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NEW DEVELOPMENT IN FISH BREEDING TECHNIQUES

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Officers of the Fisheries Research Division of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have had some success with an experimental project on fish breeding that may lead to higher production in pond fish farming in the New Territories.

A 13-man team has been working on the project for the past five years at the department's Au Tau Research Sub-station.

The project, involving induced breeding methods is part of an extensive research programme designed to obtain scientific and economic information about the development of the fishing industry in Hong Kong.

Basically, induced breeding consists of injecting a mixture of hormones - made up of the pituitary body of fish and extracted hormones called chorionic gonadotrophin - into the body of mature male fish and a female fish which is about to spawn.

The two fish are then placed in a pool to complete the maturation process.

If they fail to do so, both fish are taken out when they are ready to spawn so that the eggs and milt can be collected manually for artificial fertilization.

While this method has proved successful, one difficulty has been the immediate availability of milt in sufficient quantity to fertilize eggs as soon as the latter are ovulated from the female fish. This is not always achieved due to poor production of milt by the male fish as affected by the environmental factors on the one hand and the rough handling of the fish on the other.

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To overcome this, the researchers developed a method whereby milt is extracted from the male fish in advance and kept in cool storage until eggs from the female are ready for fertilization.

"This has proven extremely successful," a spokesman said. "We have also found that after overcoming this time factor the fertilization percentage of eggs has been considerably raised with the result that production has increased."

Fish fry are at present sold to fish farmers at minimal prices. Until last year, the fish bred at the research station were released in the Plover Cove reservoir to restore its ecological balance and to control the water quality. Nearly a million 'fingerlings' were set free in the reservoir.

Besides being a lucrative business, fish farming is also a good way of utilising the undeveloped marsh lands in the New Territories which are not otherwise suitable for agriculture.

At present there are about 1,000 fish ponds, mostly in Yuen Long, covering a total of nearly 2,900 acres. This is about three times the figure 10 years ago.

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Note to Editors: Copies of photographs showing the process of egg collection and artificial insemination are boxed for collection.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR INTENDING SUPERVISORS FOR ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES

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Teachers who want to be part-time supervisors at Adult Education and Recreation Centres in the evenings are invited to join a nine-month training course which begins in November.

"This course, which is free, will present concepts and techniques of adult education for teachers who wish to play their part in this community service," Mrs. Vivian Fong, Senior Education Officer (Adult Education), said today.

She added: "We are looking for about 120 teachers to be trained as supervisors. Last year, 75 completed the course."

Applicants should be qualified teachers with an interest in organising recreational activities and group work.

Mrs. Fong pointed out that interests in sports, art and crafts as well as cultural activities would be an advantage.

During their nine months of training, the intending supervisors will be required to attend lectures or take part in group activities for the two evenings a week.

The medium of instruction will be Cantonese.

"After completion of the course, candidates will be qualified to take up supervisory posts when vacancies arise in the 14 Adult Education and Recreation Centres, run by the Adult Education Section, in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories," Mrs. Fong said.

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About 13,000 young men and women join various group activities at these centres in the evening.

Application forms for the supervisors training course can be obtained from the Adult Education Section, Education Department, Kowloon Sub-Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 6th floor, 405 Nathan Road.

Teachers who wish to make enquiries by telephone are requested to contact Mrs. N. Li or Mr. C.A. Chan on Tel. 3-884111 Ext. 278.

All completed forms should be returned to the Adult Education Section by October 8. Interviews will be held between October 17 and 19 for selected candidates.

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DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE TO VISIT HONG KONG

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Note to Editors: Sir Thomas Brimelow, Deputy Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow (Sunday) on a three-day familiarisation tour. He will be accompanied by Lady Brimelow.

They will be met at the airport by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, and will stay at Government House.

During his visit, Sir Thomas will meet senior government officials and members of the Executive and Legislative Councils. He will study the local situation at first hand and will go on a helicopter tour to view developments in urban and rural areas.

Sir Thomas and Lady Brimelow will leave Hong Kong for China on Wednesday (September 26).

They are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Sunday on flight CX 600, E.T.A. 9.05 p.m. There will be no press conference at the airport.

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LECTURE IN HONOUR OF M.H.A. FOUNDER MEMBER

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A memorial lecture in honour of the late Professor P.M. Yap will be given on October 2 at the Mandarin Hotel by Dr. Wilfred Warren, a consultant psychiatrist and world authority on child and adolescent psychiatry.

Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will be chairman of the lecture.

Professor Yap was a founder member of the Menatl Health Association of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association. The memorial lecture is made possible by a memorial fund set up jointly by the two associations after his death.

He passed away in November, 1971, while attending the World Psychiatric Congress in Mexico City.

An eminent psychiatrist, he was one of the earliest pioneers in mental health in Hong Kong, and until 1969, was the senior psychiatric specialist in charge of the Medical and Health Department's mental health service.

In 1969, he left for Canada to take up a professorial appointment in Toronto before returning to Hong Kong in 1971 as the first holder of the chair in psychiatry at the University of Hong Kong, a post he was holding at the time of his death.

Professor Yap's many articles on psychiatry published in his lifetime in journals in Hong Kong and abroad remain as permanent tributes to his memory.

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Dr. Warren, the memorial lecturer, is at present consultant adviser in child and adolescent psychiatry in the Department of Health and Social Security in England.

He is also a physician to the Children's and Adolescents' departments at the Bethlem Royal and the Maudsley hospitals in London. His talk will be on Youth.

The lecture will be delivered in the Pheasant Room of the hotel at 6 p.m. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

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CLOSURE OF PLAYGROUND

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The Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Playground at the junction of Shanghai Street and Market Street will be closed from Monday (September 24) for a period of 30 months.

The site will be taken over by the Highways Office of the Public Works Department to be used as a works area in connection with the construction of the elevated road from Gascoigne Road to Tong Mei Road.

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TEMPORARY REGISTRATION STATION AT SHEUNG SHUI

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A team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Pok Nga Shan Fong in Sheung Shui from September 24 to 28 for the convenience of residents there.

Business hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The visits will enable parents or guardians to register their children from six to 17 years of age for juvenile identity cards, and young persons 17 years of age and over to register for adult identity cards.

Children between six and 17 years of age who have Hong Kong birth certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have birth certificates or valid travel documents must accompany their parents or guardians when registering. Residents are also reminded to report any changes in their registered particulars.

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MPS TO MEET URBCO MEMBERS

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Note to Editors: Three visiting British Members of Parliament, Mr. R.W. Elliott and Mr. Walter Clegg (Conservatives), and Mr. Robert Parry (Labour) will meet members of the Urban Council at 8.45 a.m. on Monday (September 24), in the Urban Council Chamber, on the 12th floor of Central Government Offices, West Wing.

The talks will be held in private, but photographers will be allowed inside the chamber to take pictures of the MPS and the Councillors before the meeting commences.

It is not known whether the MPs will make a statement afterwards. If one is made, it will be sent to you on the teleprinter.

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SUNDAY D.I.B.

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There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection in the G.I.S. Press Room on the 6th floor of Beaconsfield House at 2 p.m.

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Release time: 2.00 p.m.