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HONG KONG REGAINING RE-EXPORT ROLE

IN ADDITION TO BEING 27TH +IN THE LEAGUE OF EXPORTING NATIONS+, HONG KONG IS ALSO REGAINING ITS PREVIOUS IMPORTANCE AS A RE-EXPORT CENTRE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS IS DUE LARGELY TO THE OPENING UP OF CHINA AND HONG KONG'S EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRY'S AUTHORITIES, MR BREMRIDGE EXPLAINED, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG TRADE FAIR THIS MORNING.

+IN 1970 OUR TOTAL RE-EXPORTS WERE HK\$2.9 BILLION. THEY INCREASED, HOWEVER, OVER TEN TIMES TO \$30 BILLION IN 1980, BEING PRINCIPALLY TEXTILES, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

WHILE NOTING THAT THE HONG KONG TRADE FAIR IS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD HERE AND DEALS MAINLY WITH ENGINEERING, TRANSPORT AND BUSINESS EFFICIENCY, MR BREMRIDGE SAID THE WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION +CLEARLY INDICATE THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY HONG KONG IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE ASIAN REGION, WHICH HAS THE HIGHEST GROWTH RATE IN THE WORLD+.

ADDED TO A FINE NATURAL HARBOUR, AS WELL AS EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION AND BUSINESS FACILITIES, HONG KONG HAS AN +ADAPTABLE, INTELLIGENT AND HARDWORKING WORKFORCE,+ HE SAID.

+HONG KONG IS NOTED FOR ITS EFFICIENCY AND ABILITY TO REACT TO CHALLENGES. NEW TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS ARE IMPORTED AND QUICKLY ADAPTED TO LOCAL USE. HONG KONG ENCOURAGES FREE COMPETITION, AND ANYONE WITH ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING IS RECEIVED AND WELCOMED,+ MR BREMRIDGE SAID.

HONG KONG THRIVES ON A FREE ENTERPRISE ENVIRONMENT, HAS MAINTAINED A CONSISTENT POLICY OF LOW TAX STRUCTURE, MINIMUM CONTROLS ON BUSINESS, ABSENCE OF EXCHANGE CONTROL AND COMPLETE EQUALITY BETWEEN EXPATRIATE AND LOCAL COMPANIES.

+I AM A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THIS POLICY OF POSITIVE NON-INTERVENTION BY GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF MR BREMRIDGE'S SPEECH WILL BE BOXED SEPARATELY LATER TODAY.

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1981

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TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1981, VALUED AT \$189 161 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1980.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 16 PER CENT TO \$58 089 MILLION, IMPORTS BY 26 PER CENT TO \$100 859 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 43 PER CENT TO \$30 213 MILLION. DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS TOGETHER SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT.

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

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

	JAN-SEPT 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEPT 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE/ DECREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	20 988	16 933	+4 055	+24
U.K.	5 493	4 856	+ 637	+13
F.R. OF GERMANY	5 133	5 425	- 292	- 5
JAPAN	2 114	1 674	+ 440	+26
CHINA	1 937	1 049	+ 888	+85
AUSTRALIA	1 878	1 434	+ 444	+31
CANADA	1 705	1 289	+ 416	+32
SINGAPORE	1 259	1 321	- 62	- 5
NETHERLANDS	1 159	1 144	+ 15	+ 1
FRANCE	1 034	965	+ 69	+ 7

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. CONTINUED TO GROW.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 672 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$722 MILLION OR 46 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND PARTS FOR COMPUTERS (BY \$719 MILLION OR 85 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$267 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF OFFICE MACHINES DECLINED (BY \$73 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT).

INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF CLOTHING (BY \$213 MILLION OR NINE PER CENT), PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (BY \$202 MILLION OR 83 PER CENT), AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$107 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECREASED IN VALUE, INCLUDING WATCHES AND CLOCKS (DECLINED BY \$84 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT) AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (DECLINED BY \$82 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT). THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES INCREASED STEADILY (BY \$21 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

/SIGNIFICANT INCREASES

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF CLOTHING TO JAPAN (BY \$278 MILLION OR 56 PER CENT), AND IN THE DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$191 MILLION OR 283 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS (BY \$171 MILLION OR 144 PER CENT) TO CHINA.

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

	JAN-SEPT 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEPT 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING				
ACCESSORIES	20 351	17 139	+3 212	+19
MISCELLANEOUS MANU- FACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	9 521	8 353	+1 168	+14
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5 824	4 981	+ 843	+17
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	4 234	3 261	+ 973	+30
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3 993	3 675	+ 318	+ 9
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3 825	3 270	+ 555	+17

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

	JAN-SEPT 81 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-SEPT 80 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
JAPAN	23 505	18 166	+5 339	+29
CHINA	20 952	15 273	+5 679	+37
U.S.A.	10 816	9 854	+ 962	+10
TAIWAN	7 856	5 557	+2 299	+41
SINGAPORE	7 732	5 371	+2 361	+44
U.K.	4 477	3 876	+ 601	+16
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)	4 072	2 666	+1 406	+53
F.R. OF GERMANY	2 485	2 157	+ 328	+15
SWITZERLAND	2 122	2 055	+ 67	+ 3
AUSTRALIA	1 492	1 212	+ 280	+23

LOCAL DEMAND FOR JAPANESE GOODS REMAINED STRONG. INCREASES WERE NOTED PARTICULARLY FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$778 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$757 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$611 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$610 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT), AND TEXTILES (BY \$552 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT).

AS FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA, INCREASES WERE RECORDED MAINLY IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 383 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), CLOTHING (BY \$1 082 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$367 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES - MAINLY BASKETWORK, WICKERWORK AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PLAITING MATERIALS (BY \$228 MILLION OR 35 PER CENT) AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD (BY \$222 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WERE LARGELY OF ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$257 MILLION OR 32 PER CENT), ORGANIC CHEMICALS (BY \$189 MILLION OR 245 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (BY \$157 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT), AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$143 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (BY \$137 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT) AND TEXTILE FIBRES AND WASTES (BY \$404 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF TEXTILES (BY \$989 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT) FROM TAIWAN, AND OF PETROLEUM AND RELATED PRODUCTS (BY \$1 847 MILLION OR 52 PER CENT) FROM SINGAPORE.

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

	<u>JAN-SEPT 81</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN-SEPT 80</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, DIAMONDS, IRON AND STEEL, AND PAPER)	29 402	23 786	+5 616	+24
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	23 740	17 942	+5 798	+32
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	16 659	12 199	+4 460	+37
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	9 894	8 208	+1 686	+21
MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	8 106	5 953	+2 153	+36
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6 586	5 987	+ 599	+10

/SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH WAS RECORDED IN RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA (BY \$2 885 MILLION OR 100 PER CENT), U.S.A. (BY \$1 374 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT), INDONESIA (BY \$1 140 MILLION OR 58 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (BY \$587 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT), JAPAN (BY \$349 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (BY \$342 MILLION OR 50 PER CENT), MACAU (BY \$320 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), NIGERIA (BY \$247 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT), PHILIPPINES (BY \$227 MILLION OR 33 PER CENT) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (BY \$222 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN RE-EXPORTS TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (BY \$18 MILLION OR EIGHT PER CENT) AND SWITZERLAND (BY \$185 MILLION OR 38 PER CENT).

MOST COMMODITIES RE-EXPORTED THROUGH HONG KONG EXHIBITED STRONG GROWTH, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING TEXTILES (BY \$2 190 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$947 MILLION OR 122 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (BY \$785 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT), TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$620 MILLION OR 73 PER CENT), AND CLOTHING (BY \$477 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT).

THE SEPTEMBER 1981 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+, BEING A SUMMARY REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER 1981, WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$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 DECEMBER AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$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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TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED

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INTEREST PAYABLE BY LICENSED BANKS, BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AT RATES OF UP TO 12 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX FROM TODAY (MONDAY), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OF HALF A PER CENT IN THE EXEMPTION LIMIT, AND FOLLOWS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS ON FRIDAY THAT THE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WOULD BE REDUCED TO 12 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY.

A NOTICE SIGNED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY UNDER SECTION 28 (1) OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE TODAY.

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MAJOR PWD PROJECTS INSPECTED
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MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE TOOK A FIRST HAND LOOK THIS AFTERNOON AT THE PROGRESS OF MAJOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SHA TIN.

EACH YEAR THE SUB-COMMITTEE HOLDS TWO MEETINGS TO REVIEW PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME.

THE TOUR TODAY WAS ARRANGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE VISITORS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, AND OTHER DIRECTORS AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PWD, AS WELL AS MR A.N. SAVAGE, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

THE PARTY FIRST VISITED THE NEW SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT IN THE AREA. THEY ALSO TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME OF THE NEW ELECTRIC TRAINS.

THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO A LOOKOUT POINT WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

WORK ON STAGE ONE OF THE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH COSTS ABOUT \$340 MILLION, IS ABOUT 95 PER CENT COMPLETE.

WHEN COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR, IT WILL BE CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING SOME 103 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SEWAGE GENERATED BY A POPULATION OF SOME 236 000 DAILY.

STAGE TWO OF THE PROJECT, THE DESIGN WORK FOR WHICH IS ALMOST COMPLETE, WILL DOUBLE THE CAPACITY OF THE PLANT. WORK ON THIS STAGE IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN 1984.

THE PARTY ENDED THE DAY WITH A VISIT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND POLYCLINIC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL.

THE \$436-MILLION HOSPITAL, PARTLY FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, IS A FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED REGIONAL GOVERNMENT TEACHING HOSPITAL WITH A TOTAL OF 1 400 BEDS.

THE HOSPITAL, SITUATED ON A 10.5 HECTARE SITE IN THE EASTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN, COMPRISES A THREE-STOREY POLYCLINIC BLOCK, A MAIN WARD BLOCK, A SPECIAL WARD BLOCK AND A CLINICAL SCIENCE BLOCK, ALL OF WHICH ARE 12 STOREYS HIGH OVER ONE BASEMENT FLOOR.

WHEN COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, THE HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES WITH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES. IT WILL SERVE THE 700 000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND WILL ALSO BE THE TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROVIDING CLINICAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR 300 STUDENTS.

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NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCE FEES

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FEES FOR MANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES AND FOR EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS CONDUCTED IN RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE, WILL BE INCREASED FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE INCREASES WERE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 2.

THE MAJORITY OF LICENCE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE 1963, WHILE THE COSTS FOR THE CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY, IT WAS STATED.

SIMILARLY THE FEES FOR EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS FOR COMPETENCY IN RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN THE SAME SINCE 1963.

+A REVIEW WAS LONG OVERDUE,+ IT WAS STATED.

LICENSEES WILL BE ADVISED OF THE NEW FEES INDIVIDUALLY AT THE TIME OF RENEWING THEIR LICENCES.

ADVANCED INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE, POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, CONNAUGHT PLACE OR FROM THE LICENSING CENTRES AT CONNAUGHT PLACE IN CENTRAL AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

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SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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A SEMINAR ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL BE HELD FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN DISTRICT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) STARTING FROM 2.30 PM AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT CHUEN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING AN AWARENESS AMONG THE SCHOOL MEMBERS ABOUT THE SCHEME AND ENLISTING THEIR SUPPORT IN PUBLICISING THE SCHEME. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

MR PETER CHEUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND MR W.Y. WONG, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) WILL SPEAK AT THE EVENT TO INTRODUCE THE GENERAL CONTENT OF THE SCHEME, ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN SHAM SHUI PO AND THE ROLE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS IN IT.

A SLIDE SHOW WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

REPORTERS ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT. (FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT MR DENNIS MAK AT 3-7775161)

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1981 SPECIAL SURVEY ON TRANSPORT CHARACTERISTICS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WILL CONDUCT A SPECIAL SURVEY ON TRANSPORT CHARACTERISTICS FROM WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO DECEMBER 1.

SOME 900 STUDENTS FROM POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES WILL BE EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN DETAILED TRANSPORT INFORMATION, INCLUDING TRAVEL HABITS AND TRANSPORT PATTERNS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TWOFOLD:

- (A) IN THE SHORT TERM, KNOWLEDGE OF ACTUAL TRAVEL PATTERNS WILL ENABLE GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS WHETHER THE PRESENT TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE OF ROADS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES ARE OPERATING EFFICIENTLY.
- (B) IN THE LONG TERM, THE INFORMATION WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR FORECASTING TRAVEL DEMANDS IN THE FUTURE AND THUS ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO PLAN FUTURE FACILITIES AND THEIR EFFICIENT USAGE. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TAKES A LONG TIME TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND ACCURATE LONG TERM PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL.

A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ABOUT 26 000 HOUSEHOLDS COVERING ALL DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

ENUMERATORS, WHO WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND INCOME, CAR AVAILABILITY AND PARKING, ADDRESS OF PLACE OF WORK/SCHOOL, DETAILS OF ALL TRIPS MADE ON A CERTAIN REFERENCE DAY INCLUDING ORIGIN/DESTINATION ADDRESS, STARTING/ARRIVAL TIME, PURPOSE OF TRIP, MODE OF TRAVEL, WAITING TIME AND TRANSPORTATION/PARKING FEE.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SURVEY DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT A REPORT ON THE SURVEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN LATE 1982.

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ PRIZE CEREMONY
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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS, SAID SIR S.Y. CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF SONCA INDUSTRIES, AT THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES FOR THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED RTHK-PRODUCED TELEVISION QUIZ/TELEMATCH PROGRAMME, +SAFETY AT WORK+, WHICH WAS WON BY A TEAM OF FIVE EMPLOYEES FROM SONCA INDUSTRIES LTD.

+INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE DREADFUL. THEY ARE COSTLY TO THE EMPLOYERS AND MISERABLE TO THE EMPLOYEES,+ HE SAID.

IN RECEIVING THE GRAND PRIZE OF AN EIGHT-DAY HOLIDAY IN BRITAIN ON BEHALF OF HIS WINNING TEAM, HE SAID THAT EMPLOYERS, ON THE ONE HAND, SHOULD REALISE THAT THE COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WERE NOT LIMITED TO DIRECT COMPENSATION PAID TO THE INJURED. THERE WERE A SERIES OF ADDITIONAL INDIRECT COSTS SUCH AS THOSE DUE TO PRODUCTION DISRUPTION, MACHINERY REPAIR AND LOWER LABOUR MORALE.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, WORKERS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE PAIN AND AGONY CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS ARE NOT CONFINED TO THE INJURED ALONE. THE FAMILIES OF THE INJURED ALSO SUFFER, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE INJURED ARE BREAD-WINNERS,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE TV PROGRAMME, HE SAID THAT IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IN CREATING SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND EDUCATING THE INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE ON SAFETY AT WORK.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO RTHK AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE JOINT ORGANISERS OF THE TV PROGRAMME, AND TO BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, THE CO-SPONSOR.

HE SAID THAT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WAS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGE WAS TO REACH EVERY HOME AND WORK-PLACE IN HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR JOHN TISDALL, SAID THAT THE +SAFETY AT WORK+ TV PROGRAMME PROVED TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC BUT ALSO DUE TO ITS FINE PRESENTATION.

MR RANALD NOEL-PATON, GENERAL MANAGER, FAR EAST, BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, SAID THAT NOT ONLY DID MANY PERSONAL TRAGEDIES OCCUR AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTS AT WORK BUT THAT THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS HAD A DIRECT BEARING ON THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

IN HONG KONG, WHERE EXPORTING IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, TIME LOST AT WORK AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS MEANT EXPORTS LOST.

HE PRAISED THE +SAFETY AT WORK+ TV SERIES AS AN IMAGINATIVE CONCEPT OF PRESENTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AS AN ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS A MEDIUM FOR THE COMMUNICATION OF A WORTHWHILE MESSAGE AND THAT BRITISH CALEDONIAN WAS VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG BY SPONSORING IT.

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+HOTLINE+ PROVES EFFECTIVE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE HAS PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN SUPPLEMENTING SERVICES PROVIDED BY FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AND OTHER OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A STUDY OF THE HOTLINE'S FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION SHOWED THAT 46 PER CENT OF THE CALLS WERE RECEIVED OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS.

+THIS INDICATES THAT THE HOTLINE HAS PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MACHINERY SUPPLEMENTING OUR EXISTING SERVICES UNITS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 LAST YEAR AND THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, 25 285 CALLS WERE RECEIVED, AVERAGING 2 107 A MONTH.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT CALLS RELEVANT TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE ON THE INCREASE, ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF NON-ACTIONABLE CALLS REMAINS HIGH,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, 45 PER CENT OF THE CALLS WERE RELEVANT TO SWD SERVICES AND IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF THE PERIOD, SUCH CALLS SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ON THE RISE.

ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THE CALLS ENQUIRED ABOUT OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE REMAINING 40 PER CENT OF THE CALLS WERE NON-ACTIONABLE BECAUSE OF INCOMPLETE INFORMATION OR OTHER REASONS.

AMONG CALLS RELEVANT TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, 25 PER CENT CONCERNED FAMILY RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.

+HOWEVER, IT SEEMED THAT CALLS CONCERNING THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM HAD BEEN GRADUALLY DECREASING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ABOUT 37 PER CENT OF THESE CALLS WERE GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND MOST OF THEM CONCERNED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCALE RATES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE.

APART FROM ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, STAFF MANNING THE HOTLINE HAD REFERRED 244 CASES TO SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AND FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

THE HOTLINE, 3-432255, HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE OCTOBER 1 LAST YEAR. IT IS OPERATED FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS AND FROM 1 PM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. OVERNIGHT CALLS ARE MACHINE-RECORDED FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION THE NEXT DAY.

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RECREATION SCHEME IN TSUEN WAN HOUSING ESTATES

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A SCHEME TO PROMOTE RECREATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IS BEING LAUNCHED IN TSUEN WAN.

UNDER THE SCHEME, ESTATE RESIDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO FORM THEMSELVES INTO TEAMS.

ALREADY 34 BASKETBALL TEAMS HAVE BEEN FORMED THROUGH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND THE TARGET FIGURE IS 60.

EACH TEAM IS BEING PROVIDED WITH PLAYING EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS. TWO-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS ARE HELD TWICE A WEEK AT CHEUNG SHAN, KWAI CHUNG, SHEK LEI AND CHEUNG CHING HOUSING ESTATE PLAYGROUNDS.

INTER-ESTATE MATCHES WILL BE ARRANGED LATER AND IT IS HOPED TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF SPORT BEING PLAYED.

FOUR TEMPORARY SPORTS ORGANISERS AND 24 COACHES HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO RUN THE SCHEME WHICH IS FINANCED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

BESIDES GIVING LESSONS, THE COACHES WILL ALSO ORGANISE WEEKLY SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN THE ESTATES FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT FORMED THEMSELVES INTO TEAMS YET.

RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN APPLY EITHER THROUGH THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OR AT ESTATE PLAYGROUNDS WHEN SPORTING ACTIVITIES ARE BEING HELD.

THE \$200 000 SCHEME IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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LEARNING ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE AN EVENING TRAINING COURSE TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF BUILDINGS IN YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICTS.

NINETY OFFICE-BEARERS AND MANAGEMENT STAFF OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN, BUILDING SUPERVISORS, AND MEMBERS OF AREA COMMITTEES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 19, 24 AND 26 BETWEEN 8 PM AND 10 PM AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

GUESTS FROM THE POLICE, FIRE SERVICES, AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION WILL TALK ON BUILDING CLEANLINESS, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, FIRE PREVENTION, CRIME PREVENTION, BOOK-KEEPING, AS WELL AS LEGAL ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT, RENT AND TENANCY MATTERS.

PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE GIVEN CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE.

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HI-FI CONCERTS IN KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT
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THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF HI-FI CONCERTS IN KOWLOON EAST DISTRICT TO PROMOTE MUSIC IN HONG KONG AND TO STIMULATE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN MUSIC APPRECIATION.

THE CONCERTS WILL BE DESIGNED AND PRESENTED BY MR CHAN HO-CHOI, AN EXPERT IN HI-FI EQUIPMENT AND RECORDS.

THE PRESENTER OF A SUCCESSFUL RTHK MUSIC PROGRAMME SERIES, HE HAS ALSO ORGANISED SOME POPULAR HI-FI CONCERTS.

THROUGH HIGH-QUALITY HI-FI COMPONENTS, MR CHAN WILL BRING TO THE AUDIENCE FIVE HI-FI MUSIC PROGRAMMES OF DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTENT.

THEY INCLUDE THE LATELY-RELEASED DIGITAL RECORDINGS FROM EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, ORIGINAL SOUND TRACKS FROM FAMOUS FILMS AND MANY OTHER NEWLY-ARRIVED RECORDS.

THE CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 21) STARTING AT 1 PM AT NG YUK SECONDARY SCHOOL (19 HOK YUEN ST., HUNG HOM) -
- (B) ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23) STARTING AT 6 PM, AT WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE FUNG MING BUILDING -
- (C) FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26) AT 6 PM, AT MUSIC OFFICE EAST KOWLOON MUSIC CENTRE (2/F YAN HAU MANSION, 100 TING FU ST., NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON).

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 3-7561328.

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TAKEOVER REPORT NOT TRUE

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED AS UNTRUE A RECENT REPORT IN A CHINESE-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING TAKING OVER THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL IN STANLEY TO DEVELOP IT AS A LARGE-SCALE TRAINING CENTRE FOR HONG KONG SEAMEN.

+NO RECOMMENDATION HAS YET BEEN PUT TO THE GOVERNMENT ON SEAMEN'S TRAINING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HK CHINESE ORCHESTRA NOVEMBER CONCERTS

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TWO CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATION OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 29 (SUNDAY) AT 3 PM AND 7.30 PM, AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM.

THE ORCHESTRA WILL BE JOINED BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AS WELL AS THE CHANG JU-CHUIN CHORUS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE +CHANGED ENCOUNTER+, A NEW COMPOSITION BY NG TAI-KONG, ORCHESTRAL WORK +SUITE OF ASIAN ARTS FESTIVAL+, KAOHU CONCERTO +MEMORY OF MORGAN RIVER+, CHORAL WORKS +MATCHING FLOWERS+ AND CHINESE FOLK SONG SUITE +THE LARK+.

THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, DIRECTLY MANAGED AND FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, IS NOW IN ITS FIFTH ORCHESTRAL SEASON. THE ORCHESTRA HAS ALWAYS BEEN INNOVATIVE IN PROMOTING AND INTRODUCING CHINESE MUSIC TO HONG KONG AUDIENCES.

IN THIS CONCERT THE ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM UNDER ITS MUSIC DIRECTOR, NG TAI-KONG, WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH IN THE RESEARCH OF CHINESE MUSIC AND +SYMPHONISATION+ OF CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC.

THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, FOUNDED BY ITS MUSIC DIRECTOR YIP WAI-HONG, WITH ITS IMPECCABLE SINGING TECHNIQUE, IS NOW KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE CHANG JU-CHUIN CHORUS WAS ESPECIALLY FORMED BY TENOR CHANG JU-CHUIN FOR THE PERFORMANCE IN THE FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS. ITS MEMBERS WERE ALL SELECTED THROUGH STRICT AUDITIONS.

TICKETS AT \$5, \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE NT MOBILE LIBRARY.

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TEMPORARY CAR PARK FOR KWUN TONG

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THE NEW TEMPORARY CAR PARK IN FUK TONG ROAD, KWUN TONG, WAS THE RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORT OF MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GARY MULLOY SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR MULLOY STRESSED THIS WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE DISTRICT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIALS.

MR MULLOY SAID THAT PARKING SPACES IN KWUN TONG WERE INSUFFICIENT FOR THE AREA'S NEEDS, AND ADDED: +THERE ARE LONG-TERM PLANS FOR MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, AND THE FIRST TWO LIKELY TO BE BUILT WILL BE AT PING SHEK, ADJACENT TO THE CHOI HUNG MTR STATION AND AT THE KWUN TONG FERRY CONCOURSE.

+ALSO, WITH A VIEW TO REGULATING SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ON-STREET PARKING, WE INTEND TO INTRODUCE OVER 300 PARKING METERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AND SOME 400 IN THE TOWN CENTRE EARLY NEXT YEAR.+

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