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HK ADOPTS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERING PLAN IN 1995

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AN EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERING PLAN WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR (1995).

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MR ALEX ARENA, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THE NEW EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERING PLAN WILL INCREASE AVAILABLE NUMBERS 10-FOLD AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE DEMAND UP TO 2010 AT LEAST," MR ARENA SAID.

"HONG KONG IS RUNNING OUT OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS. THE PRESENT SEVEN-DIGIT NUMBERING PLAN HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT, AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR BOTH FIXED AND MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FROM 1995," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE LICENSING OF THREE NEW LOCAL FIXED NETWORKS IN ADDITION TO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LTD. A FAIR AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF NUMBERS AMONG THE VARIOUS COMPETING NETWORK PROVIDERS IS NECESSARY."

IN 1992, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A DETAILED STUDY ON HONG KONG'S NUMBERING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMING YEARS AND BEYOND, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUMBERING PLAN.

MR ARENA SAID AFTER CONSULTING THE PUBLIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY DECIDED TO ADOPT A NEW NUMBERING PLAN WHICH WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING MAIN FEATURES:

- \* A UNIFIED EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERING PLAN WOULD BE ADOPTED FOR TELEPHONE AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES,
- \* THE DIGIT '2' WOULD BE ADDED IN FRONT OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS NUMBERS,
- \* ALL FIXED NETWORKS WOULD USE THE PREFIX DIGIT '2' OVERFLOWING TO DIGIT '3' AS AND WHEN NECESSARY,
- \* ALL RADIO PAGING NUMBERS WOULD ADOPT A PREFIX DIGIT '7',
- \* THE PREFIX DIGIT '8' WOULD BE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR A PERSONAL NUMBERING SERVICE, AND
- \* THE PREFIX DIGIT '9' WOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY MOBILE SERVICES.

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THE SUMMARY OUTLINE OF THE NEW NUMBERING PLAN IS:

FIRST DIGIT OF THE NUMBERING PLAN	SERVICES TO BE SUPPORTED
0	INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ACCESS
1	SPECIAL CODES (E.G. 1081 AND 1083 FOR DIRECTORY SERVICES, 109 FOR FAULT REPORTING)
2	FIXED SERVICES
3	RESERVED FOR EXPANSION OF FIXED SERVICES
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5 )	RESERVED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION
6 )	
*7	PAGING SERVICES
8	RESERVED FOR PERSONAL NUMBERING SERVICE
9	MOBILE SERVICES

\* THE NUMBERING CHANGE FOR RADIO PAGING WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM  
MID-1995.

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WORK ON SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE PROGRESSING WELL  
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THE SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO  
TRAFFIC A FEW MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TODAY (TUESDAY) TO MARK THE CONNECTION  
OF THE MAIN BRIDGE, THE REGIONAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER/HONG KONG, MR WONG  
WAH-LUN, SAID CONSTRUCTION HAD PROGRESSED VERY SATISFACTORILY.

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"IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY AUTUMN, EARLIER THAN THE OPENING DATE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED BY END OF THIS YEAR," MR WONG SAID.

HE SAID WITH THE HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON AP LEI CHAU, A SECOND BRIDGE LINKING AP LEI CHAU AND ABERDEEN WAS REQUIRED.

THE SECOND AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND IS OF SIMILAR PROFILE.

THE MAIN BRIDGE IS OF THREE SPAN BALANCED CANTILEVER CAST IN SITU CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION WITH A CENTRE SPAN OF 115 METRES ACROSS ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

THIS METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION IS CHOSEN FOR MAINTAINING THE NAVIGATION CHANNEL UNDER THE BRIDGE AT ALL TIMES.

PIERS WERE FIRST CONSTRUCTED NEAR THE BANKS OF THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

FIFTY-SIX SUCCESSIVE CANTILEVER SEGMENTS OF BRIDGE DECK ABOUT 3.5-METRE LONG EACH WERE CAST ON THE SIDES OF THE PIERS IN A BALANCED MANNER.

EVENTUALLY, THE CANTILEVER SPANS WERE CONNECTED BY THE LAST SEGMENT CAST ABOVE THE MIDDLE OF THE ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

THE NORTH APPROACH TO THE MAIN BRIDGE IS VIA A 150-METRE LONG FIVE SPAN CONTINUOUS BRIDGE DECK. THE SOUTH APPROACH IS VIA A 60-METRE LONG TWO SPAN CONTINUOUS BRIDGE DECK, AND A 150-METRE LONG WIDENED ROAD SUPPORTED BY CAISSON RETAINING WALL.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR WONG, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER GUESTS OF HONOUR SHOVELLED THE LAST POUR OF CONCRETE TO TOP OUT THE CONNECTION OF THE MAIN BRIDGE.

THE GUESTS INCLUDED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR MAN HON-MING; THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE; AND THE DEPUTY MANAGER OF THE CHINA ROAD AND BRIDGE CORPORATION, MR GAO BO-PING.

THE PROJECT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG REGION OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT. THE WORKS ARE DESIGNED AND SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA LTD AND CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHINA ROAD AND BRIDGE CORPORATION.

THE PROJECT ESTIMATE IS ABOUT \$120 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICE LEVEL. THE WORKS STARTED IN MID LAST YEAR AND THE BRIDGE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY AUTUMN THIS YEAR.

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DOGS TO BE PUT DOWN  
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THE TWO DOGS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN A FATAL INCIDENT IN SHEUNG SHUI LAST SATURDAY (JANUARY 8) WILL BE PUT DOWN.

THE OWNER HAS AGREED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SURRENDER THE DOGS TO AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) FOR DESTRUCTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR AFD SAID: "THE DOGS, NOW KEPT IN SHEK WU HUI GOVERNMENT KENNELS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE DETAINED BY AFD FOR FURTHER OBSERVATION OF RABIES. THIS NORMALLY TAKES SEVEN FULL DAYS FROM THE DAY OF THE BITING INCIDENT."

"THEY WILL THEN BE HUMANELY PUT DOWN."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT BASED ON OBSERVATIONS, THE DOGS HAD SO FAR SHOWN NO SIGNS OF RABIES.

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TSUEN WAN - FIRST NEW TOWN WITH ATC SYSTEM  
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TSUEN WAN HAS BECOME THE FIRST NEW TOWN WITH AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) SYSTEM, AFTER THE SYSTEM WAS COMMISSIONED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYSTEM, A GROUP OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS VISITED THE TSUEN WAN ATC CENTRE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO SEE HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR LEE SHU CHEE, TOLD MEMBERS THAT THE SYSTEM INSTALLED WAS AN INTERIM SYSTEM PROVIDING BASIC ATC FACILITIES COVERING 85 SIGNALISED JUNCTIONS IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI.

THE SYSTEM, DESIGNED WITH THE LATEST COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL TECHNIQUES, IS CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING A MAXIMUM OF 190 SIGNAL JUNCTIONS.

IT CAN ACTIVATE DIFFERENT SIGNAL PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TIMETABLE STORED IN THE COMPUTER, SO AS TO ADJUST TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMINGS TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, MR LEE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT LATER THIS YEAR, THE CURRENT INTERIM SYSTEM WOULD BE ENHANCED TO THE BASIC SYSTEM WITH ADDITIONAL FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CONTROL CENTRE AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER SYSTEM IN TSUEN WAN WAS COMPLETED IN MID-1993.

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THE CENTRE WILL ALSO BE USED TO CONTROL ATC SYSTEMS IN OTHER NEW TOWNS WHEN THEY ARE INSTALLED IN FUTURE.

SINCE THE TSUEN WAN ATC SYSTEM USES THE SERVICES OF HONG KONG TELECOM LTD FOR DATA TRANSMISSION BETWEEN THE CONTROL CENTRE AND THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS, ROAD OPENINGS FOR CABLE LAYING AND MAINTENANCE OF ATC DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK CAN BE ELIMINATED.

IN 1995, THE TSUEN WAN ATC SYSTEM WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A TRAFFIC MONITORING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM WITH MORE THAN 20 ROADSIDE CAMERAS, MR LEE ADDED.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING

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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 13) ON THE SALE OF A COMMERCIAL SITE IN GARDEN ROAD AND THE PROVIDENT FUND AND SUPERANNUATION SCHEMES OPERATED BY SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

THE ISSUES WERE COVERED IN THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT NO. 21 TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17 LAST YEAR.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 8 JACKSON ROAD, STARTING AT 9 AM.

APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON THE SALE OF THE SITE WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS, MR BOB POPE; DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY, MR KWONG KI-CHI; FORMER DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS, MR CHAU CHAM-SON; AND GENERAL MANAGER OF HUTCHISON ESTATE AGENTS, MR PETER TO.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, MR NIGEL FRENCH, AND MR KWONG WILL RESPOND TO POINTS ON THE PROVIDENT FUND AND SUPERANNUATION SCHEMES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY. THEY MAY RESERVE SEATS BY CALLING 869 9492.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE PUBLIC HEARING ARE ADVISED TO BRING WITH THEM A COPY OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT'S REPORT. THE PROGRAMME FOR THE HEARING WILL BE FAXED.

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EXTERNAL TRADE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED DETAILED STATISTICS ON EXTERNAL TRADE WITH BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY/TERRITORY AND COMMODITY FOR LAST NOVEMBER.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1993, AT \$72,351 MILLION, SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 14% OVER THE SAME MONTH IN 1992, WHEREAS THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, AT \$19,145 MILLION, DECREASED BY 5.8%.

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR DESTINATIONS: GERMANY (+29%), JAPAN (+27%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+22%), THE UNITED STATES (+21%), SINGAPORE (+21%), CANADA (+20%), CHINA (+15%), FRANCE (+11%) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (+10%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN DECREASED BY 19%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$749,450 MILLION, BEING 20% HIGHER THAN THAT IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO MOST OF THE MAJOR DESTINATIONS: CHINA (+31%), SINGAPORE (+26%), GERMANY (+24%), THE UNITED STATES (+21%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+18%), JAPAN (+18%), FRANCE (+17%), CANADA (+15%) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+13%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN DECREASED BY 15%.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS OF ALL MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$15,732 MILLION OR 31%); ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$14,847 MILLION OR 101%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$13,654 MILLION OR 28%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$11,204 MILLION OR 35%); CLOTHING (BY \$10,829 MILLION OR 15%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$10,749 MILLION OR 12%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$2,636 MILLION OR 4.3%).

THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1993, AT \$19,145 MILLION, FELL BY 5.8% OVER NOVEMBER 1992.

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DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO GERMANY (-16%), THE NETHERLANDS (-15%), FRANCE (-15%), CANADA (-14%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (-9.5%), THE UNITED STATES (-5.8%), JAPAN (-5.0%), TAIWAN (-2.0%) AND CHINA (-0.4%).

HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SINGAPORE INCREASED BY 5.9%.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (-14%), FRANCE (-13%), JAPAN (-12%), GERMANY (-10%), THE UNITED STATES (-8.4%), THE NETHERLANDS (-7.7%), CANADA (-6.6%) AND TAIWAN (-3.5%).

HOWEVER, INCREASES OF 10% AND 3.3% IN VALUE WERE RECORDED FOR THOSE TO SINGAPORE AND CHINA RESPECTIVELY.

TAKING ALL DESTINATIONS TOGETHER, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993, AT \$202,444 MILLION, DECREASED BY 4.7% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TABLE 4 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$2,060 MILLION OR 11%); MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (BY \$374 MILLION OR 13%); AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$355 MILLION OR 3.0%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$5,099 MILLION OR 7.4%); OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (BY \$2,946 MILLION OR 16%); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$2,426 MILLION OR 14%); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES (BY \$1,570 MILLION OR 7.7%); AND TEXTILES (BY \$829 MILLION OR 5.3%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1993 WAS \$92,469 MILLION, INCREASING BY 8.7% OVER THAT IN NOVEMBER 1992.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING NOVEMBER 1993 WITH NOVEMBER 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ITALY (+26%), SINGAPORE (+24%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+21%), CHINA (+16%), GERMANY (+15%), MALAYSIA (+7.0%), TAIWAN (+6.8%) AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+1.0%).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN (-11%) AND THE UNITED STATES (-2.4%).

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL THE MAJOR SUPPLIERS INCREASED: SINGAPORE (+23%), MALAYSIA (+22%), ITALY (+22%), GERMANY (+15%), THE UNITED STATES (+14%), CHINA (+13%), THE UNITED KINGDOM (+11%), JAPAN (+9.1%), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (+9.0%) AND TAIWAN (+8.8%).

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WAS \$976,548 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 13% OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992.

TABLE 6 SHOWS THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

COMPARING THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1993 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1992, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MOST MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS.

MORE NOTABLE INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES (BY \$18,764 MILLION OR 65%); ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$18,473 MILLION OR 21%); TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$15,501 MILLION OR 23%); CLOTHING (BY \$9,803 MILLION OR 13%); FOOTWEAR (BY \$9,489 MILLION OR 33%); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES CONSISTING OF MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$7,478 MILLION OR 11%).

OVER THE SAME PERIOD, A DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF IMPORTS WAS RECORDED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$2,207 MILLION OR 2.4%).

ALL THE TRADE STATISTICS DESCRIBED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON.

A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE VOLUME AND PRICE MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR NOVEMBER 1993 WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

DETAILED TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY COMMODITY AND BY COUNTRY/TERRITORY ARE PUBLISHED IN TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

THE NOVEMBER 1993 ISSUE OF THE "HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE" WITH DETAILED ANALYSES OF THE PERFORMANCE OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1993 WILL BE ON SALE AT \$68.50 A COPY AROUND JANUARY 18.

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

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

TABLE 1 : RE-EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	23,818	+ 15.4	248,245	+ 30.9
UNITED STATES	15,448	+ 21.2	165,836	+ 21.3
JAPAN	4,393	+ 26.6	40,375	+ 17.6
GERMANY	3,901	+ 28.5	36,643	+ 23.5
UNITED KINGDOM	2,142	+ 10.3	22,170	+ 18.4
TAIWAN	1,903	- 19.2	20,074	- 16.3
SINGAPORE	1,530	+ 20.7	15,575	+ 25.5
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,376	+ 22.3	14,068	+ 13.2
CANADA	989	+ 19.6	11,692	+ 14.6
FRANCE	1,048	+ 10.5	11,678	+ 17.0

TABLE 2 : RE-EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	8,819	+ 7.3	100,293	+ 12.0
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,782	+ 16.4	82,221	+ 15.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7,653	+ 32.2	66,434	+ 31.0
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	6,451	+ 6.5	64,256	+ 4.3
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	6,633	+ 21.3	62,379	+ 28.0
FOOTWEAR	3,861	+ 29.6	43,207	+ 35.0
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	3,476	+ 26.0	33,372	+ 24.6
ROAD VEHICLES	2,061	- 0.4	29,579	+100.8
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,757	+ 11.7	25,548	+ 29.9
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS	2,098	+ 17.6	24,420	+ 12.6

TABLE 3 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE 10 MAJOR DESTINATIONS

DESTINATION	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	5,500	- 0.4	57,917	+ 3.3
UNITED STATES	5,347	- 5.8	54,269	- 8.4
GERMANY	1,161	- 16.1	12,548	- 10.2
SINGAPORE	1,039	+ 5.9	10,297	+ 10.0
UNITED KINGDOM	885	- 9.5	9,673	- 13.7

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JAPAN	810	- 5.0	8,926	- 12.0
TAIWAN	615	- 2.0	5,690	- 3.5
CANADA	323	- 14.5	4,281	- 6.6
NETHERLANDS	326	- 15.5	3,997	- 7.7
FRANCE	220	- 14.9	2,452	- 13.2

TABLE 4 : DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	6,034	- 6.1	64,217	- 7.4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,940	+ 2.4	20,382	+ 11.2
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	1,896	+ 4.7	18,854	- 7.7
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	1,540	- 28.6	15,634	- 15.9
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,386	- 8.5	14,892	- 5.3
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,528	- 7.9	14,802	- 14.1

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	1,039	- 6.1	12,214	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURES OF METALS	391	+ 7.3	4,237	- 3.5
MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES	292	- 17.2	3,291	+ 12.8
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	276	+ 9.2	3,163	+ 2.3

TABLE 5 : IMPORTS FROM THE 10 MAJOR SUPPLIERS

SUPPLIER	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
CHINA	36,018	+ 16.0	366,060	+ 13.5
JAPAN	13,535	- 10.5	163,005	+ 9.1
TAIWAN	8,446	+ 6.8	85,854	+ 8.8
UNITED STATES	6,174	- 2.4	71,646	+ 13.7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	3,791	+ 1.0	43,921	+ 9.0
SINGAPORE	4,378	+ 24.4	43,185	+ 22.7
GERMANY	2,199	+ 14.9	22,778	+ 14.9
UNITED KINGDOM	2,096	+ 20.7	19,339	+ 11.0
ITALY	1,693	+ 26.4	16,235	+ 22.0
MALAYSIA	1,257	+ 7.0	14,226	+ 22.3

TABLE 6 : IMPORTS OF THE 10 MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISIONS

COMMODITY DIVISION	NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	NOV 93 OVER NOV 92 (% CHANGE)	JAN-NOV 1993 (HK\$ MN)	JAN-NOV 93 OVER JAN-NOV 92 (% CHANGE)
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	10,394	+ 12.5	104,977	+ 21.4
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8,571	+ 0.2	90,576	- 2.4
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	9,038	+ 22.2	83,945	+ 22.6
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	8,207	+ 16.8	82,907	+ 13.4
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	6,639	+ 3.5	73,362	+ 11.4
ROAD VEHICLES	2,587	- 36.2	47,664	+ 64.9
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	4,330	+ 13.3	44,197	+ 7.0
FOOTWEAR	3,466	+ 25.4	38,052	+ 33.2
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	3,530	+ 4.7	32,938	+ 7.3
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	3,197	+ 27.5	30,556	+ 13.8

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AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS ON THURSDAY

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THE 10TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 13).

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE UPDATED POSITION OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 EDINBURGH PLACE, CENTRAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO RESERVE A SEAT BY TELEPHONING MR CHAN HO-KEUNG ON 829 6745 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AS SEATING IS LIMITED, BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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EFFORTS MADE TO PROMOTE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) HAS BEEN WORKING HARD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP THE LOCAL PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MEET WITH CHALLENGES IN HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SOCIETY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS IN THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

THESE WERE STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WHEN HE REVIEWED THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

DR LEE SAID THE LOCAL PRIMARY INDUSTRIES HAD, IN RECENT YEARS, TO FACE A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES INCLUDING LAND AND RESOURCES CONSTRAINTS, KEEN COMPETITION FROM IMPORTED PRIMARY PRODUCE AND INCREASING PUBLIC CONCERN OVER RURAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

DESPITE ALL THESE, DR LEE STRESSED, AFD HAD BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS IN EXPLORING AND PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE FARMING AND FISHING TECHNIQUES AND IN HELPING SUCH INDUSTRIES IMPROVE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

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HE SAID: "IT IS OUR HOPE THAT BY INTRODUCING NEW, PRACTICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL-FRIENDLY METHODS OF FARMING AND FISH CULTURE, FARMERS AND FISHERMEN WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO ADAPT TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY FRESH FOODSTUFFS.

THIS WOULD HELP STABILISE THE SUPPLY AND PRICES OF FRESH FOODSTUFFS, HE SAID.

ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK ON AGRICULTURE, DR LEE NOTED THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO PROMOTE AN "ACCREDITED FARM SCHEME" THIS YEAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH VEGETABLE FARMERS AND CONSUMERS.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE SCHEME WAS TO ENDORSE VEGETABLE FARMS ADOPTING AN APPROVED STANDARD OF PRODUCTION.

PARTICIPATING FARMS' PRACTICE OF USING PESTICIDES WOULD BE MONITORED AND THAT PESTICIDE RESIDUE ON THEIR PRODUCE BE FURTHER SPOT-CHECKED BEFORE MARKETING.

ALSO, PRODUCE ORIGINATING FROM THESE ACCREDITED FARMS WOULD BE SUITABLY LABELLED FOR MARKETING AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION'S ACCREDITED RETAIL OUTLETS.

AS RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME BY LOCAL VEGETABLE GROWERS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GUANGDONG PROVINCE WAS ENCOURAGING, IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE CONTAMINATED VEGETABLE SUPPLIES TO HONG KONG WOULD BE FURTHER REDUCED AND THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS PROTECTED.

LATER THIS YEAR, A LIVESTOCK KEEPING LICENSING SYSTEM UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, WITH THE AIM OF ENSURING THE LOCAL TRADE'S FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT POLLUTING THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

TURNING TO THE FISHERIES SIDE, THE DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE AFD-DEVELOPED "PELLET FEED FORMULA" TO LOCAL MARICULTURISTS THIS YEAR AS THEY WOULD HELP REDUCE WATER POLLUTION, DR LEE SAID.

FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, OF AN EXPERIMENTAL ARTIFICIAL REEF AT HOI HA WAN, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF LARGER-SCALE DEPLOYMENT OF THE REEF TECHNOLOGY IN OTHER LOCAL TERRITORIAL WATERS THIS YEAR.

THIS NEW MEASURE WAS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE THE REHABILITATION OF THE DAMAGED MARINE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVE FISHERIES RESOURCES AND ACT AS A CONSERVATION DEVICE.

ALSO ON MARINE CONSERVATION, DR LEE SAID AFD WAS ACTIVELY PREPARING NEW LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS YEAR.

IN ITS FIRST PHASE, HOI HA WAN AND YAN CHAU TONG WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS MARINE PARKS AND CAPE D'AGUILAR AS A MARINE RESERVE, WHICH WOULD HELP BRING LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

THE YEAR 1993 ALSO SAW A NUMBER OF CONSERVATION PROJECTS AND STUDIES BEING LAUNCHED OR COMMISSIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TASKED WITH PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING MITIGATION MEASURES IN RELATION TO THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROJECTS.

APART FROM THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMES OF RELOCATING THE ROMER'S TREE FROGS FROM CHEK LAP KOK AND THE SEAGRASS TRANSPLANTATION FROM TUNG CHUNG, THE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A SERIES OF STUDIES ON SEAGRASS COMMUNITIES, FRESHWATER WETLAND HABITATS, CHINESE WHITE DOLPHINS AND MANGROVES.

ON PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE NEWLY FORMED AND AFD-CONVENED LIAISON GROUP, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, WILL WORK CLOSELY THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT WORK ON COMBATING THE ILLICIT TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THIS FOLLOWED THE DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS ON SHOPS SELLING RHINO PRODUCTS OR MEDICINE CLAIMING TO CONTAIN RHINO INGREDIENTS LATE LAST YEAR.

ON OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY AFD, DR LEE SAID ITS ENGINEERING DIVISION HAD BEEN DEMOLISHING OBSOLETE AGRICULTURAL WEIRS, REALIGNING THOSE IN ACTIVE USE ON BEAS RIVER, SHING MUN RIVER, HO CHUNG RIVER AND SO ON TO IMPROVE RIVER FLOWS AND REMOVE HEAVILY POLLUTED POOLS.

THESE PROJECTS HAD IMPROVED THE ENVIRONMENT AND MET THE NEEDS OF FARMERS RELYING ON THE WATER SUPPLY FOR IRRIGATION, DR LEE ADDED.

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CONSUMERS URGED TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRADE, MR TONY MILLER, TODAY (TUESDAY) CALLED FOR GREATER CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM.

MR MILLER SAID THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED URUGUAY ROUND HAD HELPED TURN THE TIDE, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE.

"GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD WOULD BE HELPED IN THIS TASK IF THEY WERE OBLIGED TO QUANTIFY THE COST OF PROTECTION IN TERMS WHICH THE AVERAGE VOTER CAN UNDERSTAND - ADDITIONAL DOLLARS PER MEMBER OF FAMILY ON THE GROCERY AND CLOTHING BILL WOULD BE A START - TO QUANTIFY AND TO ADVERTISE, POSSIBLY VIA CONSUMER ORGANISATIONS."

HE SAID IN THIS WAY THESE HIDDEN TAXES ON HARD EARNED INDIVIDUAL INCOME WOULD BE EXPOSED AND SUBJECT TO VOTER SCRUTINY.

SPEAKING TO THE FINNISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE FINNISH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME, KATE 1994, MR MILLER WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF MAKING INTERNATIONAL TRADE MEASURES MORE COMPLEX.

"ATTEMPTING TO FACTOR SUCH THINGS AS THE COST OF SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMMES INTO CALCULATIONS OF 'FAIR PRICE' WILL INHIBIT TRADE THROUGH SHEER COMPLEXITY AND THE ONLY JOBS SUCH A MOVE IS LIKELY TO PROTECT OR INCREASE ARE THOSE OF TRADE LAWYERS AND BUREAUCRATS."

ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THIS POINT ALL TOO CLEARLY, HE ADDED.

MR MILLER SAID FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, A NUMBER OF ISSUES WOULD BE ON THE GATT AGENDA, INCLUDING COMPETITION POLICY.

HE NOTED THAT THIS TERM MEANT DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND LISTED THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES:

- \* SUBSIDIES, SAFEGUARDS AND ANTI-DUMPING, THAT IS THE TRADITIONAL GATT RULES AIMED AT PREVENTING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES;
- \* DOMESTIC POLICIES AIMED AT IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF EXPORTERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES;
- \* MONOPOLIES AND FRANCHISES AND DOMESTIC ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION;
- \* INTERNATIONAL CARTELS, INCLUDING BOTH THOSE WHICH INVOLVE SOME MEASURE OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND THOSE ESTABLISHED ENTIRELY BY PRIVATE SECTOR AGREEMENT;
- \* CONSUMER PROTECTION, INCLUDING PROVIDING CONSUMERS A COUNTERVAILING VOICE IN THE WAY TAX REVENUES ARE USED AND TRADE POLICIES APPLIED IN SUPPORT OF BOTH STATE-OWNED AND PURELY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE;
- \* INCLUSION OF THE "REAL COSTS" OF PRODUCTION IN ASSESSING "FAIR" PRICES INTERNATIONALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, BY FACTORING IN SUCH THINGS AS THE ADEQUACY OF SOCIAL SECURITY, LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION.

MR MILLER SUMMARISED FOUR PRINCIPLES THAT HE SAID WOULD GUIDE HONG KONG'S APPROACH TO FUTURE DISCUSSION OF COMPETITION POLICY IN THE GATT AND ELSEWHERE.

"THEY ARE OPENNESS, RELEVANCE TO THE GLOBALISED ECONOMY, SIMPLICITY AND FAIRNESS TO THE COMMON MAN."

EXPANDING ON THESE THEMES, MR MILLER MADE A NUMBER OF POINTS.

"THE FIRST POINT I WOULD MAKE IS THAT WE SHOULD BEWARE OF USING TRADE SANCTIONS TO ACHIEVE NON-TRADE ENDS, JUST AS WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL THAT NON-TRADE MEASURES DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ON TRADE."

"MY SECOND POINT IS THAT WE SHOULD SATISFY OURSELVES, AND I EMBRACE HERE BOTH BUREAUCRATS AND BUSINESSMEN, THAT THE RULES WE AMEND OR DEVISE AFRESH ARE RELEVANT IN A GLOBALISED ECONOMY."

"MY THIRD POINT FOLLOWS FROM THE SECOND AND IS A PLEA FOR SIMPLICITY IN TRADE REGULATION AND AGAINST THE TENDENCY TOWARDS TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY. FOR TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY IS LITTLE MORE THAN MANAGED TRADE IN DISGUISE."

MR MILLER MENTIONED ANTI-DUMPING AS A TRADE INSTRUMENT WHICH HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND DECREASINGLY RELEVANT IN A WORLD IN WHICH MANUFACTURERS SOURCED, PRODUCED AND SOLD ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

"WHEN WE COME TO LOOK AT THE ISSUES ON THE COMPETITION POLICY AGENDA IN THE GATT, OR LATER THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION, OR APEC OR OTHER FORA, WE MUST BE SURE THAT THIS IS A FRESH LOOK AND NOT ONE BLINKERED BY OLD WAYS OF THINKING OR THE VESTED INTEREST OF EITHER TRADE BUREAUCRACIES OR SACRED INDUSTRIAL COWS."

MR MILLER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, IN HONG KONG'S VIEW, THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE REGIME UNDER THE GATT HAD SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN LARGELY TRUE TO ITS MOST FAVOURED NATION NON-DISCRIMINATION PRINCIPLE.

REFERRING TO A FINNISH DESIGNER RENOWNED FOR CLEAN FUNCTIONAL LINES, HE SAID:

"THERE IS A SIMPLICITY AND ELEGANCE ABOUT THAT PRINCIPLE WHICH ALVAR AALTO WOULD APPRECIATE. THERE IS A FUSSINESS ABOUT MUCH SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT AT EMBELLISHMENT WHICH HE WOULD FIND REPUGNANT."

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#### KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK DESIGN EXHIBITION LAUNCHED

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A MINI CHINESE GARDEN WAS PUT UP AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE TODAY (TUESDAY) TO DISPLAY THE DESIGN OF HONG KONG'S FIRST AUTHENTIC CHINESE GARDEN TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

A MOBILE EXHIBITION ON THE DESIGN OF THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY PARK, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WAS UNVEILED AT THE CENTRE THIS MORNING.

DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE THEME PARK WILL CAPTURE THE ESSENCE AND STYLE OF THE PRIVATE GARDENS COMMONLY FOUND IN SOUTHERN CHINA IN THE EARLY CHING DYNASTY.

THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR JAMES BLAKE, TOLD PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE EXHIBITION THAT THE DESIGN CONCEPT COVERED NOT ONLY FUNCTIONAL AND HISTORICAL ASPECTS BUT ALSO CONVEYED AN EDUCATIONAL VALUE ON THE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF A CHINESE GARDEN.

THE DESIGN OF THE PARK IS THE RESULT OF MUCH RESEARCH EFFORT ON CHINESE GARDENS. IN JANUARY LAST YEAR, A TEAM OF ARCHITECTS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT VISITED CHINA TO STUDY CHINESE GARDENS.

THIS PROJECT ALSO INVOLVES THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FROM CHINESE COUNTERPARTS. THEIR SPECIALISM ON CHINESE GARDEN IS BLENDED INTO THE WORK.

HE SAID THE BUILDING MATERIALS WOULD BE IMPORTED FROM CHINA AND CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILIONS AND ROCKERIES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY CHINESE SPECIALIST-CONTRACTORS.

MR BLAKE ALSO ANNOUNCED AT THE CEREMONY THAT THE DESIGN OF THE PARK HAD BEEN AWARDED A DIPLOMA OF THE CENTRAL SOCIETY OF HORTICULTURE OF GERMANY AT THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURE EXHIBITION STUTTGART EXPO 93.

"SINCE THIS EVENT IS HELD ONLY ONCE A DECADE, AND THIS OCCASION WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATION FROM 23 NATIONS COVERING THREE CONTINENTS, OBVIOUSLY THE STANDARD OF EXHIBITS WAS OF A VERY HIGH ORDER INDEED, ATTAINING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION," HE NOTED.

MR BLAKE SAID ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE MOMENT, ADDING THAT THE FOOTING OF THE ORIGINAL WALL TOGETHER WITH SOME GRANITE PATH AND RELICS HAD BEEN FOUND SO FAR.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ALIGNMENT OF THE WALL WOULD BE DEMARCATED IN THE FUTURE PARK AND PART OF THE ORIGINAL WALL WOULD BE EXPOSED AS EXHIBIT TO THE PUBLIC.

"YAMEN", THE OLD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY, WOULD BE RESTORED TO FORM THE FOCUS OF THE PARK. THE SOUTH AND NORTH ENTRANCE GATES WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE SITE MORE EXPLICIT.

THE PARK WILL ALSO BE COMPLETE WITH PLANTS AND CLASSICAL CHINESE SCULPTURES AS WELL AS A KID KINGDOM.

THREE OLD WELLS WILL BE RESERVED AS A SPECIAL FEATURE AND BE USED TO PROVIDE WATER FOR GARDENING. OTHER RELICS, SUCH AS STONE TABLETS AND COLUMN BASES, WILL BE PLACED AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS TO ENHANCE VISITORS' INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE SITE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR RONNIE WONG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR ALBERT LAM.

AFTER THE EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG CULTURE CENTRE CLOSES ON JANUARY 17, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE CONSERVATORY OF THE HONG KONG PARK BETWEEN JANUARY 18 TO 31; THE LOBBY OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S INDOOR GAMES HALL AT JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 TO 7; THE ARCADE IN KOWLOON PARK BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND 20; AND PHASE ONE OF THE LOK FU MARBLE BLACK MALL BETWEEN FEBRUARY 21 TO 28.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE PARK WILL START IN MAY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

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331 VMS RETURN TODAY  
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TWO GROUPS OF 331 VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS TODAY (TUESDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 111 MEN, 93 WOMEN, 65 BOYS AND 62 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 193RD AND 194TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

THE TWO GROUPS BROUGHT TO 672 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY THIS YEAR, AND TO 39,285 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MARCH 1989.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
TENDER RESULTS  
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TENDER DATE	11 JAN 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q402
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 4,740 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 1,200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.03 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.04 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 22 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.06 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDERS TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 17 JAN 1994 -

TENDER DATE	18 JAN 94	18 JAN 94
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q403	H456
ISSUE DATE	19 JAN 94	19 JAN 94
MATURITY DATE	20 APR 94	20 JUL 94
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 1,200 + 240 MN	HKD 500 + 100 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,215
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,785
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	4,000
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-1,934
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,066
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	11.1.94
TWI 127.5	*+0.1*

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.11 PCT	14 MONTHS	2502	4.75	101.31	3.55
1 MONTH	3.00 PCT	17 MONTHS	2505	3.75	100.03	3.76
3 MONTHS	3.03 PCT	20 MONTHS	2508	4.625	101.14	3.92
6 MONTHS	3.16 PCT	23 MONTHS	2511	4.15	100.13	4.12
12 MONTHS	3.47 PCT	34 MONTHS	3610	4.20	99.14	4.58

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 25,036 MN

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