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GOVERNOR LAYS WREATH AT REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LAID A WREATH AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

THE SOLEMN CEREMONY MARKING REMEMBRANCE DAY BEGAN AT 11 AM WITH THE FIRING OF A GUN AT HMS TAMAR WHICH SIGNALLED THE OBSERVANCE OF TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

AT THE FIRING OF A SECOND GUN, BUGLERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF WALES SOUNDED THE "LAST POST".

WREATHS WERE ALSO LAID BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG; THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL PETER DUFFELL; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS; COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES; THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR LI KWAN-HA; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY LAYING OF WREATHS BY SERVICE COMMANDERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER BODIES.

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PROMOTING HK OVERSEAS BY TARGETING INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE: SIR DAVID

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A KEY PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY IN PROMOTING HONG KONG OVERSEAS IS TO TARGET PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INFLUENCE OVER THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON A 10-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA AND LONDON, SIR DAVID SAID: "BY THAT I MEAN BUSINESS PEOPLE, FINANCIERS; BANKERS AND TRADERS."

"SO THE MAIN PART OF MY VISIT WILL BE TALKING TO THOSE SORT OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID WILL BE GIVING KEYNOTE SPEECHES IN SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, VANCOUVER AND LONDON AND TALKING TO GROUPS INFORMALLY.

"I WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO ACADEMICS AND TO STUDENTS," HE SAID.

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WHILE IN LONDON, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHOULD FINANCE THE MACAU AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID: "WE CERTAINLY HOPE THE MACAU AIRPORT WILL BE A SUCCESS. IT WILL, I THINK, HELP RELIEVE SOME OF THE CONGESTION AT KAI TAK."

"BUT, CLEARLY AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE MUST FOCUS OUR INVESTMENT ON OUR OWN AIRPORT AND NOT ON OTHER AIRPORTS IN THE REGION," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE RECENT INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, SIR DAVID REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF AN AMNESTY BEING EXTENDED ON A GENERAL BASIS.

"AND THAT IS THE MESSAGE WHICH CLEARLY MUST GO BACK ACROSS THE BORDER. IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE FOR PEOPLE TO COME HERE BELIEVING THAT THERE IS SOME HOPE OF AN AMNESTY WHEN CLEARLY THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE," HE SAID.

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COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
AND THE ABLE-BODIED

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MOST OF THE BARBECUE AND PICNIC SITES DEVELOPED IN COUNTRY PARKS IN RECENT YEARS ARE CATERED FOR BOTH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PHAB WALK '90 AT THE TAI TONG MANAGEMENT CENTRE, TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK TODAY (SUNDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THE AIM WAS TO COPE WITH AND PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF "INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED".

THE PHAB WALK '90 IS THE 17TH PHAB WALK ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION. OVER 1,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT WITH MORE THAN 200 SUPPORTING WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS.

CITING A TAI TONG SITE AS AN EXAMPLE, DR LEE SAID MOST OF THE NEWLY DEVELOPED FACILITIES IN COUNTRY PARKS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH ACCESS ROADS, COULD SUITABLY BE SHARED BY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED. THEREFORE, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PUT UP PARTICULAR SIGN OF "PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED PLAYGROUND".

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ON THE FACILITIES IN COUNTRY PARKS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT IN COUNTRY PARKS IN SAI KUNG, PLOVER COVE, CLEAR WATER BAY AND ABERDEEN, THERE WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED BARBECUE PITCHES AND WHEELCHAIR TRAILS.

AND IN ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, THERE WAS A NATURE TRAIL AND A FITNESS TRAIL FOR BOTH THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED.

BESIDES, MOST OF THE TOILETS IN THE COUNTRY PARKS WERE SUITABLY EQUIPPED FOR THE HANDICAPPED, HE SAID.

DR LEE SAID: "THE COUNTRY PARKS ARE SET UP TO SERVE THE WHOLE POPULATION OF HONG KONG - MAN OR WOMAN, OLD OR YOUNG, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OR ABLE-BODIED WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE.

"WE HAVE TRIED OUR BEST TO OVERCOME THE NATURAL BARRIERS DESPITE THE HILLY AND RUGGED TERRAIN IN MOST OF THE COUNTRYSIDE IN HONG KONG. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE HAVE INSTALLED A SERIES OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WILL ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A DAY OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE," HE ADDED.

DR LEE COMMENDED THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF "INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED" AS WELL AS ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS KINDS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE PHAB WALK '90 IS ORGANISED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED THROUGH WALKATHON ACTIVITIES. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ALONG THE WHOLE ROUTE WHICH IS ABOUT 1.6 KILOMETRES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S FUNCTION WERE THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION'S HONORARY PRESIDENT, MR LI KWAN-HUNG, CHAIRMAN MR ERIC LI AND VICE-CHAIRMAN DR DICKEN YUNG.

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ED HAS VITAL ROLE FOR WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, APART FROM PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR THE HONG KONG YOUTH, HAS A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURING A STEADY SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS TO PRODUCE SERVICES THAT WILL MEET WORLD-CLASS STANDARDS.

THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WHICH PROVIDES TRAINING FOR TRAINERS FROM COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A TOTAL OF 496 TRAINING PERSONNEL OF THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS RECENTLY GRADUATE FROM THE 1989-90 COURSES AND OF THESE, 35 PER CENT WERE FROM PRIVATE FIRMS, 25 PER CENT FROM THE SERVICING INDUSTRIES, 20 PER CENT FROM THE TRAINING WINGS OF 10 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND FIVE PER CENT FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES.

THE TRAINER-INSTRUCTOR TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVISES THE COLLEGE ON THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING OF COURSES.

AND, ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE, MR DAVID PUN, VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS HAVE HELPED THE COLLEGE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CURRENT TRENDS IN MANPOWER TRAINING AND OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THESE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

"THE COLLEGE RUNS SEVEN TRAINER TRAINING COURSES WHICH EITHER FOCUSES ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF A TRAINER'S WORK OR CATERS FOR SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF TRAINERS," MR PUN SAID.

THE COURSES ARE:

- * THE BASIC COURSE IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES;
- * THE ADVANCED COURSE IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES;
- * THE CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE;
- * THE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES COURSE FOR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTIONS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES;
- * THE WORKSHOP MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS;
- * THE IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF WORKING WITH THE HANDICAPPED; AND
- * THE FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE COURSE.

THE CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP IN PARTICIPANTS THE CAPABILITIES TO PLAN, ORGANISE AND CONDUCT STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES GEARED TO SPECIFIED ORGANISATIONAL NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

"THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FROM TRAINING PERSONNEL IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS FOR THIS COURSE WHICH REQUIRES ATTENDANCE OF ONE YEAR IN THE PART-TIME DAY PLUS PART-TIME EVENING MODE," MR PUN SAID.

GRADUATES OF THIS COURSE ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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MR PUN SAID THE COLLEGE WAS THE FIRST CENTRE IN HONG KONG GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE TO OFFER THE FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE COURSE.

THIS COURSE PROVIDES THE BEGINNER OR UNTRAINED PRACTITIONERS IN FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION THROUGH A PARTICIPATORY APPROACH, WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE IN THE CLASSROOM OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS, AS WELL AS A FEELING FOR THE CHALLENGES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND SATISFACTION OF TEACHING.

MR PUN SAID THE COLLEGE HAD BEEN DOING ITS UTMOST TO INCREASE THE PLACES ON THE IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF WORKING WITH THE HANDICAPPED.

"IT SEEMS THAT WE CAN NEVER SATISFY THE STRONG DEMAND THAT EXISTS, AND THE LATEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THE NUMBER OF TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL WAITING TO ATTEND THE COURSE IS NO LESS THAN 200," HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE BACKLOG OF UNTRAINED PERSONNEL, HE SAID THE COLLEGE HAD ACCEPTED A REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON A 10-DAY PRELIMINARY COURSE FOR NEW STAFF OF REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE HELD RECENTLY, POINTED OUT THAT IF HONG KONG WERE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE RUN-UP TO 1997, IT WAS IMPERATIVE AND ESSENTIAL THAT THE TERRITORY COULD COUNT ON A STEADY SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE.

"IN FACT, OUR 'ECONOMIC MIRACLE' DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON OUR WORKFORCE'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH AND RESPOND TO THE MANY CHALLENGES OF CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDE THE RAPIDITY OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, THE DEMANDS OF INCREASED COMPETITION, AND THE NEED TO PENETRATE NEW MARKETS," HE SAID.

TO PRODUCE THIS WORKFORCE, HE SAID THAT HONG KONG MUST HAVE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINERS WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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30TH ANNIVERSARY FOR WONG TAI SIN GROUP WORK UNIT

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FOR THE PAST THREE DECADES, THE WONG TAI SIN GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN QUIETLY SERVING THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

OFFICERS OF THE UNIT HAVE GREATLY ENHANCED THE QUALITY OF THE COMMUNITY LIFE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH A VARIETY OF GROUP WORK SERVICES.

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THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE GROUP WORK UNIT, WHICH IS UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD), WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY ON COMING SUNDAY.

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, WHO WAS AMONG THE FIRST BATCH OF SWD OFFICERS WORKING IN THE FIRST COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE TERRITORY DATING BACK TO 1961, TODAY (SUNDAY) RECALLED HOW HE MANAGED TO MEET THE WORKING CHALLENGES IN A DENSELY-POPULATED DISTRICT WHERE THE BIGGEST HOUSING ESTATE WAS SITUATED.

"DURING THAT TIME, THE LOCAL RESIDENTS JUST TREATED ME AS THEIR NEIGHBOUR SINCE I LIVED IN A STAFF QUARTER INSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

"MANY OFTEN, PARTICULARLY DURING SOME CHINESE TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS, I WAS INVITED BY NEIGHBOURING KAI FONGS TO JOIN THEIR FAMILY GATHERINGS AND ENJOYED THEIR MEALS," HE ADDED.

THROUGH AN INTIMATE AND FRIENDLY APPROACH, MR FUNG HAD FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING ACROSS THE MESSAGE OF GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD, AN IMPORTANT CONCEPT IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN WONG TAI SIN.

IN FACT, MANY LOCAL CELEBRITIES WERE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN GROUP WORK UNIT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RESIDENTS HAD DEVELOPED AN "ESPRIT DE CORP" WHICH MADE WONG TAI SIN A CONCERTED COMMUNITY.

IN ADDITION TO TREATING THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AS THEIR SOCIAL CLUB, THE RESIDENTS HAD FREQUENTED THE CENTRE WHERE THEY COULD ENJOY A WIDE RANGE OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR FAMILY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LIBRARY, NURSERY, REHABILITATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, MR FUNG SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES A GROUP WORK UNIT IN EACH OF THE 11 COMMUNITY CENTRES AND IN TWO ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES MANAGED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THESE GROUPS CATERED FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES IN THE COMMUNITY WITH AN AIM OF DEVELOPING PERSONAL CHARACTER, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, SENSE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES, LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL NEEDS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THREE MAIN CATEGORIES OF SERVICE, FOR DEVELOPMENT GROUPS, SUPPORTIVE GROUPS, READING AND STUDY.

AS AT THE END OF AUGUST THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 698 DEVELOPMENTAL GROUPS, 29 SUPPORTIVE GROUPS WITH A REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP OF 13,855.

EARLY REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS URGED

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PEOPLE WISHING TO REGISTER AS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS BY JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR ALTHOUGH LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEYOND THAT DAY. EARLY RETURN IS TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE RELEVANT STATUTORY BOARDS TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1991.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION TO THE PUBLIC BY MAINTAINING ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS IN THE PRACTICE OF THESE TWO SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS.

"OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE AUGUST 1 NEXT YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE IN RESPECT OF THESE TWO PROFESSIONS COME INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1 NEXT YEAR.

AFTER THAT DATE, UNREGISTERED PERSONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTISE IN THESE PROFESSIONS.

AS REGARDS PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION WHICH IS A ONE-OFF EXERCISE, APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED TILL JUNE 30 NEXT YEAR. LATE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION ARE DEEMED TO BE REGISTERED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE KNOWN.

DETAILS ON THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES ARE CONTAINED IN A BOOKLET ON "GUIDE TO APPLICANTS".

THE BOOKLET TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORM ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN PERSON OR BY WRITING TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS BOARD AND THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD AT SUNNING PLAZA, SIXTH FLOOR, 10 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THEY ARE ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL AND TSAN YUK HOSPITAL ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KOWLOON HOSPITAL, LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL AND QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IN KOWLOON; CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, FANLING HOSPITAL, KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL, PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, ST. JOHN HOSPITAL ON CHEUNG CHAU, SIU LAM HOSPITAL, SOUTH LANTAO HOSPITAL AND TUEN MUN HOSPITAL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 890 0514 OR 890 0843.

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FESTIVE OPENING FOR YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE

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THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL HOLD AN OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 17), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

THE OPEN DAY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, URBAN COUNCIL AND RESIDENT ORGANISATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL '90.

THERE WILL BE GAMES, A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION, KARAOKE AND A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING MAGIC AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

FREE TICKETS TO THE OPEN DAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, YAU MA TEI AND THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH AND YAU TSIM DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU YU-HEI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPEN DAY.

BUILT IN 1982, THE CENTRE COMPRISES A SEVEN-FLOOR WELFARE BLOCK OFFERING A HOST OF SERVICES BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THESE INCLUDE A DAY-CENTRE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS BY THE HONG KONG MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AMITY CLUB; A NURSERY OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND AN ELDERLY CENTRE OF THE ASIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

IT ALSO HOUSES AN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM OF THE YANG'S MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT GROUP WORK UNIT AND SERVES AS THE OFFICES OF THE YAU MA TEI (NORTH AND SOUTH AREA) YIN NGAI SOCIETY AND YAU MA TEI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

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ATHLETIC MEET FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENT

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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 19TH KOWLOON CITY ATHLETIC MEET TO BE HELD IN THE KOWLOON TSAI PARK PLAYGROUND ON NOVEMBER 25.

THE ATHLETIC MEET WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING SPORTS AND FOSTERING BETTER RELATIONSHIP AMONG RESIDENTS, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

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IT WAS FIRST HELD IN 1972 AND LATER DEVELOPED INTO AN ANNUAL EVENT.

THERE WILL BE 18 EVENTS IN THE MEET. THEY INCLUDE TRACKS, HURDLES, LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, JAVELIN, DISCUS AND RELAYS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 141 KAU PUT LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN; HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, PHASE V, WHAMPOA GARDEN; LUNG SHING SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 68 JUNCTION ROAD; AND RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), 10TH FLOOR, 165, TOKWAWAN UC COMPLEX.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 711 0171.

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BOAT DWELLERS URGED TO KEEP HARBOUR CLEAN

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BOAT DWELLERS IN EASTERN DISTRICT'S TYPHOON SHELTERS WERE URGED TO KEEP THE HARBOUR CLEAN DURING A JOINT OPERATION BY EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CLEANSING SQUADS FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

TRAVELLING ON MOTORISED SAMPANS, THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS HANDED OUT T-SHIRTS AND COLOURFUL PENNANTS TO BOAT PEOPLE AND ADVISED THEM ON ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF PICKED UP FLOATING REFUSE ON BOARD THE VESSEL "WATER WITCH" WHILE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEANSING SQUAD MEMBERS REMOVED RUBBISH ON THE BREAKWATERS AND WATER FRONT AREAS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN LOCAL FISHERMEN GROUPS ALSO JOINED THE BOARD MEMBERS IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TOUR OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER, THE ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN.

THE ACTIVITY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

TAKING PART IN TODAY'S EVENT INCLUDED THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG AND AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN), MISS SANDY CHAN.

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CAMPAIGN TO BOOST FIRE AND CHEMICAL SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF FIRE AND CHEMICAL SAFETY TO BOTH FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL LAST TILL THE END OF THE YEAR.

FACTORY INSPECTORS ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR EFFORTS ON THOSE FACTORIES WHICH POSE HIGH FIRE RISKS, INCLUDING THOSE FOUND IN POORLY-MANAGED INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, THOSE WHICH CONDUCTED FIRE-HAZARDOUS TRADES AND THOSE INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE USE OF INFLAMMABLE CHEMICALS OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

DURING THEIR VISITS, THE INSPECTORS WILL EXPLAIN TO THE FACTORY MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN NOTIFIABLE WORKPLACES) AND (DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS AND WILL HELP THEM COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR FACTORIES TO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN FIRE PREVENTION AND THE SAFE-HANDLING OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS WHICH POSE HIGH FIRE AND EXPLOSION RISKS PARTICULARLY DURING THE COMING DRY SEASON," DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE THOSE WHO SERIOUSLY BREACHED THE SAFETY REGULATIONS.

HE SAID THE FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR HAD SUCCESSFULLY CONVEYED THE FIRE AND CHEMICALS SAFETY MESSAGE TO MANY FACTORIES THROUGH MORE THAN 20,000 VISITS AND 368 PROSECUTIONS.

"THIS YEAR, WE WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE PROPRIETORS TO OBSERVE THE LAW ON GENERAL DUTIES IN WORK SAFETY WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN MID NEXT MONTH," MR CHAN ADDED.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ENTER A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE "CAREERS '91 EXHIBITION" CURRENTLY HELD IN THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

"THE COMPETITION AIMS TO AROUSE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS OPEN FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY UNTIL NOVEMBER 19," A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE, MRS NORA YEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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"THE THEME OF THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE ON THE EXHIBITION AND ITS OUTDOOR JOB DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS," MRS YEUNG SAID.

"ENTRIES SUBMITTED CAN BE IN COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE, MUST BE MOUNTED ON CARDBOARDS, AND SHOULD MEASURE 20.3 CM BY 25.4 CM (8R)," SHE SAID.

"THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE A CAMERA, WHILE THE FIRST 100 ENTRIES RECEIVED WILL EACH BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR," MRS YEUNG ADDED.

ENTRIES TOGETHER WITH THE PARTICIPANT'S PARTICULARS SUCH AS NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, SCHOOL AND CLASS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE AT 16TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, BY DECEMBER 8.

ENQUIRIES ON THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 835 2044.

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MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH CHOIR RECRUITS MEMBERS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING MEMBERS FOR ITS YOUTH CHOIR. MUSIC LOVERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 23 WHO CAN READ SCORE ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1980, THE CHOIR STAGES REGULAR PERFORMANCES. ITS PROGRAMME INCLUDES MASSES BY MOZART AND BEETHOVEN, CHORAL MASTERPIECES BY VIVALDI AND HAYDN AS WELL AS CHINESE COMPOSITION.

REHEARSALS ARE HELD AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE ON SATURDAYS FROM 4.30 PM TO 7 PM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE MUSIC OFFICE, 25TH FLOOR, WAN CHAI TOWER 1, HARBOUR ROAD BY DECEMBER 3.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION ON DECEMBER 15. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 823 5321.

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