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PRICES AND VOLUMES FOR JULY TRADE
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JULY 1984 PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND TOTAL EXPORTS ALL ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 15 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH JULY 1983 FIGURES, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

IMPORT PRICES ROSE BY 14 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) ROSE BY ONE PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 15 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, SO THAT THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 20 PER CENT. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS' FIGURES WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, SHOWS DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS GREW BY 24 PER CENT AND 33 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN VOLUME TERMS, WHILE IMPORTS GREW BY 18 PER CENT. OVER THE PERIOD, THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, RE-EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ALL ROSE BY 16 PER CENT.

A COMPARISON OF FIGURES FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JULY THIS YEAR WITH THOSE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JULY 1983, SHOWS THAT THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 15 PER CENT, AND THOSE OF IMPORTS BY 17 PER CENT. THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 22 PER CENT AND 29 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THUS GIVING A 24 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 17 PER CENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM ONE PER CENT FOR WATCHES AND CLOCKS TO 26 PER CENT FOR TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES. HOWEVER, A DECREASE OF EIGHT PER CENT IN EXPORT PRICES WAS REGISTERED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP.

THE DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+41%), DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (+31%), FOOTWEAR (+29%), METAL MANUFACTURES (+25%), RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (+25%), TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (+22%) AND CLOTHING (+13%). HOWEVER, DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (-27%), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (-15%), TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES (-5%) AS WELL AS WATCHES AND CLOCKS (-2%).

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AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JULY 1984, RANGING FROM 10 PER CENT FOR BOTH FUELS AND CAPITAL GOODS TO 18 PER CENT FOR RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS DECLINED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS OTHER THAN RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR, ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS. HOWEVER, INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR SUGAR, MILK, BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS AND RICE.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF SOME MAJOR CONSUMER GOODS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL ONES BEING CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMOPHONES, RECORDS, TAPE RECORDERS AND AMPLIFIERS, CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TOBACCO MANUFACTURES, MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FOOTWEAR.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST OF THE RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH MAN-MADE FIBRES, YARN OF MAN-MADE FIBRES, SPECIAL TEXTILE FABRICS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE, THERMIONIC CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, PAPER AND PAPERBOARD, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS, IRON AND STEEL, WOVEN COTTON FABRICS, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR AS WELL AS LEATHER AND DRESSED FUR SKINS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF YARN OF WOOL AND MIXTURES, COTTON YARN AND THREAD, RAW COTTON AS WELL AS CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 69 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL COMMODITIES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, THE MORE REMARKABLE ONES BEING OFFICE MACHINES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY. HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, OTHER THAN TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL TYPES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.

AS SHOWN IN TABLE 3, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF NEARLY ALL END-USE CATEGORIES INCREASED IN THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 1984, RANGING FROM 15 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO 185 PER CENT FOR FUELS. HOWEVER, THE RE-EXPORT VOLUME OF FOODSTUFFS DROPPED BY 13 PER CENT.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE JULY 1984 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS, WHICH WILL BE ON SALE LATER THIS MONTH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

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TABLE 1 : COMPARISON OF JULY 1984 WITH JULY 1983 CHANGES
IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING	+39%	+22%	+13%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+27%	+23%	+ 3%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 1%	+18%	-15%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+49%	+22%	+22%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	+42%	+14%	+25%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+47%	+ 4%	+41%
FOOTWEAR	+42%	+10%	+29%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+46%	+16%	+25%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	-33%	- 8%	-27%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	- 1%	+ 1%	- 2%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+20%	+26%	- 5%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+44%	+10%	+31%
ALL COMMODITIES	+33%	+15%	+15%

TABLE 2 : COMPARISON OF JULY 1984 WITH JULY 1983 CHANGES
IN IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 7%	+14%	- 6%
CONSUMER GOODS	+21%	+12%	+ 7%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+31%	+18%	+11%
FUELS	+86%	+10%	+69%
CAPITAL GOODS	+48%	+10%	+35%
ALL COMMODITIES	+31%	+14%	+14%

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TABLE 3 : COMPARISON OF JULY 1984 WITH JULY 1983 CHANGES
IN RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY

END-USE CATEGORY	RE-EXPORT VALUE	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE	RE-EXPORT VOLUME
FOODSTUFFS	+ 1%	+16%	- 13%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 31%	+14%	+ 15%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 67%	+17%	+ 43%
FUELS	+214%	+10%	+185%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 71%	+16%	+ 47%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 49%	+15%	+ 29%

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ANTI-DRUG FIGHT SHOWS RESULTS

HONG KONG'S EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS ARE SHOWING POSITIVE RESULTS, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR ISAAC CHOW SAID TODAY.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS WHO WERE NEWLY REPORTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN DRUGS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1984 HAD DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY, HE SAID, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, 425 YOUNG PERSONS WERE NEWLY REPORTED, A DECREASE OF 28.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE 597 IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1983.

+THESE ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT OUR PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY STRATEGY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK+, SAID MR CHOW.

EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO REACH OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE MOST EXPOSED TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE, HE SAID.

THE ACTING COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IS ORGANISING A SERIES OF ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT THE +SCHOOL TALKS TEAM+ OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION HAD CONDUCTED 78 DRUG EDUCATION TALKS AT 58 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO OVER 24 500 STUDENTS SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SCHOOL TALKS PROGRAMME IN FEBRUARY.

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THE AIM, HE SAID, IS TO REACH ALL JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN A THREE-YEAR CYCLE.

ACAN HAS ALSO JOINED HANDS WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL RADIO TO LAUNCH A LARGE SCALE ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITY NAMED +STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT+ AS ITS MAJOR PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EVENT FOR 1984-85.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN, MR KARL STUMPF.

+THE STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS,+ SAID MR STUMPF.

HE URGED SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE MOVEMENT.

THE MOVEMENT IS AIMED AT GETTING SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED ANTI-NARCOTICS COMPETITIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- * TO ENHANCE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO GET THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES;
- * TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY VIGILANCE, AGAINST DRUG ABUSE;
- * TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985, WHICH HAS THE THEME +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+.

THE COMPETITIONS, WILL INCLUDE A QUIZ, POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN, ESSAY WRITING, LYRIC WRITING, SINGING, A TELEMATCH GAME AND AN EXHIBITION STALL DESIGN.

THERE WILL BE A JUNIOR DIVISION COMPRISING TEAMS FROM FORM 1 TO FORM 3, AND A SENIOR DIVISION COMPRISING TEAMS FROM FORM 4 TO FORM UPPER 6.

THE TOP PRIZE WILL BE A PERSONAL COMPUTER WORTH ABOUT \$6 000 FOR EACH OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE CHAMPION TEAMS IN BOTH DIVISIONS.

EACH COMPUTER SET WILL CONSIST OF A LASER 3 000 COMPUTER, A DISK-DRIVE, A DISK-CONTROLLER, A GREEN MONITOR AND A FREE COMPUTER TRAINING COURSE.

THE PRIZES FOR THE RUNNERS-UP WILL BE CAMERAS AND SPORTSWEAR.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MOVEMENT WILL BE A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON MARCH 10, 1985. THE CONCERT WILL BE PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE.

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PARTICIPANTS SHOULD FORWARD THEIR APPLICATION FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE ANSWERS OF THE QUIZ AND THEIR POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGNS, TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, BY OCTOBER 20.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL SECONDARY DAY SCHOOLS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONE TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION (5-295140) OR THE CYC SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (5-8392380).

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WERE THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR (CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN DUNN, AND THE ASSISTANT PROGRAMME DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL RADIO ONE, MR ALEX TONG.

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WORK PLAN TO CLEAR ODOUR NUISANCE
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ORGANIC SEDIMENT FROM KAI TAK NULLAH AND KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER WILL BE REMOVED AS PART OF A SCHEME TO TACKLE THE POLLUTION AND ODOUR NUISANCE THERE.

DREDGING WORK, EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT ALONG THE CHANNEL ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT RUNWAY.

THE DREDGING WORK WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR PHASE IN STAGE II OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF WATER QUALITY SCHEME.

IT WOULD RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF OBNOXIOUS DEPOSITS OF WASTES, A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE WASTES ARE THE MAJOR SOURCE OF HYDROGEN SULPHIDE GAS FORMATION, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF ODOUR NUISANCE IN THE VICINITY.

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LORD KENNET SEES CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

THE VISITING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PEER, LORD KENNET, AND HIS WIFE, TOURED THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON AND THE MEDIUM SECURITY TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN STANLEY TODAY (MONDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES PROVIDED FOR PRISONERS.

AFTER SEEING VARIOUS FACILITIES, THEY PROCEEDED TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WHERE THEY SAW OFFICERS IN TRAINING.

THEY ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNCIL OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION WHICH CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GRADES.

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THREE MP'S ARRIVING TODAY

THREE LABOUR MP'S, MR IAN MIKARDO, MISS JO RICHARDSON AND MR BARRY SHEERMAN, ARE ARRIVING THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A VISIT.

THEIR PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND VISITS TO YUEN LONG DISTRICT, HOUSING ESTATES, A FACTORY AND THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CENTRE FOR REFUGEES.

THEY WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 13). MR MIKARDO AND MISS RICHARDSON WILL LEAVE HONG KONG THE SAME EVENING, AND MR SHEERMAN WILL LEAVE ON OCTOBER 16.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SEVEN MP'S TO MEET PRESS THIS WEEK

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SEVEN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE MEETING THE PRESS SOMETIME DURING THIS WEEK, IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

TOMORROW (TUESDAY) LABOUR MP, MR ANDREW FAULDS, WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE, AT 2.45 PM.

ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 10) TWO CONSERVATIVE MP'S, SIR NICHOLAS BONSOR AND MR PETER TEMPLE-MORRIS, WILL BE MEETING THE PRESS, AT 2.45 PM.

AND ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 12), ALSO AT 2.45 PM, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PEER, LORD KENNET, WILL MEET THE MEDIA.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, SATURDAY (OCTOBER 13) THREE LABOUR MP'S, MR IAN MIKARDO, MR BARRY SHEERMAN AND MISS JO RICHARDSON, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE, STARTING AT 11 AM.

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CONTEST FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

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CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DRAWING COMPETITION WITH THE FINAL JUDGING BEING HELD IN INDIA.

PUPILS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHANKAR'S INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S COMPETITION 1985 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR DRAWINGS OR PAINTINGS THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRELIMINARY SELECTION BEFORE DECEMBER 1.

THE COMMISSION FOR INDIA WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE LOCAL SELECTION, WHILE THE FINAL SELECTION WILL BE MADE IN INDIA.

EACH STUDENT CAN SUBMIT SIX PAINTINGS OR DRAWINGS, WHICH CAN BE PRESENTED IN ANY MEDIUM EXCEPT BLACK LEAD PENCIL AS SPECIFIED BY THE ORGANISERS, AND WHICH MUST NOT BE MOUNTED. GROUP WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE ORGANISERS.

THE MINIMUM SIZE OF EACH DRAWING OR PAINTING IS 300 MM X 400 MM AND ENTRANTS SHOULD STATE ON THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY THEIR NAME, SEX, AGE AND DATE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY, NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL, TITLE OF ENTRY AND THEIR ART TEACHER'S SIGNATURE TO CERTIFY THAT THE SUBMISSION IS THE ORIGINAL AND UNAIDED WORK OF THE ENTRANT DURING 1984.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4/F, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE AT 5-621967.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING OFFERED
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STUDENTS WISHING TO RECEIVE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING ARE BEING OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, COVERING WESTERN AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS, IS OPEN TO STUDENTS BETWEEN SIX AND 22 YEARS OF AGE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOLLOWING A RECENT TV INTERVIEW GIVEN BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, TO PROMOTE A RECRUITMENT DRIVE, THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 720 TRAINING CLASSES WITH A TOTAL OF ABOUT 3 500 TRAINEES.

HOURLY CLASSES ARE HELD WEEKLY AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE MONTHLY TUITION FEE IS \$10 FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS AND \$20 FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THE CLASSES ALSO COVER AURAL TRAINING, THEORY AND MUSIC APPRECIATION.

TRAINEES WHO HAVE REACHED THE REQUIRED STANDARD WILL HAVE THE CHANCE OF JOINING THE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND BANDS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

UNDER THE EXISTING HIRE-PURCHASE SCHEME, THE MUSIC OFFICE PROVIDES A TRAINEE WITH AN INSTRUMENT FOR PRACTICE AT HOME AT A MONTHLY FEE OF \$10. THE INSTRUMENT WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE TRAINEE ONCE THE FEES PAID MEET ITS COST.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ENDORSED BY THEIR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE MUSIC OFFICE AT HARBOUR CENTRE, 11TH FLOOR, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, BY OCTOBER 28.

APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN ADMISSION TEST IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER TO DETERMINE THEIR SUITABILITY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT TELEPHONE 5-741622.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR SHAU KEI WAN
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO DEVELOP A SITE NEAR FU TAU WAT VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN INTO A SITTING-OUT AREA TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THIS DENSELY-POPULATED AREA.

THE SITE, MEASURING 1 380 SQUARE METRES, FORMS PART OF THE LAND ORIGINALLY RESERVED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UC MARKET. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS PART OF SHAU KEI WAN IS AT PRESENT WELL SERVED BY THE SHAU KEI WAN MARKET AND THE NEWLY OPENED SAI WAN HO MARKET, THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NEED TO BUILD ANOTHER ONE THERE.

IN FACT, A PORTION OF THE LAND HAS ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED INTO A TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND AND HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA, ESTIMATED TO COST MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION TO BUILD, WILL INCLUDE THE STANDARD FACILITIES SUCH AS BENCHES, ARBOURS, PLANTING AND TURFING AREAS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS DUE TO START IN EARLY 1985 AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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URBAN COUNCIL PROVIDES ANOTHER LIBRARY
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WITH THE OPENING OF THE LAM TIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL BE SERVED BY TWO LARGE AND THREE SMALL LIBRARIES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S LIBRARIES SELECT COMMITTEE MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LAM TIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, MRS ELLIOTT SAID AN ADDITIONAL SMALL STATIC LIBRARY WILL BE OPENED IN THE SAU MAU PING ESTATE IN 1985. IN THE LONGER TERM, THE COUNCIL HAS PLANS TO REPROVISION THE LARGE LIBRARIES IN SUITABLE URBAN COUNCIL BUILDINGS.

THE LAM TIN PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE TENTH SMALL STATIC LIBRARY OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL. COVERING AN AREA OF 170 SQUARE METRES AT UNITS NO. 3-6, G/F., BLOCK 20, LAM TIN ESTATE, IT PROVIDES A LENDING SERVICE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. THE LIBRARY HAS AN INITIAL STOCK OF 18 000 BOOKS AND NEW TITLES WILL BE ADDED TO PROVIDE A GREATER VARIETY OF READING MATERIAL.

IN ADDITION, A WIDE VARIETY OF LIBRARY EXTENSION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED REGULARLY FOR READERS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE LIBRARY ARE FROM 10 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS. IT IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND CLOSED ON THURSDAYS.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO MEET
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMPENSATION FOR LAND RESUMPTION ON LAMMA ISLAND AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR LUK TEI TONG AND TAI TEI TONG IN MUI WO, AND COMMENT ON THE POPULATION AND PLACE NAMES IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO ENDORSE THE SPENDING OF \$24 630 FOR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

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MORE FACILITIES FOR WAN CHAI RESIDENTS
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AN OPEN SPACE COMPRISING A WALLED GARDEN WITH ENTRANCE GATES AND 'PAI LAU' GUARDED BY TWO PAIRS OF STONE LIONS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A 3 700-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE GARDEN WILL ALSO BE SURROUNDED BY PEBBLE FOOTPATHS, AND WILL HAVE A WATER POOL WITH A CHINESE-STYLE PAVILION ON TOP OF IT, ARTIFICIAL CASCADES, A COVERED DISPLAY AREA, LANDSCAPED SITTING-OUT AREAS AND ARBOURS, A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A REFRESHMENT KIOSK, TOILETS AND A STOREROOM.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND TAKE 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WATER STORAGE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 85.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 498.018 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 571.789 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 97.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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FRESH, SALT WATER WORKS

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CAUSEWAY BAY AND SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11) TO 6 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD, KAI CHIU ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD INCLUDING NO.482 HENNESSY ROAD AND NO. 1 - 3 JARDINE'S CRESCENT.

IN SAN PO KONG, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CHOI HUNG ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KING TAI STREET, KING FUK STREET, TSUEK LUK STREET, TAI YAU STREET AND SHEUNG HEI STREET.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED ARE PREMISES IN THE WHOLE TUEN MUN AREA FROM FU TEI TO SAM SHING ESTATE, INCLUDING SIU HONG COURT, SIU ON COURT, TAI HING ESTATE, SAN FAT ESTATE, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, SHAN KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, MELODY GARDEN, SIU SHAN COURT, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, TUEN MUN CLINIC, YAN OI POLYCLINIC, YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT, AREA 4B, 9, 10, 12, 19, 26, 36, 37A AND 37B, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, CHI LOK GARDEN AND WALDORF GARDEN.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 11) FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED AREAS ARE ALL PREMISES AT TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND CHAI WAN KOK, EXCLUDING LAI KING ESTATE, LAI YIU ESTATE AND CHO YIU ESTATE.

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ROAD SECTION CLOSURE
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THE SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN ROAD D9 AND PUI TO ROAD, AND THE SECTION OF PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM OCTOBER 9 (TUESDAY) TO OCTOBER 15 (MONDAY) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD D9.

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SHEUNG SHUI MARKET STALLS FOR RENT
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TWENTY-SEVEN VACANT STALLS AT TWO SHEK WU HUI TEMPORARY MARKETS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE PUT UP FOR BIDDING ON OCTOBER 16 (TUESDAY).

THE BIDDING WILL BE HELD AT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT FU HING STREET, STARTING 10 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

FIFTEEN OF THE STALLS ARE LOCATED AT SHEK WU HUI TEMPORARY MARKET I, AND THE OTHER 12 AT SHEK WU HUI TEMPORARY MARKET II, WITH THEIR UPSET MONTHLY RENTS RANGING FROM \$450 TO \$1 000.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT AND MUST PAY THE RENT QUARTERLY.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-6577016.

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