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OVER 500 PEOPLE APPLY FOR FIREMAN'S JOB
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ABOUT 580 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED FOR THE POST OF FIREMAN IN THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT DRIVE BY FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A FAIR RESPONSE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MANY MORE APPLICANTS TO COME FORWARD.+

OF THE NUMBER, ABOUT 200 HAVE BEEN INITIALLY ACCEPTED FOR FURTHER INTERVIEWS AND TESTS. SEVENTY-FIVE FAILED IN PRELIMINARY EYESIGHT TEST, 176 IN PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS AND 134 IN STRENGTH TEST.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE STANDARDS SET FOR THE POST CANNOT BE LOWERED BECAUSE A FIREMAN'S JOB IS VERY DEMANDING AND REQUIRES STRENGTH, INITIATIVE, COURAGE AND CLEAR THINKING.

+BY MAINTAINING OUR PRESENT STANDARDS, WE ARE CERTAIN OF TAKING INTO THE SERVICE THE RIGHT CALIBRE OF MEN WHO WILL MAKE FIRST CLASS FIREMEN,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS UNDERGOING RAPID EXPANSION TO MEET FUTURE REQUIREMENTS AND ABOUT 320 MEN WILL BE NEEDED TO FILL EXISTING VACANCIES.

+PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD AND TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES ARE EXCELLENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN FACT, A LARGE NUMBER OF THE SERVING SENIOR OFFICERS BEGAN THEIR CAREERS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS FIREMEN.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CALLED ON YOUNG AND ENERGETIC PERSONS WHO WANT A JOB THAT BRINGS AN ACTIVE AND OUTDOOR LIFE WITH ADVENTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO IMMEDIATELY COME FORWARD TO APPLY.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR A FIREMAN IS \$1,210 A MONTH AND THE MAXIMUM IS \$1,770.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY NOW IN PERSON BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 6 P.M. AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED DAILY (EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) UNTIL JULY 4.

AN APPLICANT SHOULD BRING ALONG HIS IDENTITY CARD, DOCUMENTS PROVING HIS RESIDENTIAL AND EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND A DULY COMPLETED G.F. 340 WHICH IS OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

HE SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG A PAIR OF RUBBER-SOLED GYMNASTIC SHOES AND SHORTS FOR USE IN THE STRENGTH TEST AT THE RECRUITMENT CENTRE.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN AS A FIREMAN, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET IN CHINESE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM ANY FIRE STATION OR CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CONTRACT SIGNING FOR TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE TWO
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A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT IS ONE OF THREE MAJOR CONTRACTS FOR STAGE II OF THE 17-KILOMETRE ROAD.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR CAMERAS.

MR. DAVID MCCULLOCH, PROJECT ENGINEER, AND MR. ALBERT LIU, SENIOR ENGINEER, OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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DIVERS TO CLEAR UNDERWATER LITTER
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LAUNCH PICNICKERS AND PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS SPENDING THEIR WEEKEND AT DEEP WATER BAY THIS SUNDAY (JULY 2) MORNING ARE URGED TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR SCUBA DIVERS WORKING IN THE AREA.

ABOUT 30 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION WILL BE CONDUCTING A TWO-HOUR UNDERWATER LITTER CLEARANCE EXERCISE THERE STARTING AT 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY AS THEIR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGN.

AN AREA OF ABOUT 30,000 SQUARE FEET JUST OUTSIDE THE EXISTING BOOM LINE IN THE CENTRE OF DEEP WATER BAY WILL BE MARKED OFF FOR THIS OPERATION BY RED FLAGS AND AN EXTRA BOOM LINE.

PEOPLE RIDING ON SPEED BOATS OR SKIING ARE REQUESTED TO STAY AWAY FROM THAT AREA WHERE THE VOLUNTEER DIVERS WILL BE RECOVERING LITTER FROM THE SEA BED.

TO ENSURE THAT THE DIVERS ARE WELL PROTECTED, TWO LAUNCHES, ONE FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL BE STATIONED OUTSIDE THE MARKED OFF AREA.

THE MARINE LAUNCH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A TEMPORARY LITTER COLLECTION POINT FOR THE DIVERS.

/MR. H.M.G. FORSGATE, ...

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MR. H.M.G. FORSGATE, URBAN COUNCILLOR, AND MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE DIVERS' SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE TWO-HOUR LONG EXERCISE AIMS AT RECOVERING RUBBISH ACCUMULATED ON THE SEA BED AND REMINDING LAUNCH PICNICKERS THE IMPORTANCE OF BEACH CONSERVANCY.

ACCORDING TO THE DIVERS, UNDERWATER LITTER IS MAINLY MADE UP OF BEER AND SOFT DRINK BOTTLES AND CANS, PLASTIC BAGS, PAPER CUPS AND DISHES AND OTHER FOOD LEFTOVERS.

THIS IS THE THIRD LITTER COLLECTION EXERCISE BY THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION SINCE 1976 TO BRING HOME TO THE PUBLIC THE MESSAGE OF 'KEEP OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN'.

THE 30 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL WOMEN DIVERS, ARE FROM SIX MEMBER CLUBS OF THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION. THEY ARE THE Y.M.C.A. SCUBA CLUB, THE SAI WAN SCUBA CLUB, THE SEA DRAGON SCUBA CLUB, THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER CLUB, THE BUNNS SCUBA CLUB AND THE CATHAY SUB-AQUA CLUB.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPORTERS/PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE UNDERWATER CLEAN-UP OPERATION WHICH STARTS AT 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 2) AT DEEP WATER BAY.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. TWO GOVERNMENT VANS WILL DEPART FROM QUEEN'S PIER AT 8.45 A.M. THREE SAMPANS WILL ALSO BE ON HAND AT DEEP WATER BAY TO FERRY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE TWO GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WAS HONOURED TODAY WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED WITH THE ANNUAL VOCATIONAL SERVICES AWARD FOR 1978, BY THE ROTARY CLUB (KOWLOON) DURING A LUNCH MEETING AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.

ON BEHALF OF THE KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB, THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED BY MR. IRA KAYE, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

RECEIVING THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, MR. CHUI SUM-SING, PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, ACKNOWLEDGED THIS PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE NOTED THAT SELECTION MUST HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT, AS THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT IS LITTLE KNOWN TO THE AVERAGE MAN IN THE STREET.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS THE AWARD HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THAT IT IS A TREMENDOUS HONOUR TO BE ADDED TO THIS ELITE LIST,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE LUNCH WERE THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR. T. ECOB, AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

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MENTALLY RETARDED BOYS TO BECOME SCOUTS
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A GROUP OF 11 MODERATELY MENTALLY RETARDED BOYS NOW UNDER TRAINING AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KAI CHI CHILDREN CENTRE IN ABERDEEN WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF HONG KONG'S 170 SCOUT GROUP TOMORROW.

THE BOYS, AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12, HAVE JOINED THE LOCAL SCOUT MOVEMENT AND FORMED THE FIRST EXTENSION SCOUT GROUP OF ITS KIND IN THE CENTRE - THE 6TH IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS FOR THE DISABLED.

TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF THEIR GROUP, THE BOYS WILL BE SMARTLY DRESSED IN SCOUT UNIFORMS AND GIVE THEIR TRADITIONAL +GRAND HOWL+ AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW, PLEDGING TO DO THEIR BEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCOUT SPIRIT.

OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE CENTRE AT 3 P.M. WILL BE THE HEAD OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION DIVISION, MRS. ROSE GOODSTADT.

MRS. GOODSTADT WILL INSPECT A PARADE OF THE NEW SCOUTS, TOGETHER WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

THE GROUP'S ADVISOR, MRS. KU NG YEE-HUNG, WHO IS ALSO THE CENTRE'S ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, SAID TODAY IT WOULD BE A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE BOYS AS PREPARATION TO FORM THE SCOUT GROUP BEGAN LAST OCTOBER.

MRS. KU SAID THE BOYS HAD ATTENDED A SERIES OF ORIENTATION COURSES WHICH ENABLED THEM TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SCOUT SPIRIT AND TRAINED THEM IN THE BASIC SKILLS OF A SCOUT.

THE PURPOSE OF FORMING THE GROUP IS TO PROVIDE THE BOYS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN COOPERATION AND DISCIPLINES THROUGH GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND TO PROMOTE THEIR SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN, SHE SAID.

+WE FEEL THIS IS A MEANINGFUL THING FOR THE DISABLED AS THEY CAN MIX WITH THEIR FELLOW SCOUTS WHO ARE NORMAL CHILDREN IN SCOUT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CAMPING AND PICNICKING.

+WE ALREADY HAVE FIVE OTHER EXTENSION SCOUT GROUPS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, FORMED BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OR DEAF CHILDREN,+ SHE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE SCOUT GROUP FORMED BY MODERATELY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AT THE KAI CHI CHILDREN CENTRE. THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CENTRE AT WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN.

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PRESENTATION OF TRAINING CERTIFICATES

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T. ECOB TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WILL PRESENT TRAINING CERTIFICATES TO 20 PRISONS OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR'S TRAINING.

THE YEAR-LONG TRAINING PROGRAMME IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- SIX MONTHS IN THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AND ANOTHER SIX MONTHS IN FIELD WORK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, 47, TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 11.30 A.M. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 10.30 A.M.

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COURSES FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD AN INTENSIVE COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN ANGLO-CHINESE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS FROM JULY 17 TO 28.

THE COURSE IS SPECIALLY GEARED TO THE NEEDS OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COVER THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

THE CENTRE ALSO WILL HOLD TWO COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF WRITING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH FROM SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM JULY 17 TO 22 AND FROM JULY 24 TO 29.

ALL THREE COURSES ARE FREE, AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, BY JULY 3.

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NEW POSTAL COUNTERS FOR TSUEN WAN

THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY A NEW POST OFFICE PROVIDING ONLY COUNTER SERVICE WILL BE OPENED AT 407, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN FROM 9 A.M. ON MONDAY (JULY 3).

ITS BUSINESS HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M., MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE PRESENT COUNTER SERVICE AT THE HONG KONG BANK BUILDING POST OFFICE, 9-MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED AFTER BUSINESS ON SATURDAY (JULY 1). THE MAIL DELIVERY AND P.O. BOX SERVICES AND THE BUSINESS HOURS AT THIS POST OFFICE WILL BE UNAFFECTED.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW POST OFFICE IS 12-434028.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN KWUN TONG

KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN HONG TAK ROAD AND ELEGANCE ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR THREE DAYS FROM JULY 1 BETWEEN 1.30 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M., THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND ELEGANCE ROAD TO REJOIN KWUN TONG ROAD.

FOR THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KWUN TONG ROAD, IT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET TO REJOIN KWUN TONG ROAD.

ALTERNATIVELY, VEHICLES CAN PROCEED VIA THE ROUNDABOUT AT THE KWUN TONG ROAD-ELEGANCE ROAD JUNCTION, TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND SHING SHUN ROAD TO REJOIN KWUN TONG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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