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POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUTURE WATER SUPPLY UNDER STUDY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES AIMED AT IDENTIFYING ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUTURE SUPPLY AND TO EVALUATE THEIR WORTH IN TERMS OF RELIABILITY AND COST.

THIS WAS REVEALED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LION'S CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN.

THE STUDIES, HE SAID, INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR STORAGE, DESALTING OF WATER BY THERMAL AND OTHER MEANS AND RESEARCH INTO THE TREATMENT OF WATER OF SUB-STANDARD QUALITY.

+WHAT WILL BE REVEALED BY THESE STUDIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT OVERLYING THEM ALL IS THE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDING EVEN FURTHER SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA,+ MR. TUCKER SAID.

+THIS IS A POSSIBILITY WHICH IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE, BUT THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES WILL REQUIRE A MAJOR SCHEME, BECAUSE AFTER 1982 THE INCREMENTAL QUANTITIES OF ADDITIONAL WATER REQUIRED WILL BE GREAT AND NOT CAPABLE OF BEING DRAWN THROUGH THE PRESENT EAST RIVER-SHUM CHUN SYSTEM.+

IN VIEW OF THE ESCALATING COSTS, MR. TUCKER STRESSED THAT +FUTURE SCHEMES ARE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL WATER AT CHEAPER COST+.

HE ADDED THAT CAPITAL INVESTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBSTANTIAL AND THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS FACILITIES EXPAND.

+IN SPITE OF THIS, THE AVERAGE BILL FOR THE HOUSEHOLDER AT PRESENT IS ONLY 20 CENTS PER DAY,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, AS THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY INDICATED IN HIS SPEECH IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 16), THERE IS AN OVERALL DEFICIT IN THE WATERWORKS ACCOUNTS AND THIS IS PROJECTED TO PERSIST. HENCE A REVISED TARIFF IS OVERDUE AND WILL PROBABLY BE INTRODUCED NEXT YEAR.+

TURNING TO NEW PROJECTS, MR. TUCKER SAID, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PRESENT ARE COMPLETELY NEW SUPPLY SYSTEMS TO SERVE THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, YUEN LONG AND TSING YI WHILE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WORKS ARE IN HAND TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY TO POK FU LAM, STANLEY AND REPULSE BAY.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN SOON ON NEW SYSTEMS FOR THE FEI NGO SHAN AREA AND FOR AP LEI CHAU.

+TO MEET THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE NEW TOWNS TOGETHER WITH THE SMALLER MARKET AND RURAL TOWNS, FURTHER WATER SUPPLY PROPOSALS ARE BEING FORMULATED,+ HE SAID.

/+WE ALSO.....

+WE ALSO HAVE IN HAND WORKS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND SALT WATER FLUSHING SUPPLIES IN MANY AREAS.+

MR. TUCKER WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE BASIC FUNCTION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHICH, HE ADDED, IS TO COLLECT, STORE, PURIFY AND DISTRIBUTE POTABLE WATER AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE NEW RESOURCES AND INSTALLATIONS TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY STANDARD OF WATER SUPPLY.

ON THE QUALITY OF WATER SUPPLY, HE SAID THAT AFTER PURIFICATION AT THE TREATMENT WORKS THE FINAL SUPPLY CONFORMS TO STRINGENT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF QUALITY RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

MR. TUCKER POINTED OUT: +TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SUPPLY SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM IS CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER SAMPLES TAKEN AT INTAKES, STORAGE RESERVOIRS, TREATMENT WORKS, SERVICE RESERVOIRS, DISTRIBUTION MAINS AND CONSUMERS' TAPS.

+OVER 4,000 SUCH SAMPLES ARE LABORATORY TESTED EVERY MONTH, SOME 1,000 BEING TAKEN FROM CONSUMERS' TAPS CHOSEN AT RANDOM.+

REFERRING TO WATER STORAGE, MR. TUCKER SAID THAT WHEN THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME IS INAUGURATED BY THE GOVERNOR NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BECOME HONG KONG'S 18TH IMPOUNDING RESERVOIR, ADDING A FURTHER 274 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF STORAGE, ALMOST DOUBLING THE TOTAL AVAILABLE STORAGE CAPACITY.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO TOUCHED ON SOURCES OF WATER -- RAINFALL, CHINA WATER AND THE LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT.

HE SAID: +DESALTING IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES IN THAT IT IS COMPLETELY WITHIN OUR POWER TO DECIDE WHEN WE WANT TO PRODUCE WATER FROM IT.

+THE DESALTER IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR RESOURCES, BUT IT WILL NOT BE RUN IN PLACE OF ALTERNATIVE CHEAPER SOURCES OF SUPPLY THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

+IT IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE AS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE AND, AS OUR SYSTEM IS STILL DEPENDENT TO A LARGE EXTENT ON RAINFALL, WE MUST BE ABLE TO REACT TO SHORT TERM DEFICIENCIES BY DESALTER OPERATION.+

TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DESALTER, MR. TUCKER POINTED OUT, TRAINED STAFF MUST BE AVAILABLE AND READY TO RECOMMISSION IT AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

THE LONG AND COMPLEX PROCESS OF PUTTING THE DESALTER INTO MOTHBALLS IS CURRENTLY IN HAND AND WILL LAST WELL INTO 1979.

STAFF NOT ENGAGED ON THE MAINTENANCE PRIOR TO MOTHBALLING ARE EMPLOYED IN EFFICIENCY STUDIES AT THE DESALTER AND IN OTHER JOBS WITHIN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

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+WE ARE UTILISING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS RELATED TO THEIR NORMAL WORK IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE EFFECTS OF DEFICIENCIES IN ESTABLISHMENT,+ SAID MR. TUCKER.

+LONGER TERM POSSIBILITIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT ARE STILL UNDER STUDY BUT BY HAVING TRAINED OPERATIVES FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED AND AVAILABLE FOR REGROUPING FOR THEIR ORIGINAL DUTIES WE HOPE TO ENSURE THAT THE DESALTER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY WHICH IS NOT OBTAINABLE FROM OTHER RESOURCES.+

HOWEVER, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, HE SAID, THAT WITHOUT IT LAST YEAR THE WATER RESTRICTIONS WOULD HAVE FAR MORE SEVERE.

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#### PLAY SAFE IN OUTDOOR RECREATION

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WITH THE ONSET OF THE COOL SEASON, THE GOVERNMENT'S SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS CAMPAIGN WILL CONCENTRATE ON PROMOTING SAFETY IN THE POPULAR WINTER RECREATION OF CAMPING, HILL WALKING AND CYCLING.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR. CHAM SIU-LEUN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY), +WE SHALL FOCUS ON CAMPING, HILL WALKING AND CYCLING BECAUSE THESE ACTIVITIES CAN EASILY CAUSE MISHAPS IF ONE DOES NOT TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

+TO BRING HOME THE 'PLAY SAFE' MESSAGE, WE HAVE PRODUCED SHORT FILMS, LEAFLETS AND POSTERS TO HIGHLIGHT THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OF THESE THREE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.+

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR. HOWARD YOUNG, A VETERAN CAMPER WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CAMPING, TODAY SUGGESTED SOME SAFETY HINTS TO CAMPERS.

+WHEN ONE HAS DECIDED TO GO CAMPING, THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO PLAN THE DURATION OF THE STAY, WHAT EQUIPMENT TO TAKE AND THE AMOUNT OF FOOD NEEDED,+ HE SAID.

+WATCH OUT FOR SUDDEN CHANGES IN WEATHER CONDITIONS. DON'T GO CAMPING WHEN THE THUNDERSTORM WARNING IS IN FORCE OR A TYPHOON SIGNAL IS UP.

+ESPECIALLY DURING THE DRY SEASON, WHEN THE RED FIRE DANGER SIGNAL IS HOISTED, IT IS ADVISABLE TO USE DRY PROVISIONS INSTEAD OF LIGHTING FIRES.+

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, MR. YOUNG REMINDED THE CAMPERS TO KEEP CALM AND SEND SOMEONE TO THE NEAREST POINT (PREFERABLY THE POLICE STATION) FOR HELP.

/+LEAFLETS.....

+LEAFLETS INTRODUCING BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN CAMPING ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, YOUTH CENTRES AND THE G.I.S. PUBLICITY AND MARKETING SUB-DIVISION OFFICE,+ MR. YOUNG ADDED.

HILL WALKING IS ANOTHER POPULAR LEISURE PURSUIT. BUT ALL TOO OFTEN PEOPLE TAKE TO THE HILLS WITHOUT PROPER EQUIPMENT AND DO NOT HEED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

MR. JACK TUCKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON MOUNTAINEERING, POINTED OUT THAT ROUTE PLANNING AND PROPER EQUIPMENT ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN HILL WALKING.

+BEFORE GOING HILL WALKING, ONE MUST PLAN THE ROUTE AND INFORM THEIR FAMILIES ABOUT THE ROUTE WELL IN ADVANCE+, MR. TUCKER SAID.

LISTENING TO RADIO WEATHER BROADCASTS BEFORE STARTING THE JOURNEY WILL HELP TO DECIDE ON THE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

+A GOOD PAIR OF BOOTS IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT THE ANKLES AND FEET AND TO PREVENT BLISTERS, WEAR GOOD THICK SOCKS AND MAKE SURE THE BOOTS ARE WELL FITTED,+ HE ADDED.

IN THE COURSE OF THE JOURNEY, IT IS ALWAYS SAFE TO KEEP THE WHOLE TEAM TOGETHER, +WALKING ALONE IS DANGEROUS,+ MR. TUCKER WARNED.

IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS, MR. TUCKER ADVISED THAT DECISIONS MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ONE SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE NATURE OF THE INJURY= TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE DARK= THE WEATHER= STATE OF THE PARTY AND ITS MORALE= THE NEAREST POINT FOR ASSISTANCE= WHICH WAY TO MOVE THE INJURED, IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND HAVE HIM PROPERLY SECURED AND, WHO IS TO BE SELECTED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE AND SET THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE IN OPERATION.

REGARDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON CYCLING, MR. YOUNG, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CYCLING, URGED CYCLISTS TO OBEY TRAFFIC RULES LIKE OTHER MOTORISTS.

THERE WERE ABOUT 600 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING BICYCLES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

+DON'T RIDE ON BUSY ROADS EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY BE A PROFICIENT CYCLIST,+ HE CAUTIONED.

+CYCLING IS FUN BUT CARELESSNESS AND NEGLIGENCE OF TRAFFIC RULES ARE PREDOMINANT CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.+

IT IS ADVISABLE TO PUT ON SPORTSWEAR -- TIGHT TROUSERS AND SPORT SHOES, IF POSSIBLE. IF NOT, THEN ENSURE THAT THE TROUSERS OR JEANS WILL NOT BECOME TANGLED IN THE BICYCLE CHAIN.

TO THOSE WHO HIRE BICYCLES, MR. YOUNG REMINDED THEM TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE BICYCLE, ENSURE THAT THE BRAKES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION, TYRES FULLY INFLATED, FRONT AND REAR LAMPS WORKING PROPERLY, BELL AND REFLECTOR WELL POSITIONED.

+IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY+, MR. YOUNG REMARKED.

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HONG KONG TRADE FOR JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 1978

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HONG KONG'S TOTAL TRADE VALUE FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS THIS YEAR STOOD AT \$82,180 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 21 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1977, ACCORDING TO TRADE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY.

IMPORTS ROSE BY 25 PER CENT TO \$44,098 MILLION, EXPORTS BY 13 PER CENT TO \$28,758 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS BY 32 PER CENT TO \$9,324 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO 10 MAJOR OVERSEAS MARKETS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

	JAN.-SEPT. 77 (HK\$ MN)	JAN.-SEPT. 78 (HK\$ MN)	INCREASE (HK\$ MN)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
U.S.A.	10,035	11,060	+1,025	+10%
F.R. OF GERMANY	2,575	3,012	+ 437	+17%
UNITED KINGDOM	2,100	2,636	+ 536	+26%
JAPAN	1,002	1,223	+ 221	+22%
AUSTRALIA	949	1,044	+ 96	+10%
CANADA	870	911	+ 40	+ 5%
SINGAPORE	645	750	+ 105	+16%
THE NETHERLANDS	538	634	+ 96	+18%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	419	494	+ 76	+18%
NIGERIA	300	451	+ 151	+50%

THE RISE IN EXPORTS TO U.S.A. WAS MAINLY DUE TO AN INCREASE IN ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$4,587 MILLION, +13 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$532 MILLION, +51 PER CENT) AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$705 MILLION, +14 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECLINES WERE RECORDED IN EXPORTS OF RADIO RECEIVERS (\$447 MILLION, -38 PER CENT) AND PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS (\$913 MILLION, -3 PER CENT).

INCREASED EXPORTS TO F.R. OF GERMANY IS DUE TO THE RISE IN SHIPMENTS OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$1,805 MILLION, +18 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$125 MILLION, +133 PER CENT).

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FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM, EXPORTS OF APPAREL ROSE BY 30 PER CENT IN VALUE TO \$1,351 MILLION. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN SALES OF TEXTILE FABRICS (\$272 MILLION, +25 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$161 MILLION, +97 PER CENT) AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING EQUIPMENT (\$142 MILLION, +51 PER CENT).

EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE BOOSTED BY CLOTHING (\$348 MILLION, +20 PER CENT) AND WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$81 MILLION, +81 PER CENT).

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

	<u>JAN.-SEPT.77</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>JAN.-SEPT.78</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u>
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES	10,155	11,243	+1,088	+11%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY PLASTIC TOYS AND DOLLS)	4,247	4,725	+ 478	+11%
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS	1,405	2,138	+ 733	+52%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT	2,063	2,003	- 60	- 3%
TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS	1,955	1,963	+ 9	-
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES (MAINLY TRANSISTORS AND DIODES AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE APPLIANCES)	1,247	1,510	+ 263	+21%

BY COMMODITY, PROMINENT INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN EXPORTS OF ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$11,243 MILLION, +11 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$1,765 MILLION, +61 PER CENT), HOUSEHOLD TYPE ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$549 MILLION, +32 PER CENT), TRAVEL GOODS AND HANDBAGS (\$653 MILLION, +24 PER CENT) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS FOR COMPUTERS (\$519 MILLION, +38 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, EXPORTS OF RADIO RECEIVERS (\$1,100 MILLION, - 3 PER CENT) AND PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT (\$94 MILLION, -29 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM 10 MAJOR SOURCES ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>JAN.-SEPT., 77</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 78</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>INCREASE</u> (HK\$ MN)	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
JAPAN	8,221	10,117	+1,896	+23%
CHINA	5,702	7,312	+1,610	+28%
U.S.A.	4,428	5,460	+1,032	+23%
TAIWAN	2,375	2,919	+ 544	+23%
SINGAPORE	2,172	2,317	+ 145	+ 7%
UNITED KINGDOM	1,568	2,002	+ 435	+28%
F.R. OF GERMANY	1,049	1,457	+ 408	+39%
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	922	1,388	+ 465	+50%
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,177	1,251	+ 74	+6%
AUSTRALIA	698	917	+ 220	+32%

IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 23 PER CENT, DUE MAINLY TO A RISE IN TEXTILE FABRICS (\$1,359 MILLION, + 22 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$892 MILLION, + 32 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES (\$864 MILLION, + 37 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$612 MILLION, + 60 PER CENT).

INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM CHINA WERE REGISTERED IN TEXTILE FABRICS (\$780 MILLION, + 89 PER CENT), PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (\$529 MILLION, + 67 PER CENT), APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES (\$404 MILLION, + 35 PER CENT) AND FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS LIVE ANIMALS (\$854 MILLION, + 5 PER CENT), VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (\$513 MILLION, + 18 PER CENT), MEAT (\$353 MILLION, + 24 PER CENT) AND CEREALS (\$302 MILLION, + 14 PER CENT).

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS REGISTERED IN THE IMPORTS OF PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$524 MILLION, + 70 PER CENT) FROM THE U.S. INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN IMPORTS OF TEXTILE FIBRES (\$676 MILLION, + 27 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$458 MILLION, + 13 PER CENT) AND VEGETABLES AND FRUIT (\$404 MILLION, + 25 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE BOOSTED BY TEXTILE YARN, FABRICS, MADE-UP ARTICLES AND RELATED PRODUCTS (\$1,170 MILLION, + 12 PER CENT) WHILE THE INCREASE FROM SINGAPORE WAS DUE MAINLY TO MORE IMPORTS OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$117 MILLION, + 83 PER CENT).

THE FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS:

/MANUFACTURED .....

	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 77</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>JAN.-SEPT. 78</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(HK\$ MN)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (MAINLY TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND DIAMONDS)	10,533	14,216	+3,684	+35%
MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	6,867	8,606	+1,739	+25%
FOOD AND LIVE ANIMAL CHIEFLY FOR FOOD	5,288	5,897	+ 609	+12%
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (MAINLY WATCHES AND CLOCKS, ARTICLES OF APPAREL)	4,383	5,983	+1,600	+37%
CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	2,666	3,287	+ 620	+23%

RAPID INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMER GOODS, INCLUDING PEARLS, SEMI-PRECIOUS AND PRECIOUS STONES (\$2,913 MILLION, +71 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$2,108 MILLION, +38 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL (\$1,428 MILLION, +41 PER CENT).

IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$2,688 MILLION, +23 PER CENT), ROAD VEHICLES (\$1,005 MILLION, +44 PER CENT), OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (\$870 MILLION, +47 PER CENT) ALSO ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY.

HOWEVER, A SLIGHT DROP OCCURRED IN IMPORTS OF COFFEE, TEA, COCOA AND SPICES (\$158 MILLION, -33 PER CENT).

AS REGARDS RE-EXPORTS, THERE WERE INCREASED DEMANDS FROM JAPAN (\$1,644 MILLION, +64 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (\$999 MILLION, +31 PER CENT), INDONESIA (\$930 MILLION, +31 PER CENT), U.S.A. (\$881 MILLION, +41 PER CENT) AND TAIWAN (\$848 MILLION, +37 PER CENT).

THE GOODS RE-EXPORTED WERE MAINLY PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES (\$1,281 MILLION, +52 PER CENT), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (\$642 MILLION, +22 PER CENT), TEXTILE FABRICS (\$543 MILLION, +52 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$462 MILLION, +26 PER CENT) AND ROAD VEHICLES (\$206 MILLION, +79 PER CENT).

THE TRADE INDEX NUMBERS FOR AUGUST, 1978 (1973=100) WERE RELEASED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>VALUE</u> <u>INDEX</u>	<u>UNIT VALUE</u> <u>INDEX</u>	<u>QUANTUM</u> <u>INDEX</u>
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	247	140	176
IMPORTS	217	144	151

THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX FOR AUGUST WAS 97.

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### CHEUNG CHAU REDEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT A 10-METRE-WIDE PROMENADE ALONG CHEUNG CHAU WAN TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE SENIOR TOWN PLANNER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, MR. LO CHAI-WAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION OF THE PROMENADE FROM THE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING FERRY PIER TO NAM WAN WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A \$55.5 MILLION DEVELOPMENT +PACKAGE+ FOR THE ISLAND TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE PROMENADE WILL CATER FOR PEDESTRIANS, SERVICE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

+IT WILL EVENTUALLY START FROM PAK TAI TEMPLE AND GO ALL THE WAY ROUND THE WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN COASTLINE OF THE ISLAND,+ SAID MR. LO.

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT +PACKAGE+, MR. LO SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE 3,000 PEOPLE WITH A RURAL TYPE HOUSING ESTATE OF THREE TO FOUR STOREYS HIGH.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A MODERN TWO-STOREY GOVERNMENT MARKET WITH FACILITIES FOR COOKED FOOD STALLS AS WELL AS SITES FOR VILLAGE TYPE HOUSING.

ENGINEERING WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND WILL INVOLVE A RECLAMATION OF FOUR HECTARES OF LAND SOUTH OF THE EXISTING FERRY PIER.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. VICTOR YUNG, SAID THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD REQUIRE THE RESUMPTION OF 1,379 SQUARE METRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 216 SQUARE METRES OF BUILDING LAND.

MR. YUNG SAID MOST OF THIS LAND HAD ALREADY BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH LAND EXCHANGES WITHIN THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL TOWN WITH POSSESSION OF SITES DEFERRED UNTIL THE LAND IS FORMED UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT +PACKAGE+ WORKS.

OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED LAND EXCHANGES AT A RATIO OF 5:2 WHILE OWNERS OF BUILDING LAND WILL BE OFFERED A FOOT-FOR-FOOT LAND EXCHANGE.

ONE TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURE OCCUPIED BY A FAMILY WILL BE CLEARED. THE FAMILY, IF FOUND ELIGIBLE, WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING OR MAY OPT FOR A RESITE ON CHEUNG CHAU ALONG WITH AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000.

IN ADDITION, THREE OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES PRESENTLY USED AS BOATYARDS WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED, MR. YUNG SAID.

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SNT TO OPEN SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF A NEW SPORTS GROUND IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE NEW SPORTS GROUND MARKS A MAJOR EFFORT BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE NEW COMPLEX, COSTING NEARLY \$100,000 AND COVERING AN AREA OF 2,500 SQUARE METRES TO THE EAST OF, AND NEIGHBOURING, LEK YUEN ESTATE, HAS TWO TENNIS COURTS, A ROLLER-SKATING RINK AND TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A SKATEBOARD PERFORMANCE AND VOLLEYBALL AND TENNIS DEMONSTRATIONS BY LOCAL GROUPS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW SPORTS GROUND AT SHA TIN. IT WILL START AT 9.45 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 25). PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM SHA TIN.

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S.W.D.'S SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOLD YOUNG ATHLETES TO MAKE FULL USE OF HIS DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE YOUTH TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS.

HE WAS ADDRESSING PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING OF THE 14TH ATHLETIC MEET OF THE CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL AT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STADIUM.

MR. LEE SAID HIS DEPARTMENT IS RUNNING SEVEN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRES, EIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRES AND NINE COMMUNITY HALLS WITH PROGRAMMES GEARED TO DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADERSHIP POTENTIALS, SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUTH, HE SAID, ARE PROVIDED IN VARIOUS FORMS, INCLUDING YOUTH GROUPS, INTEREST GROUPS, MASS ACTIVITIES AND YOUTH VOLUNTARY WORK SCHEMES.

+I HOPE EACH OF YOU WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF OUR YOUTH SERVICES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PROVIDED DURING YOUR LEISURE HOURS,+ HE TOLD THE PARTICIPANTS.

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**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THE SECTION OF GLENEALY BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND CONDUIT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 P.M. TO 7 A.M. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24 AND 25) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FLYOVER BETWEEN GLENEALY AND ROBINSON ROAD.

ACCESS FOR VEHICLES TO ROBINSON GARDEN APARTMENTS, HOWEVER, WILL BE MAINTAINED.

MEANWHILE, DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, THE SECTION OF CONDUIT ROAD BETWEEN HORNSEY ROAD AND CASTLE ROAD WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. DRIVERS REQUIRING ACCESS TO CONDUIT ROAD MAY USE EITHER KOTEWALL ROAD OR HORNSEY ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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**ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO GYMNASTIC COMPETITION**

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STUDENTS HAVE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO A GYMNASTIC COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SOME 200 ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

THE COMPETITION, COMPRISING A MINI-MEET AND A TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE MINI-MEET WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 20 AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

EVENTS IN THE MINI-MEET INCLUDE VAULTING AND COMPULSORY AND VOLUNTARY FLOOR EXERCISES. THERE WILL BE ONE SECTION FOR GIRLS AND ANOTHER FOR BOYS.

LAST YEAR 180 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE MINI-MEET.

THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 8 AND 9, 1979, IN THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

FOR BOYS, THE EVENTS WILL INCLUDE FLOOR EXERCISE, VAULTING, HORIZONTAL BAR AND PARALLEL BAR- AND FOR GIRLS THERE WILL BE FLOOR EXERCISE, VAULTING, HORIZONTAL BAR AND BALANCE BENCH.

ENTRIES ARE STILL OPEN FOR THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, AND THE CLOSING DATE IS JANUARY 13, 1979.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRISONS DEPARTMENT PASSING-OUT PARADE  
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

TAKING PART IN THE PARADE WILL BE SOME 70 RECRUITS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL TRAINING.

THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL MANAGER (PRISONS INDUSTRIES), MR. T. COLLINSON WILL TAKE THE SALUTE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 11 A.M. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A PRESS VAN WILL LEAVE GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 10.15 A.M.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE STOPPED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HIGH STREET, EASTERN STREET, FIRST STREET AND WESTERN STREET, INCLUDING A SECTION OF POKFULAM ROAD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG TO HIGH STREET.

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