION(S) TO BE FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OUTLINE TERMS OF GRANT.+

THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS AND SOME UPPER FLOOR OWNERS WANTED THE SHARES DIVIDED ON THE BASIS OF THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE OLD LOTS, WHILE THE MAJORITY OF FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS ARGUED THAT THE ALLOTMENT OF SHARES SHOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR FORMER UNDIVIDED SHARE OWNERSHIP OF THE OLD LOTS.

SINCE THEN, 11 CORPORATIONS FORMED BY THE TWO GROUPS HAVE SEPARATELY APPLIED FOR THE GRANT OF NEW LEASES.

THE SIX CORPORATIONS FORMED BY ALL THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS AND 34 FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS, REPRESENT 67.39 PER CENT OF THE UNDIVIDED SHARES IN THE OLD LOTS AND 84.56 PER CENT BASED ON THE RATEABLE VALUE OF THE OLD LOTS.

THE FIVE CORPORATIONS FORMED BY A MAJORITY OF FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS REPRESENT 31.86 PER CENT OF THE UNDIVIDED SHARES IN THE OLD LOTS AND 15.07 PER CENT BASED ON RATEABLE VALUE.

DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS THE GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO BRING THE TWO GROUPS TOGETHER.

EXPLAINING THE GOVERNMENT DECISION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SIX CORPORATIONS INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS COMPRISING ALL THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS AND 34 FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS, HAD COMPLIED WITH THE OUTLINE TERMS OF GRANT OF CROWN LEASES PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING THE PARTICIPATION OF NOT LESS THAN 75 PER CENT OF ALL THE FORMER OWNERS, ON RATEABLE VALUE.

+IN FACT, THEY HAVE ACHIEVED A HIGH LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION, BOTH ON RATEABLE VALUE TERM AND ON AN UNDIVIDED SHARE BASIS,+ HE ADDED. +IN ADDITION, THE FORMER GROUND FLOOR OWNERS ARE NOT ISOLATED IN THEIR CAUSE AS THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT OF 34 FORMER UPPER FLOOR OWNERS.+

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WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) PUBLISHED WAGE INDEXES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN MARCH 1982, DERIVED FROM HALF-YEARLY WAGE SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

AS THE SURVEYS ARE NOT BASED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY SELECTED SAMPLE, THE RESULTS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS ROUGHLY INDICATIVE OF HOW WAGES HAVE BEEN CHANGING.

TAKING AVERAGE WAGES DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1973 TO JUNE 1974 AS 100, THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES (EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS) FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN MARCH 1982 WAS 262.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1981, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 38 POINTS OR 17 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1981, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 20 POINTS OR 8.3 PER CENT.

INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN MARCH 1982 WAS 269, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 38 POINTS OR 16.5 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1981 AND 20 POINTS OR EIGHT PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1981.

THE WAGE INDEXES FOR THE LARGER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT SHOW THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR MARCH 1982 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1981 AND SEPTEMBER 1981:

NOMINAL INDEX

EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS

INDUSTRY	MAR 81	SEPT 81	MAR 82	% CHANGE MARCH 82 OVER	
				SEPT 81	MAR 81
MANUFACTURING	224	242	262	+ 8.3	+17.0
TEXTILES	231	247	272	+10.1	+17.7
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	217	226	244	+ 8.0	+12.4
ELECTRONICS	251	258	292	+13.2	+16.3
GARMENTS	208	231	245	+ 6.1	+17.8
GLOVES	178	188	213	+13.3	+19.7
HANDBAGS	206	220	237	+ 7.7	+15.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	254	279	297	+ 6.5	+16.9
PLASTIC TOYS	219	228	252	+10.5	+15.1
PRINTING	261	298	317	+ 6.4	+21.5

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NOMINAL INDEX

INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS

INDUSTRY	MAR 81	SEPT 81	MAR 82	% CHANGE MARCH 82 OVER	
				SEPT 81	MAR 81
MANUFACTURING	231	249	269	+ 8.0	+16.5
TEXTILES	233	248	270	+ 8.9	+15.9
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	229	238	258	+ 8.4	+12.7
ELECTRONICS	263	272	308	+13.2	+17.1
GARMENTS	221	244	260	+ 6.6	+17.6
GLOVES	188	197	225	+14.2	+19.7
HANDBAGS	220	236	253	+ 7.2	+15.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS OTHER THAN FLOWERS AND TOYS	249	272	291	+ 7.0	+16.9
PLASTIC TOYS	216	223	247	+10.8	+14.4
PRINTING	271	307	323	+ 5.2	+19.2

THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES MEASURES CHANGES IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED AS WAGES BY WORKERS IN LARGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN 25 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE INDEX OF NOMINAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGES AS WELL AS IN SUCH FRINGE BENEFITS AS CASH BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES, FREE OR SUBSIDISED FOOD AND PAID HOLIDAYS.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED INDEXES OF REAL (THAT IS, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF INFLATION) AVERAGE DAILY WAGES (WITH AND WITHOUT FRINGE BENEFITS) FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS.

THE INDEXES OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES MEASURE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES RECEIVED AND ARE OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THEIR RESPECTIVE NOMINAL COUNTERPARTS BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A).

EXCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX OF REAL AVERAGE DAILY WAGES FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS IN MARCH 1982 WAS 135, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF THREE POINTS OR 2.3 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1981.

INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS, THE INDEX IN MARCH 1982 WAS 138, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF TWO POINTS OR 1.5 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1981.

THE SAME INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR BOTH INDEXES WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1981.

DETAILS OF WAGE MOVEMENTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 1982 SURVEY ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE WAGES AND LABOUR COST STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A NEW WAGE SURVEY TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE. THE NEW WAGE SURVEY REPRESENTS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EXISTING SURVEY.

IN GENERAL, THE COVERAGE OF THE NEW SURVEY HAS EXPANDED, SCIENTIFIC SAMPLING IS USED IN SELECTING THE SAMPLE WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN ENLARGED, AND THE NEW SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS INSTEAD OF BIANNUALLY.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THE NEW WAGE SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER 1982.

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SPORTS TRAINING CAMP

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IS ORGANISING A SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS TRAINING CAMP TO TAKE PLACE LATER THIS MONTH.

A NUMBER OF SPORTS BODIES ARE ALSO TAKING PART BY PROVIDING COACHES FOR THE CAMP WHICH IS SPLIT INTO TWO SECTIONS. THEY ARE THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

THE FIRST CAMP CONSISTS OF SOCCER, BADMINTON, TENNIS AND SWIMMING, AND STARTS ON JULY 20.

THE SECOND ONE, BEGINNING ON JULY 31, WILL INVOLVE BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, ATHLETIC AND FENCING.

ENROLMENT FOR THE CAMP HAVE STARTED AND VACANCIES ARE LIMITED TO 100 YOUTHS OF BOTH SEXES IN EACH CAMP. BEGINNERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

ALL THE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ULTRA-MODERN SILVER JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN.

THE FEE FOR THE FIVE-DAY CAMP IS \$100, WHICH INCLUDES TUITION, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE OPERATIONAL WING OF THE DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD POSSESS BASIC SKILLS OF THE SPORTS THEY CHOOSE, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A SELECTION PANEL BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED,+ HE SAID.

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EXHIBITION ON CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING

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A THREE-DAY JOINT EXHIBITION ON STUDENTS' WORK AND MATERIALS USED IN CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THE TIN KWONG ROAD GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL STARTING FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY). TEACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

+THE EVENT WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AIMS TO DISPLAY THE RELEVANT TEACHING/REFERENCE MATERIALS COVERING METHODOLOGY ADOPTED IN GIVING GUIDANCE TO PUPILS ON SUPPLEMENTARY READING IN CHINESE AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, MRS CHAN WONG SHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE WORKS OF STUDENTS OF 13 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME IN CHINESE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10.30 AM TO 4.30 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

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COMPUTER CONTROLLED LATHE

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THREE OUTSTANDING CRAFT STUDENTS, NOW ATTENDING THE TELEVISION MECHANICS COURSE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A LATHE.

THE TRIO HAD EMBARKED ON THE LOW-COST AUTOMATION SYSTEM PROJECT LAST NOVEMBER AS AN ENTRY IN THE JOINT-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CRAFT COMPETITION (1981/82).

THE SYSTEM CONSISTS OF A MICROPROCESSOR CONTROLLING A STEPPING MOTOR, WHICH IN TURN CONTROLS THE OPERATION OF A LATHE ACCORDING TO THE SET PROGRAMME. IT IS A LOW-COST AUTOMATION PROCESS THROUGH WHICH AN EXPERIENCED LATHE OPERATOR IS DISPENSED WITH IN OPERATING A LATHE.

THE COMPUTER CONTROLLED LATHE WAS DISPLAYED AND DEMONSTRATED IN A WORKSHOP DURING THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S OPEN DAY ON MARCH 5, THIS YEAR. THE SYSTEM WAS AGAIN DISPLAYED ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHEN HSONG SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY, 1981/82 ON APRIL 23.

VISITORS FROM THE LOCAL INDUSTRY WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH THIS SYSTEM ON BOTH OCCASIONS.

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MANUAL ON TRADE TEST GUIDELINES FOR CRAFT JOBS
IN PLASTICS INDUSTRY

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A MANUAL ON TRADE TEST GUIDELINES FOR PRINCIPAL CRAFT JOBS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

THIS MANUAL WAS PREPARED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE FORMER HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL. THE MANUAL WAS DESIGNED TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN ASCERTAINING OBJECTIVELY THE SKILL STANDARDS OF CANDIDATES FOR A JOB. SIX CRAFT JOBS THAT ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. EXAMPLES ARE ALSO INCLUDED TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN SELECTING SUITABLE TEST EXERCISES.

THE MANUAL, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$6 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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TRAM SERVICES CURTAILED ON SATURDAY

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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED THIS SATURDAY (JULY 17) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IN NORTH POINT.

THE LAST TRAM WILL LEAVE HAPPY VALLEY FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT 10 PM; FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO THE TRAM DEPOT AT 10.35 PM; FROM WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN AT 9.50 PM AND FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET AT 10.40 PM.

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HONG KONG JURY LIST

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THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR FRANCIS WILLIAM BLACKWELL, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON JULY 20.

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS DURING WHICH PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSE DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE. THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL, IF NECESSARY, ALTER THE LIST.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN HUNG HOM
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD NORTH BETWEEN YAN FUNG STREET AND KIANG HSI STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 17).

VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING ALONG THIS SECTION FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE ARRANGEMENT ALSO APPLIES TO SAN LAU STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD NORTH BETWEEN SHEK TONG STREET AND WUHU STREET.

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