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SIR JACK CATER ACTING GOVERNOR
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SIR JACK CATER HAS ASSUMED THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FROM YESTERDAY (MONDAY), FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

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TEN QUESTIONS FOR LEGCO TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF 10 QUESTIONS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK TWO QUESTIONS, ONE OF WHICH CONCERNS THE VALUE OF HONG KONG DOLLAR. HE WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT FURTHER MEASURES WILL THE GOVERNMENT NOW TAKE TO PREVENT THE FURTHER DECLINE IN VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

ON CATERING FACILITIES, MR. CHEONG-LEEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT SUCH FACILITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN KWUN TONG ARE ADEQUATE AND, IF NOT, WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

POINTING OUT THAT SINCE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES UNDER GOVERNMENT CARE ARE NOW WORKING AND ABLE TO MAKE A LIVING, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT IF SUCH REFUGEES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED WITH FREE FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION AT PUBLIC EXPENSES AND, IF NOT, WHEN SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL CEASE.

THE HON. WONG LAM WILL ASK WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO TO DISPOSE OF THE ABANDONED REFUGEE SHIP +SKYLUCK+.

THE HON. PETER C. WONG IS TO ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND DRIVING LICENCE CANNOT BE CONVENIENTLY PLACED IN AN AVERAGE SIZED CARD HOLDER OR WALLET, AND IF SO, COULD CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SCALING THEM DOWN TO THE SIZE OF A COMMERCIAL CREDIT CARD FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC NOW THAT IT IS MANDATORY TO CARRY THESE DOCUMENTS.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERN ABANDONED CARS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND TRIAD SOCIETIES AND THE EFFECTS OF FLUORIDATED WATER ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

SEVEN BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE MARRIAGE REFORM (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE WASTE DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON 13 BILLS. THEY ARE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 6) BILL 1979, THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1979, THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE CLEAN AIR (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE EMPLOYMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1979, THE CROWN LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979, THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITING OF SEAMEN) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979 AND THE SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1979.

THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN WILL SPEAK ON +HOME OWNERSHIP FOR MIDDLE-INCOME HONG KONG BELONGERS+ DURING THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT READY TO TAKE UP
THE CHALLENGE OF CAREERS EDUCATION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE TO LIFT CAREERS EDUCATION TO A LEVEL OF GENERAL ACCEPTANCE IN HONG KONG, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE URGED CAREERS TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE +IN STRIDE WITH US+.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON CAREERS EDUCATION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR. HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) HAD LAID THE GROUND WORK FOR CAREERS EDUCATION OVER THE PAST DECADE.

CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES 250,000 COPIES OF CAREERS PAMPHLETS-LEAFLETS AND NEWSLETTERS EACH YEAR TO SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES AND INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISES CAREERS TALKS AND SEMINARS FOR SOME 50,000 STUDENTS ANNUALLY.

IN ADDITION, THE YEAS ESTABLISHED THE FIRST CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE LAST YEAR AND HAS BEEN STAGING CAREERS EXHIBITIONS ANNUALLY SINCE 1972. THE EIGHTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

IN THE PAST, CAREERS GUIDANCE HAD ALL TOO OFTEN BEEN AN INFORMAL +HIT AND MISS BUSINESS+, MR. HENDERSON TOLD THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE YEAS.

POINTING OUT THAT INFORMATION ALONE DID NOT LEAD TO EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING, HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ABOUT TWO MAIN AREAS - THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD OF WORK.

IN THIS RESPECT, HE EMPHASISED, CAREERS TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY.

+WE CAN HELP AND ASSIST YOU BY PROVIDING THE MATERIAL, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE WORLD OF WORK. THROUGH THE DIRECT AND DAILY CONTACT YOU HAVE WITH STUDENTS, YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE CAREERS INFORMATION MEANINGFUL TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

MR. HENDERSON SAID WITHOUT THE JOINT EFFORT OF SCHOOLS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE YEAS, RAISING CAREERS EDUCATION TO A LEVEL OF GENERAL ACCEPTANCE WAS NO EASY TASK.

+I BELIEVE WE HAVE A FIRM BASIS FOR CO-OPERATION - THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY. IN THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE MUST BE SENSITIVE TO OUR OWN LIMITATIONS- WE MUST BE WILLING TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES- AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WE MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CAREERS GUIDANCE,+ HE ADDED.

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CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT
NEW HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERTAKE A NEW HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY FROM OCTOBER THIS YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 1980.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY WILL BE USED TO UPDATE THE EXISTING CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES.

HE SAID PLANNING FOR THIS SURVEY AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES STARTED IN JANUARY 1979.

+THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A LARGE-SCALE CONSULTATION EXERCISE BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL 1979 TO SEEK OPINIONS ON THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR CONDUCTING THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND REVISING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES,+ HE SAID.

THE BODIES CONSULTED INCLUDED, APART FROM THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND STATUTORY ADVISORY BOARDS, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, MORE THAN 400 LABOUR UNIONS AND VARIOUS ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO JUST COMPLETED A PRE-TEST FOR THE COMING HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AND THE FINDINGS, NOW BEING ANALYSED, WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE SURVEY PLAN.

+AS THE HANG SENG BANK, WHICH ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE PRE-TEST, WILL ALSO CONDUCT A HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY TO UPDATE THE HANG SENG BANK CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AT THE SAME TIME, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BANK TO STANDARDISE THE SAMPLE DESIGN, SURVEY METHODS AND OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY AS WELL AS THE METHODS FOR REVISING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX,+ HE ADDED.

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SUMMER FUN FOR NEW TOWNS
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MORE THAN 370 SUMMER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR OVER 55,000 YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWNS.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EXCURSIONS, CAMPING, PAINTING, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND GAMES FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SHA TIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN TAI WAI CARITAS CENTRE TODAY (TUESDAY), THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD, SAID THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FIVE YEARS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS HAD BEEN TRYING TO BRING TOGETHER AS MANY DIFFERENT AGENCIES AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN IN THE ORGANISING AND RUNNING OF THE PROGRAMME SO AS TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG YOUTH.

+THIS AIM SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR IN SHA TIN WHERE NO FEWER THAN 48 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS ARE TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

+SCHOOLS AND VILLAGES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND MANY OTHERS ARE INVOLVED, AND THE VARIETY OF 176 ACTIVITIES IN SHA TIN DOES CREDIT TO ALL CONCERNED.+

MR. TODD NOTED THAT IN SHA TIN A COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICER WAS APPOINTED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO TAKE CHARGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

+WE ARE ALL MOST GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR THE WORK HE HAS DONE AND WILL DO FOR US IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROGRAMME AND FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, AT TUEN MUN'S HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (NORTH WEST) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, OFFICIALLY STARTED THE DISTRICT'S EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME OF SOME 200 ACTIVITIES - TWICE AS MANY AS THAT ORGANISED LAST YEAR.

THE WELL-DESIGNED PROGRAMME, ACCORDING TO MR. SWEETMAN, REPRESENTS THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THE BEST OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME ALSO CATERS FOR CHILDREN IN REMOTE VILLAGES SUCH AS NIM WAN, LUNG KWU TAN AND TAI LAM CHUNG.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF CROWN LAND INVITED
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, KOWLOON.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2,400 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY (THREE MONTHS).

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON AUGUST 3, 1979.

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MATHS TEACHERS GET TO KNOW COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
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TWENTY MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE THIS WEEK ATTENDING A COURSE IN BASIC COMPUTER PROGRAMMING.

THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO FAMILIARISE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE CONCEPT OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS LEARNING HOW TO OPERATE MICRO-COMPUTERS.

ON COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-DAY COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO WRITE THEIR OWN COMPUTER PROGRAMMES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+ONLY 20 TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ENROLLED THIS TIME DUE TO LIMITED FACILITIES, BUT THE COURSE WILL BE REPEATED IN SEPTEMBER IF IT PROVES TO BE SUCCESSFUL,+ HE ADDED.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE INCLUDE ELEMENTARY OPERATIONS, ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS, BRANCHING AND LOOPS, SUBSCRIPTS AND ARRAYS, CHARACTER STRINGS MANIPULATION, AND A SELECTION OF MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS.

THEORY AND PRACTICAL WORK ON MICRO-COMPUTERS ARE ALSO FEATURED AND 11 MICRO-COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE PURPOSE.

THE COURSE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND IS BEING HELD AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TANNER ROAD POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT.

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PWD BLOOD DONATION

FOR THE THIRD TIME THIS YEAR, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DONATED BLOOD TODAY (TUESDAY) TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

TODAY'S DONATION OF 146 UNITS BRINGS THE TOTAL DONATED SO FAR THIS YEAR TO 339.

LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DONATED A TOTAL OF 436 UNITS ON FOUR OCCASIONS.

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