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PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF RETAIL SALES SURVEY FOR JUNE RELEASED
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THE VALUE OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES IN JUNE 1991, ESTIMATED AT \$10,767.0 MILLION, INCREASED BY 14.6% WHEN COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990, WHILE THEIR VOLUME INCREASED BY 7.5%, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY).

ANALYSED BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET, SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS WENT UP BY 30.5% IN VALUE AND 21.4% IN VOLUME IN JUNE 1991 COMPARED WITH JUNE 1990.

SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES INCREASED BY 21.0% IN VALUE AND 14.1% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS (OTHER THAN SUPERMARKETS) FOR FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO ROSE BY 19.9% IN VALUE AND 7.8% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR FUELS WENT UP BY 17.5% IN VALUE AND 2.2% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS ROSE BY 14.9% IN VALUE AND 8.7% IN VOLUME.

WITHIN THIS GROUP, SALES OF DEALERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS INCREASED BY 7.7% IN VALUE BUT DECREASED BY 1.9% IN VOLUME, WHILE SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR OTHER CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS ROSE BY 20.6% IN VALUE AND 17.1% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF SUPERMARKETS INCREASED BY 12.0% IN VALUE AND 2.1% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR JEWELLERY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, AND VALUABLE GIFT, HOWEVER, DECREASED BY 10.6% IN VALUE AND 10.4% IN VOLUME.

SALES OF RETAIL OUTLETS FOR OTHER CONSUMER GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED WENT UP BY 34.0% IN VALUE AND 26.3% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990, TOTAL RETAIL SALES ROSE BY 11.6% IN VALUE AND 4.4% IN VOLUME.

COMPARING WITH MAY 1991, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, TOTAL RETAIL SALES FOR JUNE 1991 INCREASED BY 1.5% IN VALUE AND 1.2% IN VOLUME.

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CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES REFER TO CHANGES IN THE VALUES OF RETAIL SALES AFTER DISCOUNTING ESTIMATED CHANGES IN PRICES.

THE INDICATORS OF PRICE CHANGES USED FOR THE PURPOSE ARE THE RESPECTIVE COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BROAD CATEGORY OF GOODS IN QUESTION.

TABLE 1 PRESENTS THE REVISED TOTAL RETAIL SALES FIGURE FOR MAY 1991 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR JUNE 1991.

TABLE 2 SHOWS THE VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES IN MAY AND JUNE 1991 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 JUNE 1991 RESULTS WITH THOSE FOR MAY 1991 AND WITH THOSE FOR JUNE 1990, AND COMPARISONS OF RETAIL SALES IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1991 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1990 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE REPORT CONTAINING THE ANALYSIS OF THE JUNE 1991 RESULTS IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. : 802 1258).

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL RETAIL SALES

Total Retail Sales for June 1991 (Provisional Figure) = HK\$10,767.0 million
 for May 1991 (Revised Figure) = HK\$10,609.8 million

TABLE 2 : VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR MAY 1991 AND JUNE 1991

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

Item	Index of Retail Sales	May 1991	June 1991	June 1991 compared with May 1991		June 1991 compared with June 1990		Jan.-Jun. 1991 compared with Jan.-Jun. 1990	
		(Revised figures)	(Provisional figures)	Points	%	Points	%	Points	%
(A) FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS									
	Value	113.0	114.6	+1.7	+1.5	+14.6	+14.6	+11.5	+11.6
	Volume	104.0	105.2	+1.2	+1.2	+7.4	+7.5	+4.4	+4.4
(B) BY TYPE OF RETAIL OUTLET									
Foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	Value	112.4	116.4	+4.0	+3.6	+19.3	+19.9	+15.2	+16.2
	Volume	102.0	102.4	+0.4	+0.4	+7.4	+7.8	+5.8	+6.2
Supermarkets	Value	111.9	123.8	+11.9	+10.6	+13.2	+12.0	+12.9	+13.0
	Volume	99.7	109.9	+10.3	+10.3	+2.3	+2.1	+2.3	+2.3
Fuels	Value	124.7	121.1	-3.6	-2.9	+18.0	+17.5	+26.3	+28.3
	Volume	105.7	102.3	-3.3	-3.2	+2.2	+2.2	+6.7	+7.2
Clothing, footwear and allied products	Value	115.6	106.7	-8.9	-7.7	+24.9	+30.5	+14.3	+14.2
	Volume	102.1	94.6	-7.4	-7.3	+16.7	+21.4	+6.4	+6.3
Consumer durable goods*	Value	120.3	121.9	+1.5	+1.3	+15.8	+14.9	+10.8	+10.8
	Volume	112.2	113.4	+1.2	+1.1	+9.1	+8.7	+4.5	+4.5
- Motor vehicles and parts	Value	121.6	120.4	-1.2	-1.0	+8.6	+7.7	+1.2	+1.2
	Volume	109.3	107.5	-1.9	-1.7	-2.1	-1.9	-7.6	-7.5
- Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts	Value	119.4	123.0	+3.6	+3.0	+21.0	+20.6	+17.7	+18.0
	Volume	114.3	117.7	+3.4	+3.0	+17.2	+17.1	+13.3	+13.5
Department stores	Value	104.7	104.2	-0.5	-0.5	+18.1	+21.0	+7.6	+7.8
	Volume	94.3	94.0	-0.3	-0.3	+11.6	+14.1	+1.0	+1.1
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gift	Value	113.2	115.7	+2.5	+2.2	-13.7	-10.6	+7.3	+7.4
	Volume	111.4	115.4	+4.0	+3.5	-13.4	-10.4	+5.1	+5.2
Other consumer goods not elsewhere classified	Value	106.7	110.4	+3.7	+3.4	+28.0	+34.0	+9.4	+8.6
	Volume	101.1	103.5	+2.4	+2.4	+21.5	+26.3	+4.7	+4.3

NOTE : * This covers both "Motor vehicles and parts" and "Consumer durable goods other than motor vehicles and parts".

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SECOND STAGE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AGENCY (GPA) TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANCY TO CARRY OUT AN ENERGY MANAGEMENT STUDY AT WANCHAI TOWER I, WHICH IS USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS OFFICES AND ALSO ACCOMMODATES THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT.

"THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT STUDY, FOR WHICH WANCHAI TOWER I HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE FIRST BUILDING TO BE EXAMINED, MARKS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SECOND STAGE OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME LAUNCHED BY THE GPA," HEAD OF THE GPA, MR PHILIP MACKLEY, SAID.

THE FIRST STAGE FOCUSED ON GOOD HOUSEKEEPING RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED THROUGH THE CIVIL SERVICE. ENERGY SAVINGS ARE ALREADY BEING MADE THROUGH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MODIFYING THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY USE THE BUILDINGS WHERE THEY WORK.

"THE STUDY WILL GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO THE TECHNICAL FEATURES OF A BUILDING WHICH INFLUENCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BUT WHICH CANNOT BE ADJUSTED BY GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ALONE," MR MACKLEY SAID.

THE CONSULTANTS, PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF ASIA LIMITED (PBA), EXPERIENCED IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING FIELD OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT STUDY, WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROPRIATE SHORT, MEDIUM, ENERGY SAVINGS AND PAYBACK PERIODS.

"THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY WILL ASSIST THE GPA IN FORMULATING ITS STRATEGY FOR MAKING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS IN OTHER BUILDINGS TOO, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR ENERGY EFFICIENCY," MR MACKLEY SAID.

RECENT SIMILAR STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY PBA IN SOME PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS SHOWED THAT ENERGY SAVINGS FOR OFFICE BUILDING IN THE ORDER OF 10 TO 20 PER CENT ARE OFTEN FOUND TO BE FEASIBLE, PRIMARILY IN THE AREAS OF LIGHTING CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM, IN SOME CASES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

THE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH PBA WILL CARRY OUT THE STUDY WAS SIGNED BY MR MACKLEY AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF PBA AND PRINCIPAL-IN-CHARGE FOR THE STUDY, MR VINCENT TSE, THIS AFTERNOON.

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POST OFFICE GEARS UP FOR HARD WORK FOR ELECTIONS

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IMAGINE A SCENE WHERE 3,000 MEN LIFTING 200 ELEPHANTS AND CARRYING THEM DOWN THE STREET.

YOU MAY WONDER IF THESE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO BREAK THE WORLD RECORD.

A NEAR SCENARIO MAY BE WITNESSED IN HONG KONG IN THE COMING DAYS LEADING TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 15.

THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE TOUGH GUYS ARE THE POSTMEN AND THE "ELEPHANTS" ARE ELECTION PUBLICITY MATERIALS - IN PIECES.

AS A SOUPED-UP EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, THE POSTMEN WILL HAVE TO CARRY AN EXTRA LOAD OF 1.05 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF "ELECTION MESSAGES" TO BE DELIVERED TO THE 1.9 MILLION VOTERS IN THE RUN-UP TO THE ELECTIONS.

THIS LOAD IS EQUIVALENT IN WEIGHT TO 200 ELEPHANTS WITH EACH WEIGHING 5,000 KILOGRAMS AND 2.5 METRES IN HEIGHT.

THE EXTRA LOAD IS ON TOP OF THE NORMAL 18-KILOGRAM MAILING STUFF THAT A POSTMAN HAS TO DELIVER EACH DAY.

THE POST OFFICE ESTIMATED THAT THE NUMBER OF LETTERS SENT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES WILL TOP 21 MILLION WHEN THE DEADLINE FOR THE SECOND FREE POSTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS CLOSES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE MATERIALS, WHEN PUT TOGETHER, COULD FILL THREE 10-HECTARE HONG KONG PARK.

IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, THE 21 MILLION LETTERS WILL AMOUNT TO 1.05 MILLION KILOGRAMS IF EACH LETTER DOES REACH THE MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 50 GRAMS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AN ELECTION, TWO FREE POSTINGS ARE PROVIDED BY THE POST OFFICE TO HELP CANDIDATES SEND THEIR PERSONAL PROFILES AND ELECTION FORUMS TO VOTERS.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE FREE POSTING FOR CANDIDATES OF THE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

THE POST OFFICE RECEIVED 6.64 MILLION LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES IN THE FIRST POSTING WHICH ENDED ON AUGUST 21.

THE FINANCE BRANCH HAD ALSO SET ASIDE \$2.17 MILLION TO THE POST OFFICE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OVERTIME TO THE REGULAR STAFF, THE EMPLOYMENT OF 280 CASUAL STAFF FOR SORTING LETTERS AND HIRING OF 25 EXTRA VEHICLES FOR MAIL CONVEYANCE.

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IN THE WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 9 WHEN CAMPAIGN DELIVERY IS EXPECTED TO REACH ITS PEAK, ABOUT 260 POST OFFICE STAFF WILL HAVE TO POSTPONE THEIR HOLIDAYS AND ACT AS BACK-UP STAFF. THIS WILL COST AN EXTRA OF ABOUT \$500,000.

THE POST OFFICE HAD ALSO SENT OUT ABOUT 8,000 LETTERS ASKING CUSTOMERS WHO FREQUENTLY SEND OUT LETTERS IN BULK NOT TO DELIVER NON-ESSENTIAL MAIL DURING THAT PERIOD.

AS AT THE CLOSE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 77 CANDIDATES HAD MADE USE OF THE FREE POSTINGS AND SENT OUT 11.3 MILLION ITEMS OF "ELECTION MESSAGES" VIA THE POST OFFICE. INCLUDING THE FOUR MILLION ITEMS SENT BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE POST OFFICE HAS HANDLED 15.3 MILLION ELECTORAL LETTERS.

SO FAR, KOWLOON EAST DELIVERY OFFICE HANDLED THE LARGEST VOLUME OF MAIL, 1.7 MILLION ITEMS IN TOTAL.

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DISTRICT OFFICE VACANCIES FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISERS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IS RECRUITING PART-TIME COMMUNITY ORGANISERS TO ASSIST IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK.

"THE DUTY OF COMMUNITY ORGANISERS IS TO ASSIST EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN THEIR DAILY LIAISON WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, WHICH INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND PROMOTION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES," A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO HELP ORGANISE AND MANAGE THE ACTIVITIES AT COMMUNITY CENTRES," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 45 AND HAVE COMPLETED FORM FIVE. WORKING EXPERIENCE IS PREFERABLE.

A COMMUNITY ORGANISER WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK IRREGULAR HOURS. THE MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE POST IS \$2,000.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTER OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AT TUNG YAN STREET, BY SEPTEMBER 25.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 341 6315 EXT 28.

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FIGHT CRIME FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN MONG KOK

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A FIGHT CRIME FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR YOUTH IS NOW OPEN TO RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

THE TOURNAMENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE MATCHES WILL BE HELD AT THE ANCHOR STREET FOOTBALL PITCH ON OCTOBER 13 AND 20 (SUNDAYS).

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, AND THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SEVENTH FLOOR, FA YUEN STREET URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 394 7867.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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EXCHANGE FUND BILLS TENDER RESULTS --- TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q136	H172
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,985 MN	HKD 1,280 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE ACCEPTED YIELD	5.47 PCT	5.89 PCT
HIGHEST ACCEPTED YIELD	5.48 PCT	5.90 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	ABOUT 54 PCT	ABOUT 49 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

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NEXT TENDER OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS --- TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 1991

ISSUE NUMBER	Q137	Y194
ISSUE DATE	11 SEP 1991	11 SEP 1991
MATURITY DATE	11 DEC 1991	9 SEP 1992
TENOR	91 DAYS	364 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HKD 500 + 100 MN	HKD 200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE	\$ MILLION
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	2.9.91	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	3.9.91	+20
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		-20
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON	"	NEUTRAL
TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.0 *-0.1* 3.9.91		

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

CLOSING YIELDS OF EXCHANGE FUND BILLS

	3.9.91	2.9.91
MATURING IN 1 WEEK	5.17 PCT	5.22 PCT
1 MONTH	5.17 PCT	5.18 PCT
3 MONTHS	5.44 PCT	5.42 PCT
6 MONTHS	5.85 PCT	5.88 PCT
12 MONTHS	6.38 PCT	6.40 PCT
TOTAL BILLS TRANSFERRED	3,152 MN	6,905 MN

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