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BRITISH TRADE MISSION VISITS LOCAL FACTORY

MEMBERS OF TEXTILE MISSION '80, LED BY THE BRITISH MINISTER FOR TRADE, MR CECIL PARKINSON, TODAY VISITED A KWAI CHUNG GARMENT FACTORY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR LAWRENCE MILLS.

THE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE MAIN FACTORY OF MANHATTAN GARMENTS LTD IN KWAI CHEONG ROAD BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR MR FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN, AND DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR MR JAMES TIEN PEI-CHUN.

THE COMPANY PRODUCES TROUSERS, JEANS, SLACKS, SHORTS, SHIRTS AND JACKETS, IN COTTON DENIM, COTTON CORDUROY, COTTON/POLYESTER, POLYESTER AND POLYESTER/VISCOSE FABRICS.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMPANY MANAGEMENT, THE MISSION TOURED THE FACTORY'S CUTTING, SEWING, MACHINE EMBROIDERY, WASHING, IRONING AND PACKING DEPARTMENTS.

MANHATTAN GARMENTS, WHICH HAS FOUR FACTORIES TOTALLING 25 700 SQUARE METRES EMPLOYING 1 753 STAFF, SELLS 96 PER CENT OF ITS PRODUCTION OVERSEAS. THE UNITED STATES TAKES A 75 PER CENT SHARE, WITH THE REMAINDER GOING TO THE UK (10 TO 15 PER CENT), WEST GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

TEXTILE MISSION '80 IS VISITING HONG KONG TO PROMOTE SALES OF BRITISH-MADE TEXTILES, AND INCLUDES TOP EXECUTIVES OF SOME OF BRITAIN'S LARGEST TEXTILE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.

HONG KONG IS NOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF GARMENTS, AND A MAJOR MARKET FOR THESE GOODS IS THE UNITED KINGDOM.

TROUSERS, JEANS, SLACKS AND SHORTS CURRENTLY ACCOUNT FOR 20 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S GARMENT EXPORTS, WHILE EXPORTS OF SHIRTS, THE SECOND LARGEST ITEM, REPRESENT 15 PER CENT.

IN MARCH 1980, THE GARMENT INDUSTRY EMPLOYED 265 716 PERSONS IN 9 104 FACTORIES, ACCOUNTING FOR 30 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

IN 1979, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF GARMENTS WAS HK\$20 131 MILLION, OR 36 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE YEAR. THIS MAKES THE GARMENT INDUSTRY HONG KONG'S LARGEST MANUFACTURING SECTOR, BOTH IN TERMS OF VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.

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KEYING II LAUNCHED IN BRITAIN

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TO THE SOUND OF CLASHING CYMBALS, A +ROARING+ LION AND CHINESE FIRECRACKERS, THE HONG KONG JUNK KEYING II WAS GIVEN A NOISY AND ROUSING SEND-OFF ON ITS FIRST VOYAGE IN BRITISH WATERS YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

THE JUNK WAS +DRESSED+ IN HONG KONG AND BRITISH FLAGS AS IT SAILED FROM THE PIER OF THE ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB, HAMBLE, HAMPSHIRE, INTO THE SOLENT.

THE KEYING IS BOUND FOR LONDON, WHERE IT WILL TAKE PART IN THE THAMESDAY 80 CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF THE QUEEN MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 13.

AFTER THAT, IT WILL BE THE CENTRE PIECE OF THE HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL. IT WILL BE MOORED IN CHELSEA REACH DURING TWO DAYS OF NON-STOP HONG KONG STYLE ENTERTAINMENT AND FESTIVITY IN BATTERSEA PARK ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21.

THE KEYING TODAY WAS FAREWELLED BY A LARGE CONTINGENT FROM HONG KONG INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID FORD. ALSO PRESENT WAS THE MAYOR OF EASTLEIGH, MRS DOREEN WELFARE, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB.

THE JUNK WAS THE FOCUS OF CURIOSITY IN HAMBLE. DOZENS OF YACHTS, POWER BOATS AND SMALL DINGHIES BUZZED AROUND THE KEYING AS SHE SET SAIL FOR LONDON. THE LAST TIME THERE WAS SO MUCH INTEREST IN A VISITING CRAFT WAS THE LAUNCHING OF LIONHEART, THE BRITISH CHALLENGER FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP.

THE JUNK, DONATED TO THE FESTIVAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLDWIDE SHIPPING GROUP, SIR Y.K. PAO, IS BEING SKIPPED BY A FORMER ROYAL MARINE, ROBIN RISING, AND A CREW DRAWN FROM THE STAFF OF THE EXETER MARITIME MUSEUM AND MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAILING CRAFT ASSOCIATION. THE JUNK WILL FIND A PERMANENT HOME AT THE EXETER MUSEUM AFTER THE FESTIVAL.

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SAFETY IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL HEADS, SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SAFETY IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES AS SET OUT UNDER THE HONG KONG EDUCATION REGULATIONS 1971.

IN CASE A SCIENCE LABORATORY IS USED AS A CLASSROOM FOR NON-SCIENCE LESSONS DUE TO FLOATING CLASS ARRANGEMENTS, THE TEACHER SHOULD SEE THAT THE STUDENTS DO NOT ENTER THE LABORATORY UNLESS HE IS PRESENT AND THAT THEY DO NOT DISTURB OR REMOVE ANY OF THE SCIENCE MATERIALS IN THE LABORATORY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

PAST RECORDS REVEAL THAT ACCIDENTS OR EXPLOSIONS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES WERE MOSTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION AND BURNING OF HYDROGEN, MIXING WATER WITH CONCENTRATED SULPHURIC ACID, MIXING CONCENTRATED ACIDS WITH POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE, GRINDING OR WARMING A MIXTURE OF AN OXIDIZING AGENT WITH CARBON AND/OR SULPHUR, PREPARATION OF CHLORINE AND HYDROGEN SULPHIDE, AND HANDLING OF BROMINE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DREW THE ATTENTION OF SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS TO THE USE OF BENZENE, WHICH IS A SUSPECTED CARCINOGEN. +CARCINOGENS CAN ENTER THE BODY NOT ONLY BY INGESTION, BUT ALSO BY INHALATION AND SKIN ABSORPTION. IN GENERAL, EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL CARCINOGENS ARE LONG-TERM AND INSIDIOUS, RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE AND OBVIOUS,+ HE SAID.

+ON SAFETY GROUNDS, THE STORAGE, ISSUE AND USE OF CORROSIVE, POISONOUS OR CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES LIKE BROMINE, CONCENTRATED ACIDS AND ALKALIS, AND BENZENE SHOULD ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED BY THE SENIOR SCIENCE TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOL,+ HE ADDED.

THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMISING ACCIDENTS IN A SCIENCE LABORATORY ARE OUTLINED IN THE PAMPHLET 'SAFETY IN THE LABORATORY' PUBLISHED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FURTHERMORE, TEACHERS ARE URGED TO MAKE SURE THAT POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS, SUCH AS THOSE INVOLVING THE USE OF CONCENTRATED SULPHURIC ACID, THE HANDLING OF MICRO-ORGANISMS AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES, SHOULD NOT BE PERFORMED BY PUPILS AT HOME.

+THE ONLY PROPER PLACE FOR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS IS THE SCHOOL LABORATORY WITH QUALIFIED SUPERVISORY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG (TEL 5-774001 EXT 37, 38 OR 41).

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TV PROGRAMMES ON HAPPY MARRIAGES

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A SERIES OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TELEVISION SHOWS WILL BE SCREENED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ENCOURAGE HAPPY RELATIONSHIPS IN MARRIAGES.

THE SERIES, ENTITLED +FAMILY QUIZ+, IS JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF AN INTENSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT MINIMISING MARITAL CONFLICTS.

ALTOGETHER 13 HALF-HOUR SHOWS WILL BE BROADCAST EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9.30 PM TO 10 PM ON RTV 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE SPECIAL PROGRAMMES WOULD BE BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER PREPARATION FOR, ADJUSTMENT IN AND ENRICHMENT OF MARRIAGE.

+THE OBJECTIVE IS TO FOSTER A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS MARRIAGE AND TO HELP PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWNS WHICH ARE OFTEN THE RESULT OF PERSISTENT MARITAL CONFLICTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SERIES WILL FEATURE A QUIZ ON GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AS WELL AS COMPETITIVE ELECTRONIC GAMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO TEST THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF PARTICIPANTS, HE SAID.

EACH SHOW WILL HAVE THREE FAMILIES APPEARING, EACH WITH FOUR MEMBERS FROM THREE GENERATIONS - GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

FAMILIES WITH THE HIGHEST SCORES IN THE QUIZ AND GAMES WILL BE AWARDED VALUABLE PRIZES, HE ADDED.

+VIEWERS AT HOME WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO JOIN THE FUN. THEY WILL PICK THE FAMILY SCORING THE HIGHEST MARKS AND WIN A PRIZE,+ HE SAID.

THE SERIES WILL END WITH A SHOW IN WHICH DONORS OF PRIZES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL PRESENT THE AWARDS TO WINNING TEAMS.

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RECREATION AND SPORT PROGRAMME LINE-UP
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) HAS LINED UP MORE THAN 240 ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER), ALMOST ALL OF WHICH ARE NEW EVENTS.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM GAMES, FITNESS CLASSES, GYMNASTICS, ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC SPORTS, AND DANCE COURSES.

IN ADDITION THERE ARE MORE THAN 60 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. AMONG THESE ARE RESIDENTIAL CAMPS FOR THE FAMILY, EXCURSIONS TO MACLEHOSE TRAIL, SAI KUNG RECREATION DAY CAMPS, AND A HIKE TO PAT SIN RANGE.

MANY EVENTS ARE EITHER IN THE EARLY MORNING OR IN THE EVENING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO WORK OR ATTEND TO FAMILY CHORES.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE CONTAINED IN A LEAFLET WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND RSS OFFICES.

THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES CAN ENQUIRE ABOUT ENROLMENT AT THEIR LOCAL RSS OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE:

HONG KONG ISLAND

HEADQUARTERS 5-458511, EASTERN 5-641543, WAN CHAI 5-724844,
CENTRAL/WESTERN 5-438559, SOUTHERN 5-534111 EXT 10.

KOWLOON

SHAM SHUI PO 3-860945, MONG KOK 3-808781, YAU MA TEI 3-682585,
KOWLOON CITY 3-028500, WONG TAI SIN 3-272641, KWUN TONG 3-436123.

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN 12-620170, TAI PO 12-677111 EXT 140, SAI KUNG 3-2814683,
ISLANDS 5-454616, YUEN LONG 12-764246, TUEN MUN 12-813210 EXT 264,
TSUEN WAN 12-404361, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE 3-2813828.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

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THERE ARE STILL SOME VACANCIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE APPRENTICE VACANCIES EXIST IN HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES — AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS AND TEXTILES.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION AT 1 HENNESSY ROAD, ASIAN HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DIVISION HAD BEEN OPERATING AN APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR QUALIFIED YOUNG PEOPLE.

LAST YEAR, IT ASSISTED SOME 2 400 OF THEM IN FINDING A CRAFT OR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP. THEY ARE NOW USEFULLY AND PRODUCTIVELY EMPLOYED, EARNING THEIR LIVING AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING A TRADE IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED.

IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, THE APPRENTICES ALSO ATTEND RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION — ONE DAY AND TWO EVENINGS PER WEEK — IN EITHER A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. AN APPRENTICESHIP USUALLY LASTS FOUR YEARS.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3 AND FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION OF FORM 5 WITH PASSES IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

ON COMPLETION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP, THE APPRENTICES WOULD BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

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VARIETY SHOW TO ENTERTAIN 5 000 IN YUEN LONG

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A LARGE VARIETY SHOW PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE ARMY, POLICE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG STADIUM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 6).

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR SHOW IS EXPECTED TO BE WATCHED BY A CAPACITY CROWD OF 5 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE GUEST-OF-HONOUR. THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, WILL ALSO ATTEND.

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THE SHOW HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE SIX RURAL COMMITTEES OF HA TSUEN, KAM TIN, PAT HEUNG, PING SHAN, SAN TIN AND SHAP PAT HEUNG AND UNOFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

IT MARKS THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, IN WHICH MORE THAN 50 000 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN 150 SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

THE PIPES AND DRUMS AND MILITARY BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS WILL BEAT RETREAT.

A TEAM OF 18 YOUNG DANCERS, WHO WILL REPRESENT THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT THE +HONG KONG IN LONDON+ FESTIVAL LATER THIS MONTH, WILL PRESENT A FAN DANCE.

ALSO IN THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A FREE-FALL PARACHUTE DISPLAY BY THE JOINT SERVICES PARACHUTE CLUB, A RIBBON DANCE BY A TEAM OF POLICEWOMEN, PERFORMANCES BY THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE MASTER AND WIND BANDS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND A MASS LION DANCE.

ADMISSION TICKETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH SCHOOLS, RURAL COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES. A LIMITED NUMBER IS AVAILABLE AT YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE. THE PROGRAMME STARTS AT 5.30 PM.

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NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD ANOTHER FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT HA HANG FOR TAI PO.

A \$4.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED THIS MORNING AND SIGNED BY MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNG MAU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

MR LEE SAID THE NEW RESERVOIR WAS PART OF A WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME TO CATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE THERE.

+IT WILL BE AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING HA HANG SERVICE RESERVOIR AND WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 10 000 CUBIC METRES,+ HE SAID.

WORK WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 13 MONTHS.

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