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HOME FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN
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THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN IS A +HOME AWAY FROM HOME+ FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO NEED TEMPORARY CARE.

OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRE ACCOMMODATES CHILDREN WHO ARE ABANDONED, FOUND WANDERING, ILLEGITIMATE OR OTHERWISE AND IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

IT IS A MID-WAY HOUSE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHT REFERRED FROM THE POLICE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES WHILE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THEIR LONG-TERM CARE.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CENTRE, MRS. LU CHENG YUK-YIP SAID: +WE HAVE CREATED A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CENTRE WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE WELL LOOKED AFTER IN VARIOUS ASPECTS SUCH AS HEALTH, FOOD AND OTHER DAILY NEEDS. OUR CASE WORKER ALSO LOOKS INTO THEIR BACKGROUNDS TO DECIDE ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION WOULD SUIT THEM BEST.

+CHILDREN AT SCHOOLING AGE WILL BE SENT TO NEARBY SCHOOLS AND TODDLERS WILL BE GIVEN PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY AT THE CENTRE.+

CHILDREN IN THE CENTRE ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS -- THE NURSERY, THE TODDLERS, THE BABIES AND THE RETARDED CHILDREN.

THE NURSERY IS FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO-AND-A-HALF AND EIGHT. CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF SIX WILL ATTEND CLASSES IN NEARBY GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WHILE THOSE BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX WILL LEARN SIMPLE CHINESE CHARACTERS, COLOUR CONCEPT, SHAPES, NUMBERS, SIMPLE ARITHMETICS AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE IN INFORMAL KINDERGARTEN CLASSES IN THE CENTRE.

CHILDREN UNDER FOUR YEARS LEARN THROUGH PLAY, STORIES, DRAWINGS, MUSIC, AND EDUCATIONAL TOYS.

FOR THE NURSERY GROUP, WEDNESDAY IS THE OUTING DAY. THEY ARE TAKEN TO LIBRARIES, SHOPS, SUPERMARKETS, BEACHES, COUNTRY PARKS AND OTHER PLACES WHERE PARENTS WOULD NORMALLY TAKE THEIR KIDS TO. +IN THIS WAY THEY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD,+ MRS. LU SAID.

THERE IS ALSO A DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS ON EVERY SATURDAY WHEN THE BIGGER BOYS AND GIRLS GET TOGETHER TO WATCH HOW FOOD IS PREPARED. +SOMETIMES THEY EVEN PARTICIPATE IN MAKING SMALL COOKIES, WONTONS AND OTHER EASY-TO-PREPARE GOODIES,+ THE SUPERINTENDENT SAID.

FOR THE TODDLERS AND THE BABIES WHO ARE TOO YOUNG TO ENJOY THESE ACTIVITIES, THEY ARE TAKEN GOOD CARE OF BY NURSES AND STAFF IN THE CENTRE, WHILE EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INTEGRATE THE RETARDED, ONLY A FEW, INTO OTHER GROUPS.

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+ALL THE PROGRAMMES IN THE CENTRE ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CHILDREN'S POTENTIALS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY,+ MRS. LU SAID.

CHILDREN NORMALLY STAY IN THE CENTRE FOR A PERIOD UP TO SIX MONTHS DURING WHICH ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THEM TO BE RE-UNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES. WITH THE HELP OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADOPTION UNIT, SOME CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED BY LOCAL OR OVERSEAS FAMILIES.

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WORKING PARTY APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO
LAW ON CONFESSION STATEMENTS

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, HAS APPOINTED A NINE-MEMBER WORKING PARTY TO LOOK INTO THE LAW AND PROCEDURE RELATING TO ADMISSIBILITY OF CONFESSION STATEMENTS AS EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL TRIALS.

THE PARTY WILL ALSO LOOK INTO A SET OF RULES MADE BY JUDGES IN ENGLAND AND DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT STATEMENTS TAKEN FROM SUSPECTS ARE VOLUNTARY AND NOT OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THREATS, INDUCEMENTS OR PROMISES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY IS MR. JUSTICE YANG AND THE MEMBERS COMPRISE MR. DAVID NEWBIGGING, MR. ALEX WU, MR. MAX LUCAS, MR. CLIFFORD ST. QUENTIN FLETCHER, MR. BERNARD DOWNEY, MISS JACQUELINE LEONG, MR. ROBERT KOTEWALL AND MR. CHRISTOPHER D'ALMADA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ASIAN DOCTORS TO ATTEND COURSE ON TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTS

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THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION'S FIRST INTER-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR PHYSICIANS ON THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENT PERSONS, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, WILL BEGIN NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE MONTH-LONG TRAINING COURSE AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 9.30 A.M.

TWENTY PHYSICIANS FROM EGYPT, AFGHANISTAN, BURMA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE COURSE NEXT TUESDAY (OCTOBER 30). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER BEFORE 9.15 A.M. NARCOTICS DIVISION AND GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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EXTRA CAS MEMBERS OUT ON COUNTRYSIDE PATROL DUTY

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND CADETS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL BE MOBILISED FOR REGULAR PATROL DUTY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE TO PREVENT HILL FIRES DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD.

THEY WILL JOIN STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO PATROL THE COUNTRY PARKS, PICNIC SPOTS AND GRAVEYARDS ADVISING PICNICKERS AND GRAVE VISITORS ON WAYS TO PREVENT FIRE OUTBREAKS.

IN THE EVENT OF A HILL FIRE, THEY WILL ASSIST STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN FIRE-FIGHTING WORK.

ABOUT 260 CAS MEMBERS AND 150 CAS CADETS WILL BE CALLED OUT TOMORROW (SUNDAY), AND ON MONDAY, THERE WILL BE 300 CAS MEMBERS AND 150 CADETS PATROLLING THE COUNTRYSIDE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CAS MEMBERS WILL LEAVE FOR COUNTRYSIDE PATROL DUTY FROM THEIR KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET AT 8.45 A.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 29). YOU ARE WELCOMED TO SEND A PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THEIR STARTING OFF.

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REMINDER TO PEOPLE LIABLE TO TAX

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT A PERSON LIABLE TO TAX IS REQUIRED TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE OF HIS INCOME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, A PERSON CHARGEABLE TO TAX FOR ANY YEAR OF ASSESSMENT MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THAT ASSESSMENT YEAR UNLESS HE HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUIRED TO FURNISH A RETURN FOR THAT YEAR.

A PERSON WHO CEASES TO CARRY ON A TRADE, PROFESSION OR BUSINESS, OR CEASES TO HOLD AN OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT LIABLE TO TAX, MUST WRITE TO THE COMMISSIONER WITHIN ONE MONTH OF SUCH CHANGE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT ANY PERSON WHO IS CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX, PROFITS TAX OR PERSONAL TAX AND IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING ONE MONTH MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE HONG KONG FREQUENTLY IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES SHOULD NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN WRITING WITHIN ONE MONTH OF SUCH CHANGE.

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PWD APPROVED 74 NEW BUILDING PLANS LAST MONTH

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A TOTAL OF 74 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH (SEPTEMBER) BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 87 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 35 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE IN KOWLOON AND 30 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$369.34 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$339.61 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH TOTALLED 303 897 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 131 007 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 172 890 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 54 NEW PROJECTS.

A TOTAL OF 44 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH. THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 70 BUILDINGS.

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FIRE PREVENTION COURSES FOR HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF FIRE PREVENTION COURSES FOR ADMINISTRATORS OF PRIVATE AND SUBVENTED MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS.

FIVE SEPARATE ONE-DAY COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 5 AND 9 AT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU HEADQUARTERS IN ASIAN HOUSE, WAN CHAI. THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE ADMINISTRATORS AND SECRETARIES FROM 27 PRIVATE AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, FIVE MEDICAL CENTRES AND 11 MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) COURSE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THEIR ROLE IN FIRE PREVENTION AND IN DEALING WITH AN EMERGENCY IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT, AND THE USE AND STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

+TWO SEPARATE ONE-DAY COURSES FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS WERE HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR AND IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE, SIMILAR COURSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR. LAM LOK-BUN, ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER (PREVENTION), WILL OPEN THE SEMINAR, FOLLOWED BY TALKS AND LECTURES BY MR. HO KWOK-WAH, HOSPITAL FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER, AND STATION OFFICERS CHAN SHUI-LUN AND YIP WING-KUEN.

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SEMINAR ON ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS-PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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TEACHERS OF ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS-PUBLIC AFFAIRS (EPA) WERE TOLD TODAY (SATURDAY) NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE PARTICULAR CONTRIBUTION THESE SCHOOL SUBJECTS MADE IN PREPARING PUPILS FOR LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. R.M. CAMERON, WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON ECONOMICS AND EPA SYLLABUSES AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

HE SAID EVERY SUBJECT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PUPILS' ABILITY TO COPE WITH LIFE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY BUT ECONOMICS AND EPA WERE TWO WHICH MOST DIRECTLY DEALT WITH CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY LIFE AND CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

+THEY ARE THE SUBJECTS MOST LIKELY TO DEVELOP IN PUPILS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE KEY ASPECTS OF LIFE IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY - THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS,+ MR. CAMERON SAID.

HE ADDED, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT +WE DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THE OPTIMUM TEACHING OF THE SUBJECT - THROUGH SOUND TEACHING SYLLABUSES, EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS AND THOROUGH TEACHER PREPARATION AND TRAINING.+

MR. CAMERON, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, SAID HE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE SEMINAR'S REPORT WITH INTEREST AS +I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR TOTAL CURRICULUM AND THE PLACE AND INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF THE SUBJECT INCLUDED IN IT.+

THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 PARTICIPANTS, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMICS EDUCATION, THE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EPA SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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MERCHANT NAVY COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY IN THE MERCHANT NAVY TO BE HELD IN 1980.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS MASTERS AND FIRST MATES WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 11, JUNE 23, AUGUST 11 AND SEPTEMBER 29- WHILE THOSE FOR SECOND MATES AND OTHER CLASSES OF DECK OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 21, APRIL 14, MAY 12, JULY 14, SEPTEMBER 8, OCTOBER 13 AND DECEMBER 8.

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EXAMINATIONS FOR SIGNALS (ALL CLASSES) WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 19 AND NOVEMBER 12.

APPLICATIONS FOR SITTING THE EXAMINATIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 29, MUST BE MADE IN PERSON TOGETHER WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE EXAMINATION. APPLICATIONS FOR SITTING THE EXAMINATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 29 MUST BE MADE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE EXAMINATION DATE.

CANDIDATES INTENDING TO SIT THE TRAWLER MASTER EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON ANY OF THE EXAMINATION DATES FOR DECK OFFICERS PROVIDED AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS EXTRA MASTER WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY AND JULY AND INTENDING CANDIDATES SHOULD APPLY THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

A NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS FOR FIRST AND SECOND CLASS MARINE ENGINEERS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND CANDIDATES SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DATE OF EXAMINATION THEY WISH TO ATTEND.

THOSE WHO HOLD NATIONAL CERTIFICATES IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR WHICH EXEMPTION FROM PART OF THE EXAMINATION MAY BE CLAIMED SHOULD APPLY AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE EXAMINATION DATE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CANDIDATES INTENDING TO ATTEND THE EXAMINATIONS FOR MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 COMBINED CERTIFICATES.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO OBTAIN EXTRA FIRST CLASS ENGINEER CERTIFICATES, EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY AND JULY AND THEY MUST APPLY THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

ALL THE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE EXAMINATION CENTRE, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR YUEN LONG

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN AU TAU, YUEN LONG.

THE NEW RESERVOIR WILL FORM AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING SERVICE RESERVOIR IN AU TAU AND WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 16 MILLION LITRES TO THE YUEN LONG WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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