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LABOUR DEPARTMENT OPERATING APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE
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FORMAL APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES, AND YOUNG PEOPLE ASPIRING TO A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP MAY APPROACH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION HAS BEEN OPERATING AN APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR ANY SUITABLY QUALIFIED YOUNG PERSON.

LAST YEAR, THE DIVISION ASSISTED ABOUT 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN FINDING A CRAFT OR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP, THE DURATION OF WHICH IS USUALLY FOUR YEARS.

THESE APPRENTICES, APART FROM RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, ALSO ATTEND RELATED TECHNICAL COURSES THREE TIMES PER WEEK - ONE DAY AND TWO EVENINGS - IN EITHER A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+THEY ARE NOW USEFULLY EMPLOYED, EARNING A LIVING AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING THE TRADES THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE INDUSTRIES OFFERING CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING ARE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS AND TEXTILES.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM III AND FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP, COMPLETION OF FORM V WITH PASSES IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

ON COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP, APPRENTICES WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR CERTIFYING THEIR COMPETENCY IN THE TRADE OR OCCUPATION THEY HAVE CHOSEN.

ANY SUITABLY QUALIFIED YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN BEING TRAINED THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP MAY ENQUIRE AT THE DIVISION ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR COUNTRY PARKS

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MORE FUN AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ARE TO BE INSTALLED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS VISITING COUNTRY PARKS.

TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE INSTALLING ANOTHER 16 SETS OF THE EQUIPMENT IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS.

THE EQUIPMENT, CURRENTLY EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG YOUNG VISITORS, IS BEING ORDERED FROM THE UNITED STATES.

IT INCLUDES CLIMBING APPARATUS WITH MULTI-LEVEL PLATFORMS, SWING BRIDGES, HANGING RINGS, TYRES AND SLIDES, A VARIETY OF FRAMES FOR BALANCING AND LOG CABINS.

ACCORDING TO THE COUNTRY PARKS PLANNING OFFICER, MISS SUE MORT, THE EQUIPMENT WOULD COST THE GOVERNMENT \$154,000.

+ON ARRIVAL, THEY WILL BE PUT UP AT KOWLOON HILL, BRIDE'S POOL, SAI KUNG AND IN LANTAU ISLAND COUNTRY PARKS,+ SHE SAID.

LAST YEAR, SHE SAID, THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS DONATED 13 UNITS WHICH WERE SET UP IN PLOVER COVE, ABERDEEN, TAI TAM, KOWLOON HILL AND SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS.

+THE PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT IS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORE VARIED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN IN COUNTRY PARKS,+ SHE SAID.

THE EQUIPMENT IS MOSTLY MADE FROM WOOD WHICH BLENDS WELL WITH THE COUNTRYSIDE IN WHICH IT IS SITED. THE UNITS ARE EASY TO ASSEMBLE AND ARE PROVING DURABLE IN HONG KONG'S CLIMATE.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT ALL ITEMS ARE DESIGNED FOR SAFETY AS WELL AS FOR MAXIMUM ENJOYMENT.

+LOCKING DEVICES HAVE NO SHARP EDGES- CLIMBING POLES AND LADDERS ARE MADE OF GALVANISED STEEL TO PREVENT RUST, AND SAND PITS WILL BE PROVIDED UNDERNEATH THE UNITS FOR SAFETY,+ MISS MORT SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THESE ACTION-PACKED CLIMBERS ARE MEANT FOR CHILDREN, EXPERIENCE HAVE SHOWN THAT EVEN ADULTS HAVE THE URGE TO CLIMB THEM AND WE HAVE HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GROWN-UPS OFF THEM,+ SHE ADDED.

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MAIN BLOCKS OF NEW LAI CHI KOK MENTAL HOSPITAL BEING FITTED OUT

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONTRACTORS ARE FITTING OUT THE MALE AND FEMALE WARD BLOCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED UNDER PHASE ONE OF THE NEW LAI CHI KOK MENTAL HOSPITAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, WORK IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY BLOCK FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND OTHER SERVICES, A SINGLE-STOREY ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, A KITCHEN BLOCK, STAFF QUARTERS AND A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

MR. C.C. TAM, ACTING CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID THAT ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE WORK OF PHASE TWO HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

THE NEW HOSPITAL WOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT A YEAR, HE SAID.

THE NEW MENTAL HOSPITAL, DESIGNED BY THE PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, IS BEING BUILT ON PART OF A 11-HECTARE SITE ON WHICH THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL NOW STANDS.

MR. TAM SAID THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS SO DESIGNED THAT AS MUCH SPACE AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSIOTHERAPY ACTIVITIES.

HE ADDED THAT GREATER PROVISION HAD TO BE MADE FOR THESE ACTIVITIES THAN IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF MENTAL PATIENTS.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 1,336 BEDS AND SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING THE PRESSURE ON EXISTING FACILITIES AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

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ED'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION
MOVING TO VICTORIA BARRACKS

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVING OUT THIS WEEKEND TO:

BLOCK +AA+ SECOND FLOOR,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
QUEENSWAY,
WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.

THE OFFICE AT THE NEW LOCATION WILL OPEN AS USUAL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 20). THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-272013 (6 LINES).

ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE SECTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NEW ADDRESS.

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HK CONTINGENT TO ATTEND MACAU'S FIREMEN'S DAY

THE FIRE SERVICES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND FIREMEN'S DAY IN MACAU ON SATURDAY.

A 20-MEMBER TEAM LED BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR. F. JACKSON AND DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR. CHEUNG SHU-SHING WILL LEAVE FOR MACAU ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

THE PARTY WILL ATTEND A REQUIEM MASS FOR MACAU FIREMEN WHO DIED ON DUTY, FOLLOWED BY A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY. THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU, GENERAL MELO EGIDIO WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

THE HONG KONG OFFICERS WILL PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MACAU SECURITY FORCE, LT. COLONEL GOMES DA SILVA BEFORE VISITING VARIOUS FIRE STATIONS WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT DAY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO SERVICES WILL BE HELD, FOLLOWED BY A FRATERNITY DINNER AT THE MACAU CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

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