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Stoppage of work on Tuen Mun Road

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The Secretary for Works, Mr James Blake, said today (Thursday) that there will be a continued stoppage of work above those sections of the Tuen Mun Road with slope characteristics similar to last Friday's incident until adequate measures to his satisfaction have been taken to contain the risks to road users.

Mr Blake regretted today's delay caused by the closure of the Kowloon-bound carriageway of the Tuen Mun Road. But, he said this was necessary to contain the possible risk of rock fall following a routine inspection by Highways and Geotechnical engineers of the area above the road.

He said the contractor under the close monitoring of government engineers were carrying out the precautionary work as expeditiously as possible and hoped that the carriageway could reopen to traffic later tonight once the risk had been contained.

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Appointments of senior government officials

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In response to press enquiries, the Government today (Thursday) confirmed the following appointments at deputy secretary and deputy director levels of the Administration in September and October 1995.

Mr Patrick Lau, currently Counsellor at Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington, will take over from Mr Thomas Tso as Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service in early September.

Mr Francis Ho, currently Director of General Grades, will take over from Mrs Regina Ip as Deputy Secretary for Trade and Industry at about the same time.

Mr Leo Kwan, currently Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower, will take over from Mrs Elizabeth Boshier as Deputy Secretary for Economic Services, also in early September.

Mrs Boshier is about to assume the post of Director of Administration in Provisional Airport Authority. The post was vacated by Mrs Doris Ho in July.

Mrs Rita Lau, currently Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA), will take over from Mr Fred Ting as Deputy Secretary for Recreation and Culture in early October.

Mrs Lau will be succeeded in TELA by Mr Peter Cheung, who was Deputy Representative in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Geneva until recently.

Mr Ting will take over as Deputy Director of Regional Services (Operations) from Mr Benjamin Tang, who will take up the second deputy secretary post in Recreation and Culture Branch later in the year.

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More signatories join Community Charter on AIDS

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Another 25 companies and organisations has joined the Hong Kong Community Charter on AIDS as new signatories today (Thursday), bringing the total number of signatories to 32 since the charter scheme was first launched last December.

The new signatories include the Urban Council, the Regional Council, the Hong Kong Medical Association, the Legislative Council Secretariat, the Consumer Council, the Hospital Authority, the Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited, and the Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Government was one of the seven founders of the scheme, which was jointly organised by the Department of Health and the Lions Club International, District 303 -- Hong Kong and Macau.

Speaking at the charter signing ceremony, the Assistant Director of Health, Dr Chan Wai-man said: "Any organisations and corporations in the territory could have employees infected by the AIDS virus as it is estimated that there are about 3,000 HIV carriers here or one per thousand in the local workforce.

"Only when we come up with a policy now can we effectively minimise the negative impact the disease might bring," she said.

Dr Chan pointed out that the annual medical cost of an AIDS patient could run to \$100,000, and by the year 2000 the total medical cost for AIDS patients would surge to \$85 million per year.

Besides medical cost, other economic losses derived from patients' sick leaves, brain drain and subsequent training of replacement staff would be immeasurable, she added.

"The best solution is for the management to tackle the threat of AIDS rationally by promoting education on the prevention of AIDS in the workplace to increase employees' awareness of and knowledge on the disease," she said.

Dr Chan said it was encouraging that the signatories of the charter scheme had increased steadily.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Chairman of the charter scheme organising committee, Mr Paul Siu, called on employers to adopt a caring and non-discriminatory policy towards HIV infected staff, to support them and let them continue to contribute to the community.

Noting that AIDS could be prevented, Mr Siu said employers should also motivate employees to actively take precaution against contracting the AIDS virus.

The main objectives of the charter scheme are to enhance AIDS awareness and to encourage adoption of non-discriminatory policy in the workplace.

Any companies or organisation interested in the charter scheme are welcome to make enquire on 2780 8622.

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Navy warship to visit HK for liberation ceremonies

For the first time in three years, a major warship of the Royal Navy is to visit Hong Kong. The Trafalgar Class fleet submarine HMS Trenchant will berth in Hong Kong tomorrow (Friday), specifically to participate in the ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Liberation of Hong Kong.

She has been ordered to Hong Kong by the Navy's Fleet Headquarters in the United Kingdom to commemorate the Royal Navy task force which, under Rear Admiral Cecil Harcourt, liberated Hong Kong and re-established British sovereignty on August 30, 1945.

As a fleet submarine, HMS Trenchant is one of the Navy's modern-day capital ships and is therefore particularly suitable to represent Admiral Harcourt's fleet of aircraft carriers, battleships and cruisers.

Admiral Harcourt was Hong Kong's first post-war Governor, remaining in the post until Sir Mark Young, who had been captured by the Japanese at the fall of Hong Kong in 1941, was well enough to return in Spring 1946.

HMS Trenchant is half-way through a seven-month deployment from the United Kingdom to the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans. She is accompanied by the Royal Fleet Auxiliary support vessel Diligence.

The Royal Navy's ceremonial guard at the Liberation Parade, to be held at the Cenotaph on Monday (August 28), will be exclusively drawn from HMS Trenchant's 125-man ship's company. The salute will be taken by the Governor, the Rt Hon Christopher Patten.

HMS Trenchant entered service in 1989 as the fifth in the seven-ship Trafalgar Class of nuclear-powered fleet submarines. She is the first submarine in the Royal Navy to be fitted with Spearfish, a new generation of high-speed anti-submarine gas turbine-powered conventional torpedoes. She can also carry a number of other conventional torpedo-type weapon systems. HMS Trenchant is not equipped with nuclear weapons.

RFA Diligence is a veteran of both the Falklands Conflict in 1982 and the Gulf War in 1991. A 10,765-tonne forward repair ship, she spends much of her time supporting British warships patrolling in Falkland Islands waters, from where she has been detached to provide back-up services for HMS Trenchant during her current deployment.

HMS Trenchant will berth alongside RFA Diligence in the Outer Harbour. The two ships will sail on Wednesday (August 30).

Attention News Editor:

Media representatives are invited to observe HMS Trenchant's entry into harbour and securing alongside RFA Diligence. Members of the press should arrive at the Main Gate, Prince of Wales Barracks, Edinburgh Place, Central, no later than 7.30 am on Friday where they will be transported to the Outer Harbour by Royal Navy vessel.

This facility is expected to provide good photographic opportunities.

Members of the press may expect to be back in Central before 10 am.

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HK's external trade statistics by mode of transport

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The value of Hong Kong's external trade by ocean accounted for 49% of Hong Kong's external trade in the first half of 1995, according to the statistics released by the Census and Statistics Department today (Thursday).

Another 25% was transported by land and yet another 20% by air. The remaining 5.4% included shipment by river, postal parcels, and accompanied goods of passengers travelling on various means of transport.

Shipment by ocean amounted to \$659.2 billion in the first half of 1995, with an increase of 19% over that in the same period in 1994. Hong Kong's external trade by land went up by 17% to \$338 billion while that by air also went up by 32% to \$266 billion in the first half of 1995.

Table 1 shows changes in value of Hong Kong's external trade analysed by mode of transport in the first half of 1995 compared with the same period in 1994.

The United States remained the largest destination for Hong Kong's total exports (including domestic exports and re-exports) by ocean, accounting for a share of 32% in value terms in the first half of 1995. The value of total exports by ocean to the United States went up by 15% in the first half of 1995.

The value of total exports by ocean to Japan increased by 25% in the first half of 1995 over the same period in 1994. Increases were also recorded in seaborne total exports to the other main destinations: China (+13%) and the United Kingdom (+8.4%).

Japan was the largest supplier of Hong Kong's imports by ocean, accounting for a share of 24% in value in the first half of 1995. The value of imports by ocean from Japan went up by 15% in the first half of 1995 over the same period in 1994. Increases were also recorded in seaborne imports from the United States (+36%), South Korea (+33%), China (+27%) and Taiwan (+21%).

Table 2 shows changes in value of external trade by ocean with main trading partners in the first half of 1995 compared with the same period in 1994.

In the first half of 1995, the value of total exports by air to the United States accounted for 26% of the value of Hong Kong's total exports by air and increased by 12% over the same period in 1994.

The value of total exports by air to Taiwan and Japan increased by 37% and 33% respectively in the first half of 1995 over the same period in 1994. Increases were also recorded in airborne total exports to the other main destinations: Singapore (+27%) and Germany (+11%).

Airborne imports from all main suppliers increased considerably in the first half of 1995. The percentage increases in value in the first half of 1995 over the same period in 1994 were: France (+155%), Singapore (+60%), Taiwan (+50%), Japan (+38%) and the United States (+22%).

Table 3 shows changes in value of external trade by air with main trading partners in the first half of 1995 compared with the same period in 1994.

More detailed figures on changes in value of external trade by ocean between the first half of 1995 and the same period in 1994 analysed by principal commodity division are shown in Table 4.

Significant increases were recorded in value of re-exports by ocean for telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment (by \$8.6 billion or 29%); miscellaneous manufactured articles consisting mainly of baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (by \$8.2 billion or 19%); and electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof (by \$5.2 billion or 36%).

Large increases were also recorded in value of imports by ocean for plastics in primary forms (by \$9.3 billion or 76%); and textiles (by \$7.1 billion or 18%).

However, a decrease was recorded in the value of domestic exports by ocean for textiles (by \$96 million or 2.5%).

Changes in value of external trade by air between the first half of 1995 and the same period in 1994 analysed by principal commodity division are shown in Table 5.

Comparing the first half of 1995 with the same period in 1994, significant increases were recorded in the value of imports by air for electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof (by \$15.1 billion or 45%); telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment (by \$5.8 billion or 64%); and office machines and automatic data processing machines (by \$4.5 billion or 47%).

As regards exports by air, increases were recorded for re-exports of electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof (by \$7.5 billion or 58%); office machines and automatic data processing machines (by \$5 billion or 96%); photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks (by \$2.1 billion or 25%); and for domestic exports of electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof (by \$2.3 billion or 30%).

However, a decrease was recorded in value of re-exports by air for clothing (by \$615 million or 6.7%).

Changes in value of external trade by land between the first half of 1995 and the same period in 1994 analysed by principal commodity division are shown in Table 6.

Comparing the first half of 1995 with the same period in 1994, significant increases were recorded in value of imports by land for miscellaneous manufactured articles consisting mainly of baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods (by \$4.6 billion or 19%); footwear (by \$2.9 billion or 16%); and telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment (by \$2.6 billion or 13%).

As regards exports by land, increases were recorded for re-exports of textiles (by \$6.1 billion or 26%); plastics in primary forms (by \$3.8 billion or 50%); and electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof (by \$2.4 billion or 35%); and for domestic exports of clothing (by \$684 million or 39%).

Detailed statistics of Hong Kong's external trade analysed by mode of transport are published in the June 1995 issue of the "Hong Kong External Trade" report which is now available for sale at \$122 per copy.

The report can be purchased at either (i) the Government Publications Sales Centre on the ground floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong, or (ii) the Publications Unit of the Census and Statistics Department on the 19th Floor, Wanchai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Wan Chai.

Enquiries regarding regular subscription to this report may be directed to the Publications (Sales) Office of the Information Services Department at 28th Floor, Siu On Centre, 188 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, Tel 2598 8194; and enquiries on trade statistics to the Census and Statistics Department, Tel 2582 4915.

TABLE 1 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

MODE OF TRANSPORT/ TYPE OF TRADE	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1995 HKD Mn.	1994 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
OCEAN				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	43,745	40,599	+ 3,146	+ 7.7
RE-EXPORTS	281,157	242,537	+ 38,619	+ 15.9
TOTAL EXPORTS	324,902	283,136	+ 41,765	+ 14.8
IMPORTS	334,263	270,451	+ 63,812	+ 23.6
TOTAL BY OCEAN	659,165	553,588	+ 105,577	+ 19.1
AIR				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	34,855	30,575	+ 4,281	+ 14.0
RE-EXPORTS	75,723	57,162	+ 18,561	+ 32.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	110,578	87,737	+ 22,841	+ 26.0
IMPORTS	155,448	114,124	+ 41,323	+ 36.2
TOTAL BY AIR	266,026	201,861	+ 64,164	+ 31.8
LAND				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	25,496	24,417	+ 1,079	+ 4.4
RE-EXPORTS	114,898	97,763	+ 17,135	+ 17.5
TOTAL EXPORTS	140,394	122,180	+ 18,214	+ 14.9
IMPORTS	197,590	167,709	+ 29,881	+ 17.8
TOTAL BY LAND	337,984	289,889	+ 48,095	+ 16.6
OTHERS				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	3,976	3,152	+ 824	+ 26.1
RE-EXPORTS	43,375	30,823	+ 12,552	+ 40.7
TOTAL EXPORTS	47,351	33,975	+ 13,376	+ 39.4
IMPORTS	24,056	20,578	+ 3,478	+ 16.9
TOTAL BY OTHERS	71,407	54,553	+ 16,854	+ 30.9
ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT				
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	108,072	98,743	+ 9,329	+ 9.4
RE-EXPORTS	515,152	428,285	+ 86,867	+ 20.3
TOTAL EXPORTS	623,224	527,028	+ 96,196	+ 18.3
IMPORTS	711,356	572,863	+ 138,493	+ 24.2
TOTAL TRADE	1,334,581	1,099,891	+ 234,689	+ 21.3

TABLE 2 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY OCEAN BY MAIN TRADING PARTNER

MAIN TRADING PARTNER	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1995 HKD Mn.	1994 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	15,858	14,556	+ 1,302	+ 8.9
GERMANY	3,472	3,650	- 179	- 4.9
UNITED KINGDOM	3,135	3,162	- 27	- 0.9
JAPAN	2,449	1,803	+ 646	+ 35.8
CHINA	2,026	1,660	+ 366	+ 22.1
ALL COUNTRIES	43,745	40,599	+ 3,146	+ 7.7
RE-EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	87,408	75,606	+ 11,801	+ 15.6
CHINA	27,787	24,747	+ 3,040	+ 12.3
JAPAN	20,368	16,477	+ 3,891	+ 23.6
GERMANY	16,752	15,853	+ 899	+ 5.7
UNITED KINGDOM	11,355	10,204	+ 1,150	+ 11.3
ALL COUNTRIES	281,157	242,537	+ 38,619	+ 15.9
TOTAL EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	103,266	90,162	+ 13,103	+ 14.5
CHINA	29,813	26,407	+ 3,406	+ 12.9
JAPAN	22,817	18,280	+ 4,537	+ 24.8
GERMANY	20,224	19,504	+ 720	+ 3.7
UNITED KINGDOM	14,489	13,366	+ 1,123	+ 8.4
ALL COUNTRIES	324,902	283,136	+ 41,765	+ 14.8
IMPORTS (SUPPLIER)				
JAPAN	79,799	69,270	+ 10,529	+ 15.2
TAIWAN	51,418	42,566	+ 8,852	+ 20.8
SOUTH KOREA	31,001	23,334	+ 7,667	+ 32.9
UNITED STATES	29,942	21,954	+ 7,988	+ 36.4
CHINA	24,841	19,606	+ 5,235	+ 26.7
ALL COUNTRIES	334,263	270,451	+ 63,812	+ 23.6

TABLE 3 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY AIR BY MAIN TRADING PARTNER

MAIN TRADING PARTNER	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1995 HKD Mn.	1994 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	10,872	10,766	+ 107	+ 1.0
SINGAPORE	4,707	4,384	+ 323	+ 7.4
JAPAN	3,368	2,871	+ 497	+ 17.3
GERMANY	2,097	1,959	+ 138	+ 7.1
TAIWAN	2,012	1,418	+ 593	+ 41.8
ALL COUNTRIES	34,855	30,575	+ 4,281	+ 14.0
RE-EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	17,353	14,478	+ 2,876	+ 19.9
JAPAN	9,486	6,814	+ 2,672	+ 39.2
TAIWAN	6,623	4,903	+ 1,719	+ 35.1
SOUTH KOREA	5,286	3,875	+ 1,411	+ 36.4
SINGAPORE	4,660	2,989	+ 1,671	+ 55.9
ALL COUNTRIES	75,723	57,162	+ 18,561	+ 32.5
TOTAL EXPORTS (DESTINATION)				
UNITED STATES	28,226	25,243	+ 2,982	+ 11.8
JAPAN	12,854	9,685	+ 3,169	+ 32.7
SINGAPORE	9,367	7,373	+ 1,994	+ 27.0
TAIWAN	8,635	6,322	+ 2,313	+ 36.6
GERMANY	6,027	5,452	+ 575	+ 10.5
ALL COUNTRIES	110,578	87,737	+ 22,841	+ 26.0
IMPORTS (SUPPLIER)				
JAPAN	29,684	21,516	+ 8,168	+ 38.0
UNITED STATES	24,392	19,927	+ 4,465	+ 22.4
SINGAPORE	14,659	9,189	+ 5,470	+ 59.5
TAIWAN	11,040	7,368	+ 3,672	+ 49.8
FRANCE	9,655	3,785	+ 5,870	+ 155.1
ALL COUNTRIES	155,448	114,124	+ 41,323	+ 36.2

TABLE 4 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY OCEAN BY MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION

MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1995 HKD Mn.	1994 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS				
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	21,400	20,135	+ 1,265	+ 6.3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PRINTED MATTER)	3,804	3,697	+ 107	+ 2.9
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	3,697	3,793	- 96	- 2.5
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	2,525	1,785	+ 740	+ 41.5
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	1,817	1,714	+ 103	+ 6.0
RE-EXPORTS				
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	51,529	43,343	+ 8,185	+ 18.9
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	38,716	30,069	+ 8,647	+ 28.8
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	30,217	30,615	- 398	- 1.3
FOOTWEAR	27,491	24,315	+ 3,176	+ 13.1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	19,810	14,620	+ 5,191	+ 35.5
IMPORTS				
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	46,202	39,120	+ 7,082	+ 18.1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	28,541	23,786	+ 4,755	+ 20.0
ROAD VEHICLES	21,680	21,059	+ 622	+ 3.0
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	21,365	12,109	+ 9,256	+ 76.4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	20,703	16,189	+ 4,515	+ 27.9

TABLE 5 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY AIR BY MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION

MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUN 1995 HKD Mn.	JAN-JUN 1994 HKD Mn.	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
			HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	9,984	7,673	+ 2,311	+ 30.1
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	7,392	7,094	+ 298	+ 4.2
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	5,517	5,110	+ 407	+ 8.0
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	5,198	4,646	+ 552	+ 11.9
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES)	3,313	3,000	+ 314	+ 10.5
RE-EXPORTS				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	20,449	12,965	+ 7,484	+ 57.7
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	10,276	8,212	+ 2,064	+ 25.1
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	10,259	5,227	+ 5,032	+ 96.3
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	8,588	9,203	- 615	- 6.7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	5,791	3,918	+ 1,873	+ 47.8
IMPORTS				
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	48,893	33,798	+ 15,096	+ 44.7
NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES	15,212	12,990	+ 2,223	+ 17.1
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	14,936	9,107	+ 5,829	+ 64.0
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	14,246	11,674	+ 2,573	+ 22.0
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	13,972	9,487	+ 4,485	+ 47.3

TABLE 6 : EXTERNAL TRADE BY LAND BY MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION

MAIN COMMODITY DIVISION	JAN-JUN	JAN-JUN	YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE	
	1995 HKD Mn.	1994 HKD Mn.	HKD Mn.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS				
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	3,443	3,907	- 464	- 11.9
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,829	2,822	+ 8	+ 0.3
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	2,431	1,747	+ 684	+ 39.1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	2,406	2,078	+ 328	+ 15.8
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	2,087	2,119	- 32	- 1.5
RE-EXPORTS				
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	29,365	23,225	+ 6,140	+ 26.4
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY FORMS	11,408	7,606	+ 3,802	+ 50.0
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF	9,130	6,781	+ 2,350	+ 34.7
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	7,043	6,642	+ 401	+ 6.0
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES	4,618	3,318	+ 1,300	+ 39.2
IMPORTS				
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	33,540	32,414	+ 1,126	+ 3.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS)	28,112	23,555	+ 4,557	+ 19.3
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	22,901	20,269	+ 2,631	+ 13.0
FOOTWEAR	20,867	17,956	+ 2,911	+ 16.2
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	15,879	13,715	+ 2,164	+ 15.8

Provisional statistics of retail sales for June

According to the provisional figures released today (Thursday) by the Census and Statistics Department, the value of total retail sales in June 1995, estimated at \$16.5 billion, increased by 4% when compared with June 1994. After discounting the effect of price changes over the period, total retail sales dropped by 2% in volume.

The slight decline in volume of total retail sales in June 1995 was mainly attributable to a significant drop in sales of motor vehicles, which fell by 34% in value and by 40% in volume. Sales of other consumer durable goods also went down by 6% in value and 10% in volume.

Sales of food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco and sales in department stores increased by 5% and 3% respectively in value, but decreased by 1% and 6% respectively in volume.

Nevertheless, there were increases in sales of other commodities, including miscellaneous consumer goods (15% in value, 10% in volume); clothing and footwear (15% in value, 4% in volume); fuels (11% in value, 5% in volume); and jewellery, watches and clocks and valuable gifts (4% in value, 2% in volume). Concurrently, sales in supermarkets rose by 12% in value and 4% in volume.

Compared with May 1995, total retail sales in June 1995 decreased by 3% in both value and volume. It should be borne in mind that this comparison may be affected by seasonal factors.

Comparing the period from January to June 1995 with the same period in 1994, total retail sales rose by 6% in value, but dropped by 1% in volume.

The volume of retail sales is derived from the value of retail sales after adjusting for price changes. The relevant components of the Consumer Price Index are used as deflators.

Table 1 presents the revised total retail sales figure for May 1995 and the provisional figure for June 1995.

Table 2 shows the value and volume indices of retail sales in May and June 1995 for all retail outlets and by type of retail outlet, with average retail sales from October 1989 to September 1990 taken as 100. Comparisons of the June 1995 results with those for May 1995 and those for June 1994, as well as comparisons of retail sales in the period from January to June 1995 with the same period in 1994 are also given.

The report containing the analysis of the June 1995 results is now on sale at \$4 per copy at the Government Publications Centre, Queensway Government Offices, ground floor, Low Block, 66 Queensway; and the Publications Unit of the Census and Statistics Department, 19th floor, Wanchai Tower, Wan Chai.

Enquiries about the survey results may be directed to the Wholesale and Retail Trade Statistics Section of the Census and Statistics Department on 2802 1258.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for June 1995 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$16,539.4 million
 for May 1995 (Revised Figure) = HK\$17,042.3 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDICES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MAY 1995 AND JUNE 1995

(Monthly average of Oct 89 - Sept 90 = 100)

Type of Outlet	Type of index	Index Number		June 1995 compared with May 1995		June 1995 compared with June 1994		Jan - Jun 1995 compared with Jan - Jun 1994	
		May 1995 (Revised figures)	June 1995 (Provisional figures)	(Points) (%)	(Points) (%)	(Points) (%)	(Points) (%)		
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS									
	Value	181.5	176.1	-5.4	-3.0	+6.7	+3.9	+9.5	+5.5
	Volume	133.9	129.6	-4.3	-3.2	-3.1	-2.3	-1.3	-0.9
(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLETS									
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	142.3	134.4	-7.9	-5.6	+6.1	+4.7	+7.0	+5.4
	Volume	104.7	97.2	-7.5	-7.1	-1.3	-1.3	-2.3	-2.2
Supermarkets ϕ	Value	161.0	176.4	+15.3	+9.5	+18.3	+11.6	+9.6	+6.2
	Volume	107.4	116.6	+9.1	+8.5	+4.6	+4.1	-1.7	-1.6
Fuels	Value	169.7	183.6	+13.9	+8.2	+18.6	+11.3	+13.4	+9.6
	Volume	111.0	120.1	+9.1	+8.2	+5.8	+5.0	+1.2	+1.2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	303.4	262.8	-40.7	-13.4	+34.1	+14.9	+32.5	+13.4
	Volume	189.5	163.4	-26.1	-13.8	+5.8	+3.7	+3.8	+2.1
Consumer durable goods	Value	154.3	149.1	-5.2	-3.4	-32.0	-17.7	-17.2	-9.4
	Volume	124.7	119.9	-4.8	-3.8	-31.7	-20.9	-20.7	-13.4
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	118.0	118.9	+0.9	+0.7	-61.3	-34.0	-38.6	-21.2
	Volume	78.6	79.0	+0.4	+0.5	-53.0	-40.1	-38.9	-28.8
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	180.6	171.0	-9.6	-5.3	-10.8	-5.9	-1.6	-0.9
	Volume	158.1	149.6	-8.6	-5.4	-16.3	-9.8	-7.6	-4.5
Department stores	Value	154.6	142.4	-12.2	-7.9	+3.9	+2.8	+7.0	+4.6
	Volume	102.7	93.9	-8.9	-8.6	-5.5	-5.6	-4.7	-4.1
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	Value	174.3	170.6	-3.8	-2.2	+6.3	+3.8	+11.3	+6.5
	Volume	161.0	157.8	-3.2	-2.0	+2.4	+1.5	+8.3	+5.0
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	213.7	222.3	+8.7	+4.1	+28.6	+14.8	+29.4	+16.0
	Volume	161.5	167.7	+6.2	+3.8	+15.0	+9.8	+15.2	+10.3

NOTE : ϕ Not including supermarkets operating in department stores.
 The underlined figures were rounded up to 5.

New airport police and fire stations contract awarded

The Secretary for the Treasury, on the advice of the Central Tender Board, has approved the award of an Airport Core Programme (ACP) contract for the construction of police and fire stations at the new airport at Chek Lap Kok.

The contract, valued at \$335 million, will be awarded to Dickson Construction Limited of Hong Kong by the Architectural Services Department.

Work will start in early October for completion in mid-1997.

End/Thursday, August 24, 1995

More drug education training for teachers

The Education Department is organising four more "Life Skills" drug education training courses for secondary school teachers in the next four months following good response to the course conducted in April and June.

The course, comprising lectures, discussions and workshops conducted over four half-days, is aimed at strengthening drug education in secondary schools. Circulars have been issued and nominations are being invited from school principals.

A department spokesman said: "It has been shown that effective drug education must do more than just providing information. Emphasis should be given to developing pupils' life skills to enable them to cope with their problems and to resist the pressure on them to use drugs.

"The course will help teachers familiarise themselves with life skills training through experience learning and to strengthen their confidence in using a diversity of teaching methods and available resources.

"The course is activity oriented. It will encourage teachers to involve actively in supporting the healthy development and success of young people, examine attitudes towards drugs and look at the role of teachers/schools in promoting life skills training in schools."

Training will be taken place at the Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, 4 Pak Fuk Road, North Point. Each course will accommodate 50 teachers.

The Education Department has already conducted four drug education courses for teachers of primary and secondary schools this year.

End/Thursday, August 24, 1995

Special stamp to mark World Stamp Exhibition

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The Postmaster General, Mr Mike Pagliari, today (Thursday) announced that to commemorate Hong Kong Post Office's participation in the Singapore World Stamp Exhibition 1995 (Singapore '95), a \$10 definitive stamp sheetlet will be issued on September 1.

The sheetlet is designed by Mr Colin Tillyer and printed by Joh Enschede Security Printing of the Netherlands.

Souvenir covers at \$1 each will be on sale at all post offices as from August 25. There is no advance order service.

A hand-back service will be provided at all post offices on September 1 to official and privately-made covers bearing an indication of the event. A special postmark and a cachet will be introduced for the event. A sales restriction of 20 sheetlets per customer queuing will be imposed on that day.

End/Thursday, August 24, 1995

Public reminded not to import endangered species

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Members of the public are reminded not to bring back items of endangered species on their return from visits to other countries during the forthcoming long weekend.

The appeal was made today (Thursday) by a conservation officer of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department (AFD), Dr So Ping-man, prior to the start of an extended weekend.

Dr So pointed out that some of the returning travellers were at times found by Customs and Excise officers at control points to have brought in endangered species.

Latest statistics indicate there are cases where visitors returning to Hong Kong have brought in with their luggage stuffed specimen of sea turtles and crocodiles, mounted butterflies, coral skeletons and controlled medicines, he said.

Dr So reiterated that any person importing, exporting or possessing any endangered species, including their parts and derivatives, without a licence issued by AFD, would have contravened the Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance.

Under the ordinance, any person found guilty of importing a highly endangered species item without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000 and one year's imprisonment. If the import is for a commercial purpose, the maximum penalties could be a \$5 million fine plus two years in jail.

Highly endangered species include rhinos, tiger, most species of bear, all sea turtles and medicines containing or claiming to contain rhino or tiger ingredients.

Dr So said magistrates had recently imposed heavier fines on people contravening the ordinance. In the latest case which was concluded on Tuesday (August 22), a shop operator was fined \$60,000 after being found guilty at the Fanling Magistracy for possessing pangolin scale, musk and controlled medicine for sale.

End/Thursday, August 24, 1995

Tung Lung rock carving inaccessible

The path leading to the historic rock carving on Tung Lung Island has collapsed following the recent rainstorm.

A spokesman for the Antiquities and Monuments Office today (Thursday) called on members of the public not to plan any outings to the area for the time being, especially during the long weekend, until the path was repaired.

Located on the northern coast of the island, the carving depicts the image of a dragon and consists of complicated and tortuous lines which can be seen at a distance.

It is the largest of the eight ancient rock carvings declared as monuments in Hong Kong.

Tung Lung Island can be reached by a privately-owned ferry which runs between Sai Wan Ho and the island on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority money market operations

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	\$ million -----	Time (hours) -----	Cumulative change (\$million) -----
Opening balance in the account	1197	0930	+2
Closing balance in the account	1176	1000	+2
Change attributable to :		1100	+5
Money market activity	+4	1200	+5
LAF today	-25	1500	+5
		1600	+4

LAF rate 4.25% bid/6.25% offer TWI 121.9 *-0.1* 24.8.95

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

EF bills		EF notes				
Terms	Yield	Term	Issue	Coupon	Price	Yield
1 week	5.85	2 years	2708	6.06	99.65	6.35
1 month	5.84	3 years	3807	6.16	98.78	6.73
3 months	5.82	5 years	5006	6.60	97.48	7.36
6 months	5.86	5 years	M501	7.90	100.80	7.84
12 months	5.96					

Total turnover of EF bills and notes - \$12,478 million

Closed August 24, 1995

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