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HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDERLY TO BE EXPANDED
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THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THE EARLY EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY NURSING TO INCREASE THE HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IS WORKING ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT, MR. HO SAID WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE WHITE PAPER COVERING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY STILL INCOMPLETE, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO ANTICIPATE FURTHER GOVERNMENT DECISIONS IN THIS FIELD AT THIS STAGE.

HOWEVER, HE WAS OPTIMISTIC IN ONE AREA — THIS IS THE EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY NURSING TO INCREASE THE HEALTH CARE OF THE ELDERLY.

HE SAID THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WAS WORKING ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO TRANSLATE THIS GENERAL DESIRE INTO CONCRETE STEPS FOR THE TRAINING OF NURSES FOR THIS SERVICE, THE DEFINITION OF THE SCOPE OF THEIR OPERATION, THE TERRITORIAL COVERAGE FROM THE VARIOUS REGIONAL HOSPITALS AND CENTRES, AND THE CRITERIA FOR THE SUBVENTION OF SUCH SERVICES WHERE THEY ARE PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

IF THESE PROPOSALS WERE APPROVED IT WAS HOPED THAT THE COMMUNITY NURSES' TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT PROGRAMME WOULD BE PHASED OVER NOT MORE THAN ABOUT FIVE YEARS. BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 350 ADDITIONAL NURSES WOULD HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED AND UP TO ONE THIRD OF THEIR TIME WOULD BE DEVOTED TO GERIATRIC CARE, HE EXPLAINED.

MR. HO SAID ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN WAS THE PROVISION OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHO NEEDED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES WITH GENERAL PURPOSE CARE. THE 1978 SOCIAL WELFARE REVIEW HAD INDICATED THAT THE CURRENT SHORTFALL IN PROVISION WAS OVER 1,000 PLACES OR NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF DEMAND.

+CONSIDERING THAT THE CASES REPRESENTED AS THE DEMAND HERE ARE LEAST ABLE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES, THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER,+ HE SAID.

HITHERTO THIS SERVICE HAD BEEN WHOLLY PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, +AND WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF MEETING THIS SHORTFALL WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE STILL AT OVER 500 PLACES BY MARCH, 1981.+

MR. HO SAID HE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW ACTION COULD BE SPEEDED UP.

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LEAVING THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE FUTURE FOR THE PRACTICAL REALITIES OF SPECIFIC PLANS, MR. HO SAID, HE WAS VERY GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE SETTLEMENT INTENDED TO OPEN A DAY-CARE UNIT TO SERVE THOSE ELDERLY PERSONS WHO REQUIRED NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE IN THE DAYTIME. +I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SUCH A UNIT WILL BE A MOST POPULAR ADDITION TO THE SPLENDID SERVICES WHICH THE SETTLEMENT IS ALREADY OFFERING TO THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA. THIS IS POSSIBLY A PARTIAL ANSWER TO THE QUESTION I HAVE JUST POSED AND IN YOUR TYPICAL WAY DEMONSTRATES THE FORWARD LOOKING NATURE OF YOUR PROJECTS.+

MR. HO SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME PLAN FOR THE ELDERLY WAS TO PROMOTE THE WELL BEING OF THE ELDERLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVING BY PROVIDING SERVICES THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE- AND TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL CARE SUITED TO THE VARYING NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

+I AM GLAD TO OBSERVE THAT IN THE MANY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE GREEN PAPER PROPOSALS PUBLISHED LAST NOVEMBER THERE WAS NO CRITICISM OF THIS BASIC OBJECTIVE,+ HE SAID.

MR. HO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE WHITE PAPER HAD NOT BEEN FINALISED THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY PUT INTO OPERATION A NUMBER OF THE IMPORTANT PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$60 MILLION IN 1978/79 AND \$90 MILLION IN 1979/80.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT'S RECORD IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD IN RECENT YEARS WAS SUFFICIENT TESTIMONY OF ITS DETERMINATION TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

+TOTAL SOCIAL WELFARE EXPENDITURE HAS INCREASED MORE THAN 13 FOLD FROM JUST UNDER \$40 MILLION IN 1970/71 TO OVER \$540 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR,+ MR. HO SAID.

+SO THERE IS NO QUESTION OF TURNING BACK THE CLOCK AND WE WILL PRESS ON WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT PLANS. BUT PROGRAMME PLANS NO MATTER HOW COMPREHENSIVE WILL SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE UNLESS THEY CAN BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED. THIS REQUIRES THE CONCERTED EFFORT OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL. THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, COUPLED WITH THE PLANNING, CO-ORDINATION, FINANCIAL AND SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND HELP WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL WHO ARE IN NEED,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW LEGCO SESSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL REVIEW THE AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG WHEN HE OPENS THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION FOR 1978/79 ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH BEGIN AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG CHANNEL 2 (CHINESE) AND CHANNEL 3 (ENGLISH).

COMMERCIAL RADIO WILL BROADCAST THE ADDRESS IN CHINESE ON ITS CHANNEL 1 WHILE THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS WILL GIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S REVIEW IN THEIR REGULAR NEWS PROGRAMMES.

ON NOVEMBER 1, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION ON THE SAME DAY AND THE FOLLOWING DAY (NOVEMBER 2), IF NECESSARY.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED TO REPLY ON NOVEMBER 15 AND, IF NECESSARY, NOVEMBER 16 TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE JOINED BY THEIR FOUR NEWLY-APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES IN THE NEW SESSION. THEY ARE DR. THE HON. HO KAM-FAI, THE HON. ALLEN LEE, THE HON. DAVID NEWBIGGING AND THE HON. ANDREW SO.

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WORK TO START ON SHA TIN HOSPITAL

A \$40.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL AND POLYCLINIC WAS SIGNED TODAY AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE, WHICH COMPRISES SITE PREPARATION AND CAISSON FOUNDATION WORK, IS EXPECTED TO START THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT TEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT FOR THIS WORK WAS AWARDED TO THE HING LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1982, THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 1,400 BEDS AND SERVE 700,000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES WITH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES, INCLUDING OUT-PATIENTS AND CASUALTY SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER HOSPITALISATION.

IT WILL ALSO BE THE TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR THE PROPOSED MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE HOSPITAL COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A MAIN WARD BLOCK, A SPECIAL WARD BLOCK, A PROFESSORIAL ANNEX AND A TEACHING POLYCLINIC.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR ABOUT 2,000 MEDICAL STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE BUILT CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL.

SITES FOR THE HOSPITAL AND OTHER CONNECTED FACILITIES ARE ALL LOCATED ON RECLAIMED LAND.

DESIGN FOR THE HOSPITAL IS BASED ON THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WARD SYSTEM AND WAS PREPARED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE HOSPITAL WILL BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTERED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH THE TEACHING STAFF EMPLOYED AND PAID BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE NEARLY \$400 MILLION.

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OUT-PATIENTS CLINIC SERVICES EXPAND
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CLINIC SESSIONS IN THE EVENING AS WELL AS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN YET ANOTHER MAJOR EFFORT TO EXPAND OUT-PATIENTS SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 9), FOUR MORE GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENTS CLINICS WILL OPERATE EVENING SESSIONS. THESE ARE TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL'S OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENT ON THE ISLAND, THE SHEUNG SHA WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON AND THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENT AND THE YAUMATI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, WHICH ALREADY PROVIDE EVENING CLINIC SERVICES, WILL HAVE EXTRA DOCTORS TO SERVE THE INCREASING NEED IN THE AREAS.

THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC AND THE SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC WILL ALSO OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AT PRESENT, 10 CLINICS ARE PROVIDING OUT-PATIENTS SERVICES IN THE EVENING AND SIX CLINICS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 50 GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENTS CLINICS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISION OF EXTRA CLINICAL SESSIONS IN THE EVENING AND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE THE OUT-PATIENTS SERVICES.

+THESE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST PRACTICAL AND EFFICIENT SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURE ON OUT-PATIENTS SERVICES CAUSED BY THE STEADY POPULATION GROWTH,+ HE SAID.

+EXPERIENCES DURING THE PAST YEARS SHOWED THAT THE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO RELIEVING THE PRESSURE AT GOVERNMENT CLINICS AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE PROVIDED A MUCH NEEDED FACILITY FOR PEOPLE WHO PREFER TO ATTEND CLINICS IN THE EVENINGS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS SCHEME IS BEING KEPT UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW WITH A VIEW TO MAKING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION WHERE NECESSARY.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THESE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AS SOME EVENING CLINICS ARE NOT FULLY UTILISED.

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MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES CALLS
FOR EXPANSION OF SCOUTING ACTIVITIES IN N.T.
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING URGED THE N.T. REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION TO SET UP A WORKING PARTY TO PLAN A PHASED EXPANSION OF SCOUTING IN THE RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THE WORKING PARTY SHOULD ALSO LOOK AT WHAT STAFF, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT MAY BE NEEDED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEW AND EXPANDING TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. AKERS-JONES MADE THE SUGGESTION AT A FUND-RAISING BALL ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION AT THE HOLIDAY INN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD REACH ABOUT TWO MILLION PEOPLE BY 1984. +THIS EXPANSION WILL REQUIRE AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF ALL OUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO GROW AND EXTEND THEIR FACILITIES TO THE PEOPLE, THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

+TO THIS END IT IS MOST IMPORTANT ABOVE ALL THAT THE WELL-ESTABLISHED ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE SCOUTS AND THE GIRL GUIDES SHOULD EXAMINE MOST CAREFULLY THEIR EXPANSION PROGRAMMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THIS GROWING POPULATION AND THE STAFF AND OTHER FACILITIES REQUIRED TO FULFIL THEM,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

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RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT STATION OFFICER
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO LAUNCH A RECRUITMENT DRIVE NEXT WEEK TO FILL SOME 50 VACANCIES IN THE RANK OF ASSISTANT STATION OFFICER.

THE RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE WORK BUT THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30, HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYE SIGHT.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE IS FIVE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE E IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

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THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT STATION OFFICER VARIES FROM \$2,425 TO \$2,835 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS AND IT RISES TO \$3,155.

AN INCREMENT IS AWARDED ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF SIX MONTHS' RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE IN THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE OFFICER WILL BE PUT ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS, AFTER WHICH, PROVIDED HE HAS CARRIED OUT ALL HIS DUTIES SATISFACTORILY AND PASSES THE REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, HE WILL BE CONFIRMED TO THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER AUTOMATICALLY. THE PRESENT SALARY SCALE FOR A STATION OFFICER IS \$3,850 TO \$5,865 PER MONTH.

COMMENTING ON THE RECRUITMENT, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID: +A CAREER WITH THE FIRE SERVICES OFFERS VARIETY AND INTEREST TO THOSE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT THE WORK OF A FIRE OFFICER IS OFTEN DEMANDING, BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

+AND AMONG THE MANY QUALITIES WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE IS THAT OF LEADERSHIP,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT WITH THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS AND SOPHISTICATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, THE FIRE SERVICES IS ALSO EXPANDING TO KEEP PACE BY CREATING ADDITIONAL PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES.

+THE HIGHER RANKS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE OPEN TO THOSE WHO SHOW APTITUDE AND ARE PREPARED TO STUDY HARD TO ATTAIN HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH THE FIRE SERVICES SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 6 P.M. FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY (OCTOBER 11 - 13) AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION ON CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

HE SHOULD BRING HIS IDENTITY CARD, DOCUMENTS PROVING HIS EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

CANDIDATES SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG A PAIR OF RUBBER-SOLED GYM SHOES AND SHORTS FOR USE IN THE STRENGTH TEST AT THE RECRUITMENT CENTRES. A PAMPHLET ENTITLED +HOW TO JOIN AS A FIREMAN+ GIVES FULL DETAILS OF THE STRENGTH TEST AND IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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DETAILS OF TUEN MUN FESTIVAL OUTLINED

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ABOUT \$200,000 WILL BE SPENT TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OF THE FAST-GROWING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WITH THEIR FIRST MAJOR FESTIVAL - TUEN MUN FESTIVAL - FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO 12 THIS YEAR.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL PERIOD THE RESIDENTS WOULD BE TREATED TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 6 IN HIS CAPACITY AS HONORARY PATRON OF THE FESTIVAL.

+THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$50,000 OF ITS FUNDS TO THE FESTIVAL WHICH AIMS AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' INTERESTS IN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. TO PAVE THE WAY FOR OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SOON TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN,+ HE SAID.

+THE FESTIVAL ALSO AIMS AT BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY OF TUEN MUN AND TO INSTIL A STRONGER SENSE OF BELONGING THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF RESIDENTS IN PARTICIPATING AND ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL.+

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, WHO TOLD THE GATHERING THAT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMMES WOULD INCLUDE A SERIES OF CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG UNITED CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BRASS BAND. MANY POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES WILL HELP ADD GLAMOUR TO THE OCCASION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW, DRAMA AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, A FILM SHOW AND FOOTBALL MATCHES AS WELL AS COMPETITIONS IN DRAMA, SINGING AND DANCING.

AT THE SAME TIME A +TUEN MUN ART EXHIBITION '78+ WILL BE HELD DAILY FROM NOVEMBER 6 TO 11 AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE.

THE FESTIVAL WILL END WITH A GRAND CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON NOVEMBER 12.

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DETAILS OF STREETS AFFECTED BY MTR EXTENSION GAZETTED
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A NOTICE GIVING DETAILS OF STREETS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE START OF WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE WORK, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAI KING AND TAI WO HAU STATIONS, SECTIONS OF THE OVERHEAD VIADUCT NORTH OF LAI KING STATION AND SECTIONS OF THE TUNNELS LINKING THE KWAI HING AND TAI WO HAU STATIONS, WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE MAIN ROADS TO BE AFFECTED BY THE FIRST STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE KWAI CHUNG ROAD, LAI KING HILL ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WHERE RESTRICTIONS TO CARRIAGEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS WILL BE NECESSARY.

SOME STAIRCASES AND PATHS WILL BE PERMANENTLY ALTERED OR CLOSED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAYOUT OF THE M.T.R. STATIONS, BUT ALTERNATIVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLANS SHOWING THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE FU WAH CENTRE, 310 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN= THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL= AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR WITHIN A YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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EDUCATIONAL WALK FOR CHILDREN AT WAN CHAI
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ABOUT 270 CHILDREN FROM 12 SCHOOLS IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TESTED ON THEIR GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION AND ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE DURING AN EDUCATIONAL WALK ON OCTOBER 8 (SUNDAY).

THE WALK WILL START AT SHUE YAN COLLEGE AT MONMOUTH PATH AND END AT SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND, COVERING BOWEN DRIVE, BOWEN ROAD, WAN CHAI GAP ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND JOHNSTON ROAD.

WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. BOWEN LEUNG, SAID: +IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH PUBLICISING THE WALK, WAN CHAI RESIDENTS COULD BE EDUCATED IN CRIME PREVENTION AND ROAD SAFETY KNOWLEDGE.+

AS PART OF THE ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WAN CHAI BEAT CRIME CAMPAIGN THE WALK WILL START AT 9 A.M. AND TAKE ABOUT 50 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.

CARTOONS DEPICTING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF EITHER CRIME PREVENTION OR ROAD SAFETY WILL BE PUT UP AT EACH OF THE 12 CHECKPOINTS SET UP ALONG BOWEN ROAD. ON ARRIVING AT EACH CHECKPOINT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AGAINST THE STORIES DESCRIBED IN THE CARTOONS AND TICK THE RIGHT ANSWER ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE PAPER GIVEN TO THEM BEFOREHAND.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WALK, THE PAPERS WILL BE CORRECTED AND THE 12 PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SCORED THE HIGHEST MARKS WILL BE AWARDED A PRIZE.

MEANWHILE, AT 7.30 P.M. THE SAME DAY, THE G.I.S. MOBILE THEATRE WILL STAGE A VARIETY SHOW TO BRING THE MESSAGE ON ROAD SAFETY TO RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL FEATURE A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING POP SONGS, PUPPET SHOWS, MODEL CAR DEMONSTRATIONS, ACROBATIC DISPLAYS AND A DRAMA PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE.

A ROAD SAFETY BUS CONTAINING DISPLAYS, GAMES AND A +MOUSE TOWN+ WILL BE STATIONED IN SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND TO COINCIDE WITH THOSE TWO EVENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EDUCATIONAL WALK TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 8) FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON STARTING FROM SHUE YAN COLLEGE, AND TO THE ROAD SAFETY VARIETY SHOW AT 7.30 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY AT SOUTHRN PLAYGROUND, WAN CHAI.

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WARNINGS AGAINST HILL FIRE DURING CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED VISITORS TO GRAVE SITES DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL TO BE CAREFUL AND NOT TO START ANY HILL FIRES.

DURING ONE DAY OF CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVITIES LAST YEAR, SOME 6,000 TREES WERE DAMAGED IN 53 FIRES. THE AREA BURNT COVERED 65 HECTARES (ABOUT 150 ACRES).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ALL OF THESE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY SHEER CARELESSNESS OF VISITORS TO THE GRAVE SITES.

+THIS YEAR, FIRE GUARD PATROLS WILL BE INCREASED, AND CIVIL AID SERVICES PATROLS WILL BE DOUBLED TO 150 PERSONNEL TO ENSURE THAT VISITORS DO NOT BREAK THE COUNTRY CODE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PEOPLE COULD ASSIST IN FIRE PREVENTION BY:

- * CLEARING WEEDS SURROUNDING THE GRAVE BEFORE BURNING JOSS STICKS OR PAPER=
- * BURN GRADUALLY AND IN SMALL QUANTITIES=
- * WATCH OUT FOR SPARKS AND HOT ASHES=
- * IF POSSIBLE, USE A CONTAINER AS AN INCINERATOR TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF FIRE=
- * BEAT OUT THE FIRE WITH TREE BRANCHES IF THE FIRE DOES JUMP TO NEARBY VEGETATION. DON'T PANIC= AND
- * DON'T LEAVE THE SITE BEFORE ALL MATERIAL IS COMPLETELY BURNT OUT OR EXTINGUISHED.

+THE INCIDENCE OF HILL FIRE HAS CAUSED GREAT CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ASSOCIATED AGENCIES AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE LENIENT WITH ANY OFFENDERS. PENALTIES FOR BREACHING THE COUNTRYSIDE REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN MOVES TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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AN INTENSIVE, MONTH-LONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE JUMBO FLOATING RESTAURANT AT ABERDEEN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 9).

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR. HO CHUN-TUNG= ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. CANICE MAK, AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MISS ELLE SHUM.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS TAKEN MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS TO ORGANISE, INVOLVES THE PARTICIPATION OF OVER 20 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE DISTRICT. IT WILL START OFF WITH A GRAND OPENING IN WHICH 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS TO RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT. THEREAFTER, ABOUT 40 EVENTS OF VARIOUS KINDS WILL BE HELD DURING THE MONTH TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO BOTH THE POPULATION ON LAND AND IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL START AT 1 P.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 2121) TAKING MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TO THE CONFERENCE WILL LEAVE FROM THE SUPREME COURT AT BATTERY PATH AT 12.30 P.M. SHARP.

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EXAMINATION FEES FOR LOCAL
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY INCREASED
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EXAMINATION FEES FOR ALL GRADES OF LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS SHIPS MASTER OR ENGINEER, INCLUDING THE PLEASURE VESSEL GRADE, HAVE BEEN INCREASED FROM \$25 TO \$100.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1978 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

MEANWHILE, EXAMINATION FEES FOR BONA FIDE FISHERMEN SITTING FOR MODIFIED CERTIFICATES HAVE ALSO BEEN INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$60.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASE, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISION WAS THE FIRST SINCE 1965.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE FORFEITURE OF ANY EXAMINATION FEES PAID BY CANDIDATES IN THE EVENT OF THEIR FAILURE TO ATTEND THE EXAMINATION AT THE APPOINTED TIME, UNLESS THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION CENTRE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE APPOINTMENT AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE OR IT CAN BE PROVED THAT THE FAILURE TO ATTEND WAS DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE CANDIDATE.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO OPEN NEW GIRLS' HOME
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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S NEW MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME IN HO MAN TIN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 9).

SHE WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE \$4 MILLION INSTITUTION WHICH REPLACES THE OLD ONE IN TO KWA WAN.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE GIRLS' HOME AT 51 SHEUNG SHING STREET IN HO MAN TIN.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL ALSO SPEAK AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE NEW MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME AT 51 SHEUNG SHING STREET, HO MAN TIN.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2143, WILL LEAVE AT 9.40 A.M. ON MONDAY FROM THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE GIRLS' HOME ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE THERE BEFORE 10.15 A.M.

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NO MAIL DELIVERY ON TUESDAY
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 10) WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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