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HK REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. ATTACKS JENKINS

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HONG KONG COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR BILL DORWARD, TODAY (SATURDAY) TOOK ISSUE WITH RECENT STATEMENTS BY CONGRESSMAN EDGAR JENKINS, CO-AUTHOR OF THE BILL SEEKING TO RESTRICT TEXTILE IMPORTS TO THE U.S. NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW IN NEW YORK, MR DORWARD DESCRIBED AS +POPPYCOCK+ THE CONTENTION OF CONGRESSMAN JENKINS THAT +FREE TRADE COULD ONLY WORK IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WAGE SCALES WERE EQUAL IN COMPETING TERRITORIES.+

+ON THAT BASIS,+ MR DORWARD SAID, +ALL IMPORTS INTO THE U.S. WOULD BE BARRED.+

HE NOTED THAT WEST GERMANS ONLY EARN 75 PER CENT OF WHAT THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS DO, WHILE BRITISH WORKERS, AT 40 PER CENT, EARN LESS THAN THE JAPANESE AT 50 PER CENT.

+THIS IS SURELY THE SORT OF PHONEY JUSTIFICATION FOR TRADE BARRIERS THAT ANY FIRST YEAR STUDENT OF ECONOMICS COULD DESTROY WITH EASE,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR, WHICH WAS THE MAIN CAUSE OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY PROBLEMS, TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS WERE EXPECTED TO REACH U.S.\$230 BILLION THIS YEAR, ABOUT FIVE PER CENT ABOVE THE 1984 FIGURE.

ONE JOB IN SIX IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY DEPENDS ON EXPORTS AND ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF U.S. FARMLAND PRODUCES FOR EXPORT.

+TO THREATEN THESE PROSPECTS BY ADDED PROTECTIONISM IS, AS MAO TSE-TUNG SAID, PICKING UP A STONE TO DROP ON YOUR FOOT,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL IN PROGRESS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING THE JUNE 1985 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY, COVERING ABOUT 140 000 ESTABLISHMENTS.

THEY ARE RANDOMLY DRAWN FROM THOSE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS) AND SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES), AND COVER ALL THOSE IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS).

/QUESTIONNAIRES

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QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY AT THE END OF JUNE 1985. REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL MAIL ENQUIRY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON JUNE 28, 1985 FOR EACH ESTABLISHMENT. SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THE 140 000 ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF APRIL - JUNE 1985.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR ARE ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAJOR KIND OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 1985.

RESPONDENTS WHO FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 5-436551, 5-444301, 5-455661 AND 5-455668.

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HOUSEHOLD SURVEY MAKING GOOD PROGRESS
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THE 1984-85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY HAS DRAWN GOOD PUBLIC RESPONSE SINCE IT STARTED LAST OCTOBER.

SOME 3 700 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE SURVEY IN THE PAST NINE MONTHS REPRESENTING A 67 PER CENT RESPONSE RATE AS COMPARED WITH 55 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE 1979-80 SURVEY.

THE YEAR-LONG SURVEY IS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE HANG SENG BANK LIMITED, WITH A VIEW TO UPDATING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES TO REFLECT REALISTICALLY THE PRICE MOVEMENTS OF CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES.

EACH HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATING IN THE SURVEY WILL RECEIVE A REMUNERATION OF \$50 FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT OR A SOUVENIR SAVINGS BOX FROM HANG SENG BANK AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

A CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +BY THE TIME WE COMPLETE THE SURVEY IN SEPTEMBER, ABOUT 1 000 MORE HOUSEHOLDS WILL HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED.+

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HE URGED THOSE HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED FOR INTERVIEWS IN THE COMING THREE MONTHS TO CO-OPERATE BY SUPPLYING HIS STAFF WITH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

+AT THE SAME TIME, A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN LEFT WITH EACH HOUSEHOLD THAT TOOK PART IN THE SURVEY BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE, SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT EXPENDITURES ON SELECTED INFREQUENTLY-PURCHASED COMMODITIES AND SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REMINDED THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN IT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY WEDNESDAY (JULY 10).

+ANYONE HAVING DIFFICULTY COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE CAN RING US ON 3-7225054 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR CLARIFICATION,+ HE SAID.

THE DATA COLLECTED SO FAR IS BEING PROCESSED ON A COMPUTER SYSTEM SPECIALLY DEVELOPED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

BASED ON THE FULL RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT YEAR, A NEW SERIES OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WILL BE PRODUCED.

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PRAISE FOR CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS OF LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG.

IN THE PAST YEAR, ALL THE WIDELY DIFFERING SPHERES OF CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES PROSPERED, HE SAID.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN, WHO IS ALSO THE REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, WAS ADDRESSING A DINNER GATHERING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CELEBRATING THE 63RD INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY.

+FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES PLAYED A VALUABLE PART IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT,+ HE SAID.

+OF THE TOTAL OF \$18.3 MILLION LOANED TO FARMERS FROM THE LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, IN 1984-85 NEARLY ONE QUARTER WAS CHANNELLED THROUGH THESE SOCIETIES.+

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ISSUED \$13.6 MILLION IN CREDIT TO FISHERMEN FROM ITS LOAN FUNDS.

/DR RIDDELL-SWAN

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DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT GENERALLY GOOD WEATHER FAVOURED VEGETABLE GROWING AND PRODUCTION WAS 159 000 TONNES OR FOUR PER CENT UP ON 1983 FIGURES.

VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES SUPPLIED MORE THAN HALF OF THE LOCALLY-PRODUCED VEGETABLES MARKETED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION.

+IN ADDITION, THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING SOCIETIES HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN ANCILLIARY OPERATIONS SUCH AS THE SALE OF CULTIVATORS, PLASTIC BASKETS AND GOOD QUALITY PESTICIDES AT LOW PRICES WHICH BENEFITED FARMERS.+

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE FEDERATION ALSO MADE FULL USE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

+THE VISIT BY VEGETABLE FARMERS TO THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES CONTINUED TO HELP MEMBERS TO UPGRADE THEIR BREEDING STOCK BY IMPORTING PEDIGREED ANIMALS FROM OVERSEAS, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

REFERRING TO FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, HE SAID THAT THEY CONTINUED TO DO WELL AND, DESPITE POOR FISHING AND DEPRESSED PRICES, PRODUCTION WAS FAIR AND THEY STILL MANAGED TO INCREASE THEIR LOAN FUND CAPITAL BY FOUR PER CENT AND REGISTERED A SURPLUS OF ABOUT \$210 000.

TO PROVIDE LOCAL FISHERMEN WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN FISHING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION HAD ORGANISED AND SPONSORED A VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AND PROCESSING EXHIBITION IN GUANGZHOU LAST YEAR.

IN THE URBAN SECTOR, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES RECORDED A TRADING SURPLUS OF \$1.3 MILLION LAST YEAR DESPITE A DECREASE IN SALE TURNOVER.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO MR LEUNG CHIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, MR LAU WING-YAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUNG CHING VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND MR NG CHUEN-HEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

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RSD LIBRARIES GAIN RECORD READERSHIP
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 19 PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND TWO MOBILE LIBRARIES BEFORE THE END OF 1985, THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN, MR ALEX NG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION 1985, MR NG SAID THE LIBRARIES WILL INCLUDE FOUR NEW STATIC AND ONE MOBILE LIBRARIES.

THESE ARE THE FANLING PUBLIC LIBRARY, TSING YI PUBLIC LIBRARY, TSUEN WAN (SHEK WAI KOK) PUBLIC LIBRARY, TUEN MUN (BUTTERFLY ESTATE) PUBLIC LIBRARY AND A SECOND MOBILE LIBRARY.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES OF DRAWING SETS WERE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AND THEIR ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN VARIOUS RSD PUBLIC LIBRARIES FROM TODAY STARTING AT THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

AN INDICATION OF THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS, MR NG POINTED OUT, IS SEEN IN THE CURRENT RECORD HIGH REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP OF 280 000 FOR THE 15 PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ONE MOBILE LIBRARY, AN INCREASE OF 60 000 FROM LAST YEAR'S TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

+IN FACT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAS COME TO A STAGE WHERE WE NO LONGER PASSIVELY AND QUIETLY WAIT FOR READERS TO COME. INSTEAD, WE ARE ACTIVELY ATTRACTING READERS TO THE LIBRARIES THROUGH OUR PLANNED EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF WHICH THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION IS ONE, + MR NG SAID.

THE RECORD NUMBER OF 4 000 ENTRIES RECEIVED THIS YEAR WAS 50 PER CENT MORE THAN IN 1984.

MR NG ATTRIBUTED THIS TO GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE EXTENSIVE LIBRARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS, AND A WIDE RANGE OF LIBRARY EXTENSION ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THEM.

THESE ACTIVITIES NOW COVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF BOOK EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS, SUBJECT TALKS, INTEREST CLUBS, FILM SHOWS, HI-FI CONCERTS, VIDEO SCREENING, STORY HOURS, MANDARIN CLASSES AND ORGANISED LIBRARY VISITS.

ABOUT 450 000 PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS PARTICIPATED IN LIBRARY EXTENSION ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR.

THERE ARE NOW 760 000 BOOKS AND 30 000 AUDIO-VISUAL ITEMS IN THE RSD'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES. LAST YEAR, 3.5 MILLION BOOKS WERE ISSUED FOR HOME BORROWING AND 5.8 MILLION OTHERS READ IN THE LIBRARIES.

/MR NG

MR NG ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHICH WILL HAVE AN INITIAL STOCK OF 220 000 BOOKS AND 10 000 ITEMS OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS ON ITS 3 250-SQUARE-METRE PREMISES, WILL BE OPENED AROUND SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THIS CENTRAL LIBRARY WILL FUNCTION AS A DISTRICT LIBRARY IN SHA TIN BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORTING REFERENCE AND INFORMATION AND AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES FOR THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

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GOOD START TO WAN CHAI YOUTH PROGRAMME

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME GOT OFF TO A GRAND START TODAY (SATURDAY) AS HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT A CARNIVAL IN THE LOCKHART ROAD PLAYGROUND FOR A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH FEATURED GAMES STALLS, FILM SHOW AND QUIZ, WAS ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THESIS OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+ WAS ADOPTED AS THE CENTRAL THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PAY MORE ATTENTION TO AND GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS MAY SERVE AS A KIND OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND MAY HELP STRENGTHEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT,+ MR GARCIA ADDED.

+THROUGH MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN NOT ONLY DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND CHARACTER, BUT ALSO HELP PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE HARMONY AND PROSPERITY OF THE SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

THE CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, WAS ONLY THE FIRST OF ABOUT 170 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A PAMPHLET ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR TERENCE TENG, AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, MRS JUSTINA LEUNG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

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YOUTH CENTRES HELP IN CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES HELP TO ASSIST AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND TO DIRECT THEIR ENERGIES TOWARDS POSITIVE GOALS IN LIFE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SUBVENTIONS), MISS NANCY LAW, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN SHE OPENED THE BOYS' BRIGADE KWAI HING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE.

+THROUGH INTEREST GROUPS, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN ACQUIRE SKILLS AND WIDEN THEIR HORIZON AND EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE NARROW CONFINES OF FAMILY AND SCHOOL,+ SHE SAID.

THEY COULD ALSO STRENGTHEN THEIR CONFIDENCE AND LEARN TO CARE FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME, SHE ADDED.

MISS LAW POINTED OUT THAT THOUGH YOUNG PEOPLE WERE INQUISITIVE, EAGER TO LEARN AND TO EXPLORE, THEY COULD OFTEN EXPERIENCE FRUSTRATION AND INDECISION DURING THE CRUCIAL PERIOD OF ADOLESCENCE, AND THIS WAS WHERE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES COULD HELP.

PROGRAMMES PROVIDED AT THE NEW CENTRE, LOCATED ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF THE KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, INCLUDE SOCIAL GROUPS, SKILL AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SERVICE.

OVER \$160 000 FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AND GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TOTALLING MORE THAN \$391 000 WERE GRANTED TO THE AGENCY TO COVER THE CAPITAL COST OF THE CENTRE AND ITS CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE RESPECTIVELY.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN TO START

THE TWO-MONTH-LONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED WITH A CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AT THE ABERDEEN CENTRE SQUARE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ABERDEEN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, SISTER GEMMA CHOW, AND AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, MR ALBERT LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY CARITAS, WILL PROVIDE FUN AND GAMES FOR PARTICIPANTS AT GAMES STALLS, EXHIBITIONS, A DRAWING COMPETITION AND CRAFTSWORK STALLS.

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THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES CENTRE AROUND THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE+.

MORE THAN 100 ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED THIS SUMMER WITH A \$147 000 SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THEY INCLUDE SEMINARS, TRAINING CLASSES, VISITS, CLEAN BEACH EXERCISES, CAMPING AND PICNICS.

+WE HOPE THESE ACTIVITIES WILL HELP YOUTHS DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, BETTER UNDERSTAND INTER-HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID MR LAM, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SUB-COMMITTEE.

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MORE FACILITIES PLANNED FOR SAI KUNG
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CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG WILL UNDERGO EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND THERE ARE PLANS TO BUILD A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND GYMNASIUM IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR THE DISTRICT IN THE YEAR 1986-87, AND A SITE HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE SAI KUNG SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GYMNASIUM,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT PAID GREAT ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG WHICH, WITH A POPULATION OF ONLY 40 000, HAS A STANDARDISED SPORTS GROUND AND NUMEROUS COUNTRY PARKS, CAMPING AREAS AND BEACHES.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAVE HELPED BUILD MANY SUCH PROJECTS SUCH AS REST GARDENS FOR RESIDENTS IN RENNIE'S MILL AND TAI PING VILLAGE,+ MR HO SAID.

+THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR A GARDEN AT HO CHUNG AS WELL AS WORK TO IMPROVE THE HO CHUNG MINI SOCCER PLAYGROUND,+ HE ADDED.

MR HO ALSO URGED YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SO AS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN.

A TOTAL OF 47 EVENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE SAI KUNG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

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ROAD SAFETY COMPUTER COMPETITION CLOSING
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COMPUTER USERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE ONLY TWO WEEKS TO DEVISE A ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME IF THEY WANT TO WIN TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO FRANKFURT OR KUALA LUMPUR.

A COMPUTER PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ROAD SAFETY AMONG YOUNGSTERS, WILL CLOSE ON JULY 20.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. THE SENIOR SECTION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC INCLUDING POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND THE JUNIOR SECTION IS INTENDED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS UP TO FORM 7 LEVEL.

THE PROGRAMME DESIGN SHOULD BRING OUT AT LEAST ONE, IF NOT ALL, ASPECTS OF ROAD SAFETY, WITH EMPHASIS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, GOOD DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AND CYCLING SAFETY.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ON ROAD SAFETY IS AVAILABLE AT THE MARKETING SECTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN GRAPHIC AND IN ENGLISH. THEY MUST BE APPLICABLE TO APPLE II E COMPUTER WITH APPLESOFT BASIC, ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTATION AND FLOPPY DISK CONTAINING THE PROGRAMME AND AN ENTRY FORM.

THEY MUST REACH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, TONG CHONG STREET, QUARRY BAY, HONG KONG BY JULY 20.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. THEY ARE ALSO PUBLISHED REGULARLY IN THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, WAH KIU YAT PO AND THE HONG KONG COMPUTER JOURNAL.

THREE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH SECTION, AND THEIR ENTRIES WILL BE USED ON THE COMPUTER IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE'S ROAD SAFETY BUS. THE BUS PAYS REGULAR VISITS TO SCHOOLS, HOUSING ESTATES, COMMUNITY HALLS ETC. WITH AN AIM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES COMPRISE GIFT COUPONS WORTH \$2 000 AND \$1 000 RESPECTIVELY PLUS SIX-MONTHS' FREE SUBSCRIPTION OF HONG KONG COMPUTER JOURNAL. IN ADDITION, FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH SECTION.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY AUGUST.

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VISITORS INSPECT UC REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES
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TWO MEMBERS OF THE +KEEP SOUTH AFRICA BEAUTIFUL+ ASSOCIATION OF RANDBURG SPENT A WHOLE DAY TODAY INSPECTING VARIOUS TYPES OF REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

THEY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR W. DU P. HEUNIS, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR A.J.B. STRYDOM.

THEY FIRST CALLED AT THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON ITS ORGANISATION AND WORK. THE USD IS THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

LATER, THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE DUNDAS STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN MONG KOK TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF A MODERN STANDARD RCP. THIS RCP IS EQUIPPED WITH A CARBON AIR FILTER SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE DUST AND SMELL EMISSIONS.

THEY ALSO INSPECTED SOME OF THE COUNCIL'S SPECIALISED REFUSE COLLECTION AND CLEANSING VEHICLES AND THE STANDARD BIN-LIFT REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN ONE OF THE HOUSING ESTATES.

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COURSE WORK, TEACHING RESOURCES FOR DISPLAY
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AN EXHIBITION OF THE WORK AND TEACHING RESOURCES BY PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ATTENDING A RECENT RETRAINING COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (JULY 8 AND 9).

TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DISPLAY AT ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE 1, 20TH FLOOR, 688 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4.30 PM.

THE EXHIBITION, CONDUCTED BY THE COLLEGE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS AIMED AT DISPLAYING THE WORK DONE BY THE RETRAINING COURSE PARTICIPANTS AND PROMOTING THE USE OF TEACHING RESOURCES IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT HAVE ADOPTED OR INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITY APPROACH IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE COURSE WORK IN BASIC SKILLS AND CULTURAL SUBJECTS, TEACHING KITS AND BULLETIN DISPLAYS IN GENERAL SUBJECTS, TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES FOR USE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

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NEW PLAYGROUND IN YUEN LONG OPENS

A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYGROUND WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) IN YUEN LONG TO CATER FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE PLAYGROUND, WHICH OPENS FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY, COMPRISES A SMALL SITTING-OUT AREA AND TWO STANDARD-SIZE BASKETBALL COURTS WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED FOR VOLLEYBALL.

FLOODLIGHTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THESE COURTS TO FACILITATE NIGHT MATCHES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

COSTING ABOUT \$1 MILLION, THE PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED ON A 2 300-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT CHUNG SING PATH IN THE TOWN CENTRE.

THE PLAYGROUND WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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SUBWAYS TO BE BUILT IN JORDAN ROAD AREA

A SUBWAY SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF JORDAN ROAD, FERRY STREET AND CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON.

IT CONSISTS OF TWO SUBWAYS CROSSING JORDAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET WITH COVERED RAMPS AND STAIRCASES.

THE FERRY STREET SUBWAY WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING STEEL FOOTBRIDGE IN THE AREA.

ON COMPLETION, THE SUBWAYS WILL PROVIDE A SAFE GRADE-SEPARATED FACILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS TO REACH THE FERRY PIER AND BUS TERMINUS AT JORDAN ROAD, AS WELL AS TO CROSS JORDAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 1986.

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FANLING TENNIS COURTS EXTEND OPENING HOURS

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE OPENING HOURS FOR THE FANLING TEMPORARY TENNIS COURTS WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE MORE TENNIS PLAYERS TO MAKE USE OF THE COURTS AND TO PROMOTE THE SPORT, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE COURTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS SINCE LATE APRIL, INDICATING THAT RESPONSE TO THE EXTENSION WAS VERY ENCOURAGING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE PRACTICE TIME WILL BE FROM 8.30 AM TO 1 PM MONDAY (JULY 8) AND FROM 8.30 AM TO 5 PM TUESDAY (JULY 9) TO FRIDAY (JULY 12).

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YAU MA TEI TRAFFIC CHANGES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YAU MA TEI FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 9) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORK AT SAIGON STREET.

THESE ARE:

- * SAIGON STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND BATTERY STREET WILL BE CLOSED;
- * BATTERY STREET BETWEEN SAIGON STREET AND PAK HOI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO TWO-WAY;
- * PAK HOI STREET BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND ;
- * TRAFFIC ON BATTERY STREET HEADING FOR RECLAMATION STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BATTERY STREET AND PAK HOI STREET; AND
- * METERED GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES IN BATTERY STREET BETWEEN SAIGON STREET AND PAK HOI STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

ON THE SAME DAY, HILLWOOD ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PINE TREE HILL ROAD WILL BE RESURFACED LANE BY LANE. TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK, WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, METERED PARKING SPACES ON THIS SECTION OF ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD DIVERSION
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CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN KAM TSIN AND HANG TAU WILL
BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM 2 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 9),
TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE A NEW ROAD PARALLEL TO CASTLE
PEAK ROAD.

BUS STOPS WILL ALSO BE REPROVIDED ON THE NEW ROAD.

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