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ELECTRONICS OUTSHINES EXPORT RIVALS

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS RECORDED THE LARGEST VALUE INCREASE IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1983, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE VALUE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ROSE BY \$2 733 MILLION, WELL AHEAD OF ITS NEAREST RIVALS TEXTILES, WHICH PUT ON \$2 112 MILLION AND WEARING APPAREL (\$2 086 MILLION), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$1 218 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$458 MILLION) AND METAL PRODUCTS (\$282 MILLION).

TOGETHER, THESE SIX INDUSTRIES ACCOUNTED FOR 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

INDUSTRIES SHOWING THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES WERE ELECTRICITY (UP 373 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (UP 94 PER CENT), MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL (UP 70 PER CENT), TOBACCO (UP 69 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (UP 68 PER CENT), AND FOOTWEAR (UP 55 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE NOTED IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (DOWN \$127 MILLION, OR 80 PER CENT), LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (DOWN \$24 MILLION, OR 16 PER CENT), AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY (DOWN \$1 MILLION, OR 17 PER CENT).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS SERIES OF STATISTICS HAD BEEN DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (I.S.I.C.), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (S.I.T.C.) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS. THE SYSTEM OF RE-CLASSIFICATION BETWEEN THE I.S.I.C. AND S.I.T.C. HAS BEEN UPDATED STARTING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER 1984 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE I.S.I.C. AND S.I.T.C. IN RECENT YEARS. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMPARABILITY BETWEEN THE 1983 AND 1984 FIGURES, THE DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983 HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-GROUPED ACCORDING TO THE NEW RE-CLASSIFICATION.

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IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, THE OVERALL EXPORT VALUE OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE.

BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

FURTHER INFORMATION OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 3-7224504).

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CORRIDOR BUS SERVICES REVIEWED

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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REVIEW ON THE ISLANDS EASTERN CORRIDOR BUS SERVICES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) AFTERNOON.

THE REVIEW COVERS THE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE FIVE TEMPORARY BUS ROUTES RUNNING ALONG THE CORRIDOR, PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THESE ROUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FARE STRUCTURE.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD. THEY WILL ALSO COMMENT ON PROPOSALS TO UPGRADE THE POST OFFICE IN TAIKOO SHING AND MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM CREATED BY A PRINTING FACTORY IN QUARRY BAY.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES; THE ROAD NETWORK WITHIN THE PROPOSED MTR DEVELOPMENT AT PAK CHAI WAN, A PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE LINKING SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, SHING ON STREET AND TAI ON STREET; WORKS ON PAK FUK ROAD IN NORTH POINT; AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT'S CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO TAKE PART IN ANOTHER ROUND OF SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SIR EDWARD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON FLIGHT CA 106, ETD 1.50 PM.

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MP'S TO MEET PRESS

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TWO LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR ERIC DEAKINS AND MR KENNETH EASTHAM, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 10.45 AM AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS' MESS, THIRD FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THEY ARE VISITING HONG KONG AND WILL LEAVE TOMORROW EVENING.

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OVERDUE YACHT EXPECTED HERE TODAY

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A YACHT, THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN,+ WHICH HAD BEEN REPORTED OVERDUE FROM CEBU IN THE PHILIPPINES ON SATURDAY MORNING WITH TWO UNITED STATES NATIONALS -- A MAN AND A WOMAN -- ON BOARD, WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HEBE HAVEN, HONG KONG, THIS AFTERNOON.

A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HAD YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) MORNING ESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN,+ AND LATER SIGHTED IT IN A POSITION SOME 110 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT ON RECEIPT OF A TELEPHONE CALL ON SATURDAY MORNING THAT THE YACHT HAD NOT REPORTED ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG, AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH WAS INITIATED BY THE MARITIME RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE -- MRCC -- OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE VESSEL HAD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.

+THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WAS PUT ON IMMEDIATE ALERT AND ALL VESSELS IN THE AREA WERE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION.

+DURING THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1), A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND A HELICOPTER FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WERE DISPATCHED TO SEARCH FOR THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN+.

+AS NO TRACE OF THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN+ HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BY EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 2 (SUNDAY). THE SITUATION WAS UPGRADED TO AN SOS AND THE SEARCH WAS EXPANDED.

+AT 0955 ON SEPTEMBER 2, A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE ESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN+ AND AT 1020 THE AIRCRAFT SIGHTED THE YACHT IN A POSITION SOME 110 MILES SOUTH EAST OF HONG KONG.

+FURTHER RADIO CONTACT WITH THE +CRYSTAL DOLPHIN+ ESTABLISHED THAT THE VESSEL WAS IN NO DANGER AND WAS PROCEEDING TO HONG KONG WHERE SHE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON IN HEBE HAVEN,+ HE SAID.

DETAILS OF THE YACHT WERE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: LENGTH -- 38 FEET, WHITE HULL, SINGLE MAST, CUTTER RIG.

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DELEGATION SEES FACILITIES FOR
HANDICAPPED IN PUBLIC HOUSING
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WIDE-RANGING AIDED FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED ON PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO ENABLE HANDICAPPED TENANTS AND VISITORS TO LEAD AS INDEPENDENT AND FULL LIFE AS POSSIBLE.

THIS WAS WHAT THE DELEGATION OF CHINA WELFARE FUND FOR THE HANDICAPPED SAW WHEN THEY VISITED THE SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN THIS MORNING ON THEIR SIXTH DAY OF VISIT IN HONG KONG.

LED BY ITS DEPUTY DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF, MR DENG PU-FANG, THE DELEGATION WERE IMPRESSED WITH SUCH FACILITIES AS RAMPS, SPECIALLY-DESIGNED TOILETS AND LIFTS, AND ALTERATION OF ESTATE FLATS FOR HANDICAPPED TENANTS.

THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, AND OTHER SENIOR HOUSING OFFICIALS ON THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, SET UP SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL CENTRES, TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND HOSTELS FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE ON HOUSING ESTATES.

WHEN VISITING A FLAT OCCUPIED BY A HANDICAPPED TENANT, MR DENG INSPECTED WITH KEEN INTEREST OF THE ALTERATION OF HER FLAT WHICH INCLUDED A RAMP LEADING TO THE FLAT, A COLLAPSIBLE DOOR INSTALLED AT THE ENLARGED ENTRANCE TO THE TOILET AND THE WELL-PLACED WASHING FACILITIES.

THE DAUGHTER OF THE TENANT, MISS SIU KIN-MING WHO IS A WHEELCHAIR USER, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION TO THE ALTERATION, DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT, SAYING THAT IT HAD MADE LIFE MUCH EASIER FOR HER.

MISS SIU IS WORKING IN A FACTORY FOR THE HANDICAPPED ON THE ESTATE WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT-MAKING COMPANY EMPLOYING HANDICAPPED PEOPLE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

AT THE FACTORY, MR DENG CHATTED INTIMATELY WITH THE WORKERS AND ASKED ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES AND WORKS OF REFURBISHING AND RE-ASSEMBLING TELEPHONE HANDSETS.

THE DELEGATION ALSO RECEIVED WARM RECEPTION AT A KINDERGARTEN AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY ON THE ESTATE.

AFTER THE VISIT, THE DELEGATION ATTENDED A LUNCH MEETING HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO.

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VOTERS URGED TO REPORT ADDRESS CHANGE

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REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SHOULD NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF THEY WANT TO VOTE IN A POLLING STATION NEAR THEIR HOME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION SAID TODAY THERE WAS NO NEED FOR REGISTERED VOTERS TO REAPPLY FOR REGISTRATION AS LONG AS THEIR NAMES REMAINED ON THE REGISTER.

+IT IS THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS WHICH DETERMINES WHERE AN ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE. A MOVE FROM ONE DISTRICT/ CONSTITUENCY TO ANOTHER INEVITABLY INVOLVES A REALLOCATION OF POLLING STATION,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+UNLESS THE CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS REPORTED BY DECEMBER 10, AN ELECTOR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE CONSTITUENCY WHERE HIS NEW ADDRESS IS LOCATED.

HE URGED ALL ELECTORS WHO HAVE NOT YET REPORTED THEIR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

+THIS WILL ENABLE THE FINAL REGISTER TO BE UP-DATED FOR PUBLICATION ANNUALLY IN JANUARY, AND THE REGISTER WILL REMAIN VALID FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.+

AN ELECTOR MAY REPORT A CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY WRITING TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AT HARBOUR CENTRE 10/F, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, GIVING HIS HK IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, NAME AND THE NEW ADDRESS.

HE CAN ALSO FILL IN A +CHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS+ FORM OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HANG SENG BANK. THE FORM IS EASY TO COMPLETE AND IS SELF-ADDRESSED AND POSTAGE-PAID.

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DISCUSSION ON GREEN PAPER

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL FURTHER DISCUSS PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE BOARD FIRST DISCUSSED THE GREEN PAPER AT A SPECIAL MEETING IN LATE JULY AND MEMBERS' VIEWS, TOGETHER WITH OPINIONS COLLECTED IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE MEMBERS WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE RECENT RENT INCREASE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS IN TSUEN WAN, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE OF TSUEN WAN BY-PASS.

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FIRST SCAFFOLDING GIRL TALKS ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE

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+THINGS ON THE GROUND SEEMED SO SMALL WHEN I TOOK THE FIRST LOOK FROM A SCAFFOLD; I WAS SIMPLY FASCINATED,+ SAID MISS SO YUET-NGOR, THE FIRST GIRL WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED THE BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING COURSE AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTRE.

YUET-NGOR, WHO IS NOW WORKING AS THE ONLY BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING GIRL IN HONG KONG, SHOWED DETERMINATION TO JOIN THE COURSE WHEN SHE APPLIED, THE CENTRE MANAGER, MR KO CHEUK-LUEN, RECALLED.

WHY HAS SHE ENTERED A FIELD THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MEN'S PRESERVE?

HER SWIFT ANSWER: +I LIKE WORKING IN OPEN SPACE. AND AS I SAID, THE VIEW FROM ON HIGH SOMEHOW FASCINATES ME.+ SHE ADDED, AS AN AFTER THOUGHT, THAT THE SALARY WAS ATTRACTIVE.

SHE DID NOT CONSIDER WORKING HUNDREDS OF FEET ABOVE STREET LEVEL ANY MORE DANGEROUS THAN ON THE GROUND. NOWADAYS, SHE SAID, PEOPLE IN THE TRADE WEAR SAFETY GEARS.

AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CURRICULUM FOR THE TRAINEES, MR KO STRESSED.

ACCORDING TO HER COURSE INSTRUCTOR, YUET-NGOR HAS ACQUIRED ALL THE SKILLS REQUIRED OF A FIRST-YEAR APPRENTICE AND IS ON A PAR WITH HER BEST MALE COUNTERPARTS.

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UP IN THE SKY, SHE IS AGILE AND DEFT. ON THE GROUND, SHE HAS IMPRESSED HER INSTRUCTOR AND CLASSMATES AND NOW, HER COLLEAGUES, WITH HER ENTHUSIASM FOR WORK, CARRYING BULKY BUNDLES OF BAMBOOS WITH SEEMING EASE.

+I WILL CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE GIRLS TO JOIN THE TRADE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED. BUT OF COURSE IT DEPENDS ON ONE'S PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND TEMPERAMENT,+ SHE SAID.

WORKING HAS INCREASED YUET-NGOR'S INTEREST IN THE TRADE.

+I ENJOY PUTTING WHAT I'VE LEARNT INTO PRACTICE, BUT I ALSO HOPE TO BECOME AN EMPLOYER IN THE SAME FIELD ONE DAY,+ SHE SAID WITH DETERMINATION.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THIS UNIQUE TRADE, MR KO EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

+BAMBOO SCAFFOLD HAS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES OVER 'MODERN' METHODS, SUCH AS STEEL-FRAME CONSTRUCTION. THE COST IS MUCH LOWER, AND A BAMBOO SCAFFOLD CAN EASILY BE CONSTRUCTED TO SUIT VARYING BUILDING SHAPES,+ HE SAID.

+BAMBOO OCCUPIES MUCH LESS STORAGE SPACE AND CAN BE EASILY TRANSPORTED.

+AT PRESENT BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING IS BEING USED IN HONG KONG FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE BUILDINGS. THIS METHOD IS UNLIKELY TO BE REPLACED FOR A LONG TIME,+ HE ADDED.

AT THE KWAI CHUNG CENTRE, THERE ARE OVER 600 TRAINEES ATTENDING ONE-YEAR COURSES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THEY COVER SUCH SKILLS AS BRICKLAYING AND PLASTERING, PLANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

+THESE COURSES ARE CHOSEN TO MEET MANPOWER NEEDS AS DETERMINED BY PERIODICAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL,+ SAID MR KO.

BESIDES PRACTICAL TRAINING AT THE CENTRE, TRAINEES ALSO TAKE UP RELATED THEORIES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THEY RECEIVE MONTHLY ALLOWANCES RANGING FROM A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS TO OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THEIR THEORY CLASSES ARE PAID FOR BY THE CENTRE.

LIKE THE KOWLOON BAY CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTRE SET UP IN 1977, THE KWAI CHUNG CENTRE WAS SET UP WITH TAXES LEVIED AT A RATE OF 0.25 PER CENT ON THE VALUE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN HONG KONG EXCEEDING \$250 000 EACH.

+THROUGH SYSTEMATIC TRAINING, WE HOPE NOT ONLY TO INCREASE THE OVERALL PRODUCTIVITY OF THE INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO TO PRESERVE SOME OF THE SKILLS WHICH MAY OTHERWISE BE LOST,+ SAID MR KO.

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RUSH FOR STAMPS EXPECTED
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SPECIAL COUNTERS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS AT 17 POST OFFICES ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED RUSH FOR THE SPECIAL +CHINESE LANTERNS+ STAMP ISSUE BEING PUT ON SALE THAT DAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE 17 POST OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG ISLAND

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HENNESSY ROAD, MORRISON HILL, NORTH POINT, QUEEN'S ROAD AND SHEUNG WAN.

KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES

KOWLOON CENTRAL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, GILLIES AVENUE, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND TSUEN WAN.

MORE STAFF WILL BE PUT ON DUTY, BUT AS LONG QUEUES OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW TOLERANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER THE ISSUE OF THE SPECIAL STAMPS, HE SAID.

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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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THE FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, MR GEOFFREY ORR, TODAY (MONDAY) SUCCEEDED MR LI TIN-MING AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HEADQUARTERS) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR ORR JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

IN HIS NEW POST, HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMULATION AND REVIEW OF POLICIES RELATING TO ABATTOIRS, CLEANSING, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, HAWKERS AND MARKETS, CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA, AND RECREATION AND AMENITIES FACILITIES OF THE NTSD.

MR ORR WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME.

MR LI HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE DIVISION IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH.

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NEW LIFE FOR OLD PARK

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WORK HAS STARTED ON REDEVELOPING THE FORMER KAI TAK AMUSEMENT PARK INTO A DISTRICT PLAYGROUND FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS, VALUED AT \$3.6 MILLION, FOR BUILDING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PLAYGROUND AND INSTALLING ELECTRICITY FITTINGS.

THE PLAYGROUND, TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN TWO STAGES, WILL OCCUPY A FOUR-HECTARE SITE IN CHOI HUNG ROAD.

THE HUGE CONICAL ROCK IN THE CENTRE OF THE SITE WILL FORM A MAIN FEATURE OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE HIGHER PART OF THE ROCK WILL BE MADE SUITABLE FOR PASSIVE RECREATIONAL USE AFTER LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

OTHER FACILITIES AT THE PLAYGROUND WILL INCLUDE TWO FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCHES, A 420-METRE JOGGING TRACK, AND SITTING-OUT AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPLEX INCORPORATING A COOKED FOOD CENTRE FOR 80 STALLS AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, A FITNESS STATION, SIX BADMINTON COURTS, A HANDBALL COURT, A VOLLEYBALL COURT, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, FIVE TENNIS COURTS, TWO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AND A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.

PILING WORK IS DUE TO START IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, WHILE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND MARCH 1987.

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GAS INDUSTRY JOBS SPELT OUT

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JOB SPECIFICATIONS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE GAS INDUSTRY ARE CONTAINED IN A MANUAL JUST PUBLISHED.

THE MANUAL, THE FIRST DEALING WITH THE GAS INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO HELP ESTABLISH UNIFORM SKILL STANDARDS IN THE INDUSTRY.

IT DETAILS THE DUTIES, TRADE SKILLS, REQUIRED TRAINING AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIVE CRAFTSMEN AND SIX OPERATIVE JOBS IN THE GAS INDUSTRY, MR JOHN H.P. LOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, SAID.

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+THE INFORMATION SERVES AS A GUIDELINE FOR EMPLOYERS IN ASSESSING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR STAFF,+ MR LOK ADDED.

THE MANUAL ALSO INCLUDES TWO ON-THE-JOB AND FIVE OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR EMPLOYERS' REFERENCE WHEN THEY ARE DRAWING UP THEIR OWN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, THE MANUAL IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$7 A COPY.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 11), THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, AND THOSE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$8 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS, SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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MUSIC FOR LUNCHTIME CROWD

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A GROUP OF 87 MUSIC STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIA, JOINED BY TRAINEES OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE, TODAY PRESENTED A SPECIAL LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT THE LANDMARK, IN CENTRAL.

THE CONCERT ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF OFFICE WORKERS AND PASSERS-BY WHO WERE DELIGHTED BY THE JOINT PRESENTATION, WHICH INCLUDED BAND MUSIC, A STRING ENSEMBLE AND CHORAL PERFORMANCES.

THE VISITING STUDENTS FROM THE PERTH MODERN SCHOOL, ONE OF TWO SPECIAL MUSIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ARE CURRENTLY HERE ON A GOODWILL TOUR TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES THROUGH MUSIC.

THE GROUP RECENTLY GAVE THREE CONCERTS IN CHINA AND WILL GIVE THREE SCHOOL CONCERTS IN HONG KONG BEFORE LEAVING ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

TODAY'S CONCERT WAS PART OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ PROGRAMME TO INTRODUCE MUSIC TO NEW AUDIENCES.

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NORTH POINT TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY KING'S ROAD, TIN CHIU STREET AND JAVA ROAD.

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CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC DETOUR

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ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD, BETWEEN THE VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER AND THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL EXIT, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FOR WORK ON THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IN FORCE :

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD, HEADING FOR CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE CANAL ROAD EAST FLYOVER, CANAL ROAD EAST, LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, HENNESSY ROAD, YEE WO STREET, GREAT GEORGE STREET AND GLOUCESTER ROAD, NORTHBOUND;
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON GLOUCESTER ROAD, HEADING FOR TAI HANG ROAD, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA VICTORIA PARK ROAD, WING HING STREET, KING'S ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD FLYOVER.

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WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 87.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 510.179 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 533.916 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 91.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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