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PES CENTRES HANDLE 12 MILLION CALLS  
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ABOUT 12 MILLION CALLS SEEKING ADVICE AND INFORMATION WERE RECEIVED AT THE 57 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE (PES) CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION LAST YEAR.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 26.5 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE 9.1 MILLION CALLS HANDLED IN 1981.

THE CALLS COMPRISED FOUR MILLION ENQUIRIES, 430 000 REQUESTS MADE AND 7.5 MILLION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS BEING DISTRIBUTED.

LOCATED IN ALL 18 DISTRICTS, THE PES CENTRES PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, GIVING ADVICE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS, DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS, AND IN SOME CENTRES DEALING WITH LEGAL AND RENTAL PROBLEMS.

OF THE FOUR MILLION ENQUIRIES HANDLED DURING THE YEAR, SUBJECTS ASKED RANGED FROM JOB VACANCIES (191 000 OR 4.8 PER CENT), APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (152 000 OR 3.8 PER CENT), RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (107 000 OR 2.7 PER CENT) TO PROBLEMS CONCERNING EDUCATION (103 000 OR 2.6 PER CENT).

MOST OF THE 430 000 REQUESTS HANDLED WERE FOR STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE, SUCH AS DECLARATION OF TRUE COPIES, APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND EXAMINATIONS, PUBLIC HOUSING AND EMIGRATION.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, SOME 7.5 MILLION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED. THESE INCLUDED REGISTRATION FORMS AS ELECTORS FOR THE URBAN AND NT DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS (1.6 MILLION OR 22.4 PER CENT), APPLICATION FORMS FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS (635 000 OR 8.5 PER CENT), HOME OWNERSHIPS SCHEME APPLICATION FORMS (238 000 OR 3.2 PER CENT), AND SPONSOR FORMS FOR +WALK FOR MILLIONS+ (176 000 OR 2.4 PER CENT).

THE CENTRES AT WAN CHAI, EASTERN, WONG TAI SIN, MONG KOK, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN HAD FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY AND DURING THE YEAR 3 249 CASES WERE DEALT WITH.

ANOTHER SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THOSE CENTRES IN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND IN TSUEN WAN WAS FOR THE LANDLORDS, TENANTS AND SUB-TENANTS TO DISCUSS THEIR TENANCY PROBLEMS WITH RENT OFFICERS. ABOUT 17 043 PEOPLE MADE USE OF THIS SERVICE DURING THE YEAR.

SINCE LAST NOVEMBER, THE CENTRE AT CNTA'S HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI. SERVICES SUCH AS ANSWERING GENERAL ENQUIRIES, DISTRIBUTING FORMS AND ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ARE BEING PROVIDED AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-692255.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS  
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALLING \$200 000 TO 334 TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS.

DURING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR TOPLEY THANKED THE 21 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD DONATED THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

MR TOPLEY SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO WINNERS OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES JOINTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

+OUT OF 99 000 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, ONLY 23 000 WERE ADMITTED TO THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC SESSION FOR VARIOUS MODES OF STUDIES,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

+TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ HE SAID, +THREE MORE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY 1986.+

MR TOPLEY RECALLED THAT IN 1979, WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, HE RECOMMENDED THE SETTING UP OF A CRAFT SKILL COMPETITION AMONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS.

THE SCHEME HAS SINCE BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE INDUSTRIES. MR TOPLEY CALLED FOR ITS FURTHER EXPANSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF MORE STUDENTS.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR MORRIS MORGAN, ALSO PRAISED THE INDUSTRIALISTS FOR THEIR PART IN PROMOTING HONG KONG'S TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

+WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL LAST YEAR,+ MR MORGAN POINTED OUT, +CLOSER CONTACTS BETWEEN TECHNICAL EDUCATORS AND INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.+

BOARDS FOR EACH OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAD BEEN SET UP AND INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPROPRIATE TRAINING BOARDS WOULD SIT ON THEM, HE SAID.

+THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THERE ARE PROPER LINKS BETWEEN THE EDUCATORS AND THE EMPLOYERS OF STUDENTS,+ THE DIRECTOR EXPLAINED.

MR MORGAN SAID THE RE-NAMING OF THE EDUCATION BRANCH AS THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH REFLECTED THE INCREASED EMPHASIS THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLACING ON MANPOWER TRAINING.

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SCHOOLS URGED TO APPLY FOR JSEA SYSTEM

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SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1984 JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM SHOULD APPLY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15 THIS YEAR, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+THOSE PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS NOT IN THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME WHICH CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE ARE REMINDED THEY MUST NOTIFY PARENTS THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOCATION TO SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACES,+ HE SAID.

ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, AIDED SCHOOLS, NON-PROFIT-MAKING PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND INDEPENDENT PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME WILL BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE NEXT YEAR.

SCHOOLS WHICH PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR SHOULD REAFFIRM WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN 1984.

SINCE THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF EACH PARTICIPATING STUDENT WILL BE PRINTED ON HIS CERTIFICATE, STUDENTS SHOULD ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR PERSONAL IDENTITY CARD BEFORE THEY ENTER FOR THE SCALING TEST, THAT IS, BEFORE SEPTEMBER OF THE YEAR THEY ENTER FORM THREE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SUCH IDENTITY CARDS SHOULD BE THE NEW TYPE WHICH BEARS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HOLDER, AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON IP MOU-YUEN ON MARCH 9, 1982 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

IP WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF A 68-YEAR-OLD MAN YUE CHOI-PUI IN JUNE 1981.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN YUEN LONG  
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MARCH 18), FUNG NIN ROAD BETWEEN CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD IN YUEN LONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

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+COLOURED BOAT+ ROWING COURSE  
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A +COLOURED BOAT+ ROWING COURSE WILL START IN CHEUNG CHAU NEXT MONTH FOR SOME 2 000 ROWING ENTHUSIASTS.

A COLOURED BOAT IS A ROWING VESSEL REQUIRING A CREW OF EIGHT TO 12 MEMBERS AND IS SHORTER THAN A DRAGON BOAT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

THE COURSE, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND CHEUNG CHAU COLOURED BOAT ASSOCIATION, IS SPONSORED BY THE LIU CHONG HING BANK.

THE COURSE, COMPRISING SIX ELEMENTARY AND THREE INTERMEDIATE SESSIONS, WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM APRIL TO AUGUST THIS YEAR.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE COURSE WHICH IS OPEN TO PEOPLE OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE AND ABLE TO SWIM 50 METRES.

PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE MAY TAKE PART IN TWO CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER.

THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$5 PER PARTICIPANT AND THAT FOR THE CONTEST IS \$5 PER GROUP.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AT 55 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, SECOND FLOOR.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-423085 OR 5-423609.

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