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FREE TRAINING COURSES TO ENHANCE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY  
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THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH IS RUN BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF BASIC AND ADVANCE SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR WORKERS, FOREMEN AND TECHNICIANS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

THESE COURSES, LASTING FROM HALF A DAY TO FIVE DAYS, ARE OFFERED FREE ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF ORGANISING THESE TRAINING COURSES IS TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE ACTS AND UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THEIR OWN WORKING ENVIRONMENTS, AND TO EQUIP THEM WITH KNOWLEDGE IN TACKLING SAFETY PROBLEMS AND TO ZERO IN ON INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SUBJECTS INCLUDE BASIC INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS PREVENTION SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES; SAFE USE IN ABRASIVE WHEELS, ELECTRICITY, SLINGING, MACHINERY AND POWER PRESS; WORK IN CONFINED SPACE; AND MANUAL LIFTING AND HANDLING.

IN ADDITION, VARIOUS SHORT SPECIALIST SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FOR SUPERVISORY STAFF FROM INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO ORGANISED FROM TIME TO TIME. THESE INCLUDE HEARING CONSERVATION; INTRODUCTION TO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS; HAZARDS IN THE USE OF ASBESTOS AND ITS CONTROL; DUST HAZARDS AND CONTROL IN CONSTRUCTION AND QUARRYING INDUSTRY; SAFETY SUPERVISOR; AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.

+ALL COURSES ARE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND ARE HELD AT THE CENTRE ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING IN CENTRAL BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TO ADD REALISM TO INSTRUCTION IN SAFE WORKING PROCEDURES, THE CENTRE ALSO HOUSES A DISPLAY OF POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY FITTED WITH SAFETY GUARDS, MODELS DEPICTING SAFE WORKING PRACTICES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.+

PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE CENTRE AND ENROLMENTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH EMPLOYERS.

LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED A TOTAL OF 383 SAFETY COURSES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE.

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THOUSANDS WATCH VANCOUVER BOAT RACES  
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THE FIRST ANNUAL VANCOUVER DRAGON BOAT RACES WERE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP WENT TO THE FALSE CREEK RACING CANOE CLUB.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE VANCOUVER CHINESE CULTURE CENTRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG PAVILION OF EXPO '86, ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS IN THE EXPO GROUND AND THE FALSE CREEK PARK.

DESPITE THE DRIZZLES AND OCCASIONAL DOWNPOURS, 30 TEAMS COMPETED IN THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVITIES - THE FIRST EVER HELD IN CANADA.

THE STARTING GUN FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE WENT OFF AT 3 PM ON SUNDAY AND THE FCRCR TEAM WAS A CLEAR WINNER EVEN BEFORE REACHING THE MID-POINT OF THE 600-METRE COURSE.

THE TEAM WAS AWARDED THE HONG KONG CATHAY PACIFIC GRAND CHAMPION CUP AND WILL FLY TO HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21 AND 22.

IN THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN PRESENTED A SOUVENIR PLAQUE TO THE VANCOUVER CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR EFFORTS IN ORGANISING THE EVENT.

DR WAH LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, PLEDGED THAT THE DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL BE AN ANNUAL FEATURE IN VANCOUVER.

APART FROM DRAGON BOAT RACES, THERE WERE OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS INCLUDING LION DANCE, CHINESE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND CHINESE FOLK DANCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CUP WINNERS IN THE DRAGON BOAT RACES:

SING TAO CUP - YEE MAH SOCIETY

HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION - FALSE CREEK RACING CANOE CLUB;  
CUP

THE MANDARIN CUP - LOTUS EATERS;

THE CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE CUP - YELLOW SHRUMARINE;

THE EMPIRE STEVEDORING CUP - ASPIRATION 86; AND

THE HONG KONG BANK OF - VANCOUVER FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 18  
CANADA CUP

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JUDGING COMPLETED IN AWARD SCHEME  
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JUDGING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME 1985-86 AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT MONTH, A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SCHEME, ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, INVOLVES AN ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTICIPANTS IN VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE SCHEME STARTED ORIGINALLY AS A STUDENT AWARD SCHEME IN 1982 AND WAS EXPANDED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

THERE WERE 35 NOMINATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHEME IN FOUR CATEGORIES -- PRIMARY SCHOOL DIVISION, SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY DIVISION, WORKING PEOPLE DIVISION, AND NON-WORKING PEOPLE DIVISION.

PARTICIPANTS WERE NOMINATED BY SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS OR NEIGHBOURS. THEY MUST LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND HAVE RENDERED VOLUNTARY SERVICES TO THE NEEDY OR HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR WELFARE BODIES.

TWENTY-FIVE FINALISTS WERE INTERVIEWED LAST MONTH BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES DURING THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, JULY 6. ALL FINALISTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND A SOUVENIR.

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HIGHWAYS BOOKLET ON SALE  
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A 28-PAGE FULL-COLOUR BOOKLET ON HONG KONG'S HIGHWAYS IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE BILINGUAL PUBLICATION IS ON SALE AT \$16 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

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THE BOOKLET, ENTITLED '+HONG KONG'S HIGHWAYS+', GIVES A BRIEF BACKGROUND TO THE HISTORY AND POST-WAR DEVELOPMENTS OF THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK. IT ALSO COVERS TRANSPORTATION STUDIES, FUTURE TRANSPORT PLANS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS.

IT UPDATES A PREVIOUS VERSION PUBLISHED FIVE YEARS AGO, SINCE WHEN A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ROAD NETWORK HAVE TAKEN PLACE. BESIDES PROVIDING THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE BOOKLET GIVES DETAILS OF MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS BEING PLANNED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE BOOKLET CONTAINS 26 PHOTOGRAPHS, THREE OF WHICH ARE HISTORICAL, TWO DIAGRAMS AND A TWO-PAGE COLOUR MAP OF THE ROAD NETWORK AND RAILWAY SYSTEM. MANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM VANTAGE POSITIONS NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEWLY-CREATED HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, MR HAROLD BEATON, SAID IT WOULD BE A USEFUL GUIDE ON HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENTS TO STUDENTS, OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS.

+IT BRINGS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+HONG KONG'S TERRAIN AND THE LIMITED SPACE FOR HIGHWAY FACILITIES PRESENTS A CONSTANT CHALLENGE TO MY DEPARTMENT, BUT THE PAST WORK AND FUTURE PROGRAMMES COMPARE FAVOURABLY WITH ANY OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD AND SHOW THAT THIS CHALLENGE IS BEING MET.+

MR BEATON SAID BESIDES THE BUDGET FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, A TOTAL OF \$320 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON MAINTAINING ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

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SCENTED GARDENS NOW OPEN SPECIALLY FOR THE BLIND  
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TO PROVIDE ENJOYMENT FOR THE BLIND, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS SET ASIDE AREAS AT VICTORIA PARK AND KOWLOON PARK AS SCENTED GARDENS WHERE FLOWERS AND TREES WITH A STRONG SCENT AND OF DIFFERENT SIZES AND SHAPES ARE PLANTED.

THE SCENTED GARDEN AT VICTORIA PARK HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR, AND THE ONE AT KOWLOON PARK SINCE AUGUST 1985.

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+VICTORIA PARK'S SCENTED GARDEN COVERS 2 000 SQUARE METRES AND HAS NO FEWER THAN 80 SPECIES OF TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS CAREFULLY SELECTED FOR THEIR STRONG SMELLS AND UNUSUAL SHAPES AND SIZES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE FLOWERING PERIOD OF THE PLANTS AT BOTH SCENTED GARDENS WAS RELATIVELY LONG SO THAT THE BLIND HAD MORE CHANCE TO ENJOY THE STRONG SCENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

+BLIND PEOPLE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO TOUCH THE FLOWERS, LEAVES AND TREES AT THE GARDENS SO THAT THEY CAN GET A FEEL OF THEIR DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES,+ HE SAID.

+AMONG THE STRONGLY-SCENTED TREES AND SHRUBS AT VICTORIA PARK'S SCENTED GARDEN ARE THE WHITE JADE ORCHID TREE, THE LARGE-FLOWERED MAGNOLIA, MOCK LIME, ORANGE-JESSAMINE AND BANANA SHRUB.

+TREES OF UNUSAL SHAPES INCLUDE BAMBOO, WILLOW AND PAPER BARK TREES.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE A POND AND A BRIDGE AT VICTORIA PARK'S SCENTED GARDEN TO ENHANCE THE PEACEFULNESS THERE.

+TO HELP THE BLIND IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL SPECIES, THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL INSTALL BRAILLE PLAQUES CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE PLANTS AT THE TWO GARDENS,+ HE SAID.

+NOT ONLY ARE THE TWO GARDENS CAREFULLY LANDSCAPED FOR THE BLIND TO ENJOY, THEY ARE IDEAL PLACES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RELAX AND STROLL UNDER THE SHADES OF LUSH GREEN TREES AND TO VIEW THE BEAUTIFUL SHRUBS AND FLOWERS.+

MEANWHILE, THE SCENTED GARDEN AT KOWLOON PARK COVERS 400 SQUARE METRES AND HAS NINE SPECIES OF SHRUBS AND FLOWERS, INCLUDING CAPE JASMINE, ARABIA JASMINE AND BRAZILIAN LADIES OF THE NIGHT.

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DTC EXAMINATION TEAMS MOVE  
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THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES EXAMINATION TEAMS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING WILL MOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT OFFICE AT INTERNATIONAL BUILDING TO THE QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 66 QUEENSWAY, ON JUNE 21 (SATURDAY).

WITH THE MOVING OF THE EXAMINATION TEAMS TO THE 21ST FLOOR OF THE NEW BUILDING, ALL UNITS OF THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER ONE ROOF, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MOST OF THE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING SINCE JANUARY.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS ARE:

RECEPTION AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES	5-8622671/5-8622697
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES REGISTRY	5-8622684
GENERAL OFFICES - BANKING DIVISION	5-8622690
DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES DIVISION	5-8622684
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION	5-8622679
EXAMINATION TEAMS	5-8623399

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BOARD TO DISCUSS PROPOSED RURAL SERVICE CENTRE  
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MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JUNE 19) TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A RURAL SERVICE CENTRE AT PING CHE IN TA KWU LING.

THE PROPOSED CENTRE, COVERING AN AREA OF 2.2 HECTARES, WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES SUCH AS A MULTI-PURPOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING, A VILLAGE OFFICE, SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS, SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES, OPEN SPACES AND OTHER AMENITIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE TRIAD DOCUMENT.

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AN INFORMATION PAPER ON THE ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT (NEW TERRITORIES), MR RICHARD MEAKIN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE TABLING OF A REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND A REVIEW OF A MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

WAN CHAI DB TO DISCUSS MEDICAL REPORT  
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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S TRIAD DOCUMENT.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE PAPER ON THE LAWS IN CHINESE.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THE PRESERVATION OF THE WAN CHAI POST OFFICE, AND ON THE URBAN COUNCIL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND THE PRIORITY OF VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT.

QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BE RAISED CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF SALE OF ALCOHOL TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CONTROL OF SIGNBOARDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT 1 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 201 HENNESSY ROAD, EIGHTH FLOOR, TUNG WAH MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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LAND FORMATION AT JUNK BAY

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TENDERS FOR ANOTHER MAJOR JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES FORMATION OF ABOUT 15 HECTARES OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF ROADS AND ONE ASSOCIATED SUBWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 30 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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YUEN LONG WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD, WANG CHAU ROAD, YUEN LONG ON NING ROAD AND TAI KIU ROAD INCLUDING BLOCK NO. 1 TO 5, YUEN LONG ESTATE.

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