



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE  
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THE VALUE OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER CONTINUED TO SHOW AN INCREASE FOR THE THIRD MONTH RUNNING AFTER ELEVEN MONTHS OF DECLINE.

PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES ISSUED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER WENT UP BY \$445 MILLION OR 24.6 PER CENT BY VALUE COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1974. TOTAL EXPORTS FOR THE MONTH WERE VALUED AT \$2,255 MILLION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 20.4 PER CENT TO \$3,100 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS WENT UP IN VALUE BY 15.8 PER CENT TO \$656 MILLION COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER SHOWED DECREASES BY VALUE OF 2.9 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 4.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 3.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE VALUE FIGURES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1974 TO NOVEMBER 1975 SHOWED DECREASES OF 3.6 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 5.9 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 4.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE COMPARATIVE FIGURES:

	NOVEMBER 1975	NOVEMBER 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	2,255 (77.5%)	1,811 (76.2%)	+ 445	+ 24.6
IMPORTS	3,100	2,574	+ 525	+ 20.4
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	656 (22.5%)	567 (23.8%)	+ 89	+ 15.8
	SEPT.-NOV. 1975	SEPT.-NOV. 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	6,636	5,416	+1,220	+ 22.5
IMPORTS	9,476	7,707	+1,769	+ 23.0
RE-EXPORTS	1,893	1,686	+ 208	+ 12.3

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	JAN.-NOV. 1975	JAN.-NOV. 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	20,567 (76.4%)	21,180 (76.2%)	- 613	- 2.9
IMPORTS	30,034	31,578	-1,545	- 4.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	6,347 (23.6%)	6,598 (23.8%)	- 251	- 3.8
	DEC. 1974 TO NOV. 1975	DEC. 1973 TO NOV. 1974	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	22,298	23,139	- 841	- 3.6
IMPORTS	32,575	34,636	-2,060	- 5.9
RE-EXPORTS	6,874	7,219	- 345	- 4.8

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## NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN.

THIS ISSUE OF THE DIB, TOGETHER WITH THE MILITARY HONOURS LIST, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

YOU ARE ASKED TO OBSERVE THE EMBARGO PLACED ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE LISTS.

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SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES THANKS RESIDENTS

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, HAS THANKED THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHO HAVE CO-OPERATED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

IN A NEW YEAR MESSAGE, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY: +IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, I ESPECIALLY THANK ALL WHO HAVE CO-OPERATED IN THE SURRENDER OF LAND AND PROPERTY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES WHICH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL IN HONG KONG.+

HE SAID THAT ANY VISITOR TO THE NEW TERRITORIES COULD NOT FAIL TO NOTICE THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE. +HOWEVER,+ HE ADDS, +THIS IS ONLY A BEGINNING. WORK IS PROGRESSING ON SO MANY HUGE ENGINEERING WORKS WHICH IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION WILL PROVIDE WORK FOR OUR PEOPLE AND EVENTUALLY LAND FOR INDUSTRY AND HOUSING AND THE NECESSARY SEA, ROAD AND RAIL COMMUNICATION.+

MR. AKERS-JONES ALSO EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION AND THANKS +TO FARMERS, FISHERMEN, WORKERS AND HOUSEWIVES WHO HAVE BORNE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE LAST TWO YEARS WITHOUT COMPLAINT.+

MR. AKERS-JONES CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO 1976 WITH EXCITEMENT AND HOPE +AS WE CROSS THE THRESHOLD OF GREAT DEVELOPMENTS.+

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CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION : MARKERS NEEDED

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THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD IS INVITING SERVING TEACHERS AND OTHER SUITABLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO APPLY TO SERVE AS MARKERS OF WRITTEN PAPERS AND AS ORAL ENGLISH EXAMINERS FOR THE 1976 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE CLOSING DATE IS JANUARY 24, 1976.

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PUBLIC REMINDED OF NEW POSTAL CHARGES

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE NEW CHARGES FOR CERTAIN POSTAL SERVICES WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW (JANUARY 1).

THE MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE INCREASES IN THE AEROGRAMME RATE FROM 50 TO 60 CENTS, IN THE FIRST-CLASS AIRMAIL RATE TO ZONE 1 DESTINATIONS (MAINLY SOUTH EAST ASIA) FROM 50 TO 80 CENTS AND INCREASES IN THE SECOND-CLASS AIRMAIL RATES TO ALL DESTINATIONS EXCEPT NORTH AMERICA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO PREPAY THE CORRECT POSTAGE.

THIS WOULD AVOID DELAYS BY POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF THE AIRMAIL ITEM TO SURFACE MAIL OR THE IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGES ON THE ADDRESSEES.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO IN KOWLOON AND IN KENNEDY TOWN ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 1 TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 3).

DURING THIS PERIOD THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE TWO AREAS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE BOUNDED BY BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, YU CHAU STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEE KUK STREET AND KING LAM STREET.

IN KENNEDY TOWN, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE IN VICTORIA ROAD (HOUSE NUMBERS 1 TO 405), LUNG WAH STREET, SMITHFIELD ROAD (UP TO HOUSE NUMBER 12), FORBES STREET, KWUN LUNG STREET, CADOGAN STREET, KA WAI MAN ROAD, INCLUDING THE POLICE QUARTERS, AND EAST, SOUTH, WEST, NORTH AND CENTRE TERRACES.

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