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MASSIVE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY SWD
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A MASSIVE PROGRAMME COMPRISING NEARLY 1,000 ITEMS OF ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF 120,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER IS BEING CONDUCTED THROUGH 30 UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION, THE PROGRAMME IS PART OF THE HONG KONG-WIDE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SPEND THEIR SUMMER MONTHS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

MR. HENRY AU, HEAD OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE 1978 PROGRAMME WAS IN LINE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF LEARNING THROUGH RECREATION.

+INTEREST GROUPS, VISITS AND EXCURSIONS, STUDY AND TRAINING COURSES ON A WIDE SPECTRUM OF TOPICS RELATED TO THE FINE ARTS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WILL TOP THE LIST IN TERMS OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

WHILE THE ENRICHMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH LEISURELY PURSUITS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE DUE EMPHASIS, MR. AU NOTED THAT ACTIVITY ORGANISERS HAVE IN RECENT YEARS PLACED MORE ATTENTION ON YOUTH PLANNING AND SERVICE.

LOOKING BACK TO THE EARLY YEARS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR. AU SAID THE EVOLUTION OF THIS ANNUAL PROJECT IN THE PAST HAD REFLECTED IN PART THE GROWING CONSCIOUSNESS AND RECOGNITION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEED TO ASSUME A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PLANNING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

WORKING TOWARDS THIS GOAL HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A TOTAL OF 85 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS INVOLVING 13,000 YOUNGSTERS IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

MR. AU SAID THAT SOME OF THESE PROJECTS WOULD INVOLVE DIRECT SERVICE, SUCH AS VISITS TO AGED HOME, ARRANGING SHOWS AND PARTIES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN, STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEMES, WORK CAMPS OR FORESTRY CAMPS TO ASSIST THE RURAL POPULATION, AND HOME HELP SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY.

ANOTHER CATEGORY OF ACTIVITIES BEGINNING TO GAIN POPULARITY, HE ADDED, IS COMMUNITY STUDY WHICH AIMED AT ASSESSING THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS.

+APART FROM THESE ITEMS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE VOLUNTARY SPIRIT AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCE, VENTURES LIKE OVERNIGHT EXPEDITIONS, CAMPING, WATER SPORTS, GAMES AND MATCHES ARE ALSO FAVOURITES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE IN GREAT NEED OF HEALTHY OUTLETS,+ HE SAID.

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TURNING TO THE PARTICIPATING GROUPS, MR. AU STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH A MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS ARE STUDENTS, PROGRAMME ORGANISERS HAVE MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO ATTRACT MORE WORKING YOUTH TO JOIN IN THE SUMMER FUN.

HE SAID THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES HAD BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE EVENING, SO THAT YOUNGSTERS AT WORK COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE.

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RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOUND JOBS THROUGH LABOUR DEPARTMENT
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A RECORD NUMBER OF 2,251 JOB SEEKERS WERE FOUND EMPLOYMENT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND ITS SPECIAL REGISTER LAST MONTH.

AMONG THOSE PLACED WAS AN EXPERIENCED EXECUTIVE IN A \$5,500 A MONTH MANAGERIAL POST.

OF THE 2,251 SUCCESSFUL JOB SEEKERS, 11 SOUGHT AND OBTAINED PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE POSTS WHILE 614 WERE PLACED IN SUMMER JOBS.

REFERRING TO THE SPECIAL REGISTER, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS GRADUATES AND THOSE FROM POST SECONDARY COLLEGES.

HE SAID THAT AT THE END OF JUNE THERE WERE ABOUT 1,000 GRADUATES ON THE REGISTER, MOST OF WHOM HAD OBTAINED THEIR DEGREES FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA. THE MAJORITY OF THESE HAD SPECIALISED IN EITHER ENGINEERING OR COMMERCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EMPLOYERS WANTING TO RECRUIT PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE STAFF SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE SPECIAL REGISTER, MR. LAI KING-KAY, AND MAKE USE OF THE FREE SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE 5-282523 EXT. 21 AND 5-282039.

FOR RECRUITMENT OF OTHER GRADES, EMPLOYERS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ON 5-270276, 3-265121 OR 12-420154-6.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM FOUR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AT THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE.

YOUNG HONG KONG MUSICIANS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN TWO OF THE FOUR CONCERTS.

THE FIRST CONCERT, WHICH IS TO RAISE FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST, WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN PARK AT 7.30 P.M. ON JULY 30 (SUNDAY).

THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY +RADESTSKY MARCH+ BY STRAUSS, SELECTIONS FROM +CARMEN+ SUITE NO. 1 BY BIZET AND FROM +PEAR GYNT+ SUITE NO. 1 BY GRIEG AS WELL AS OTHER LIGHT CLASSICAL FAVOURITES.

TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT AT \$15 FOR ADULTS AND \$7 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE TOM LEE PIANO CO. AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

WITH THESE TICKETS, AUDIENCE MAY ALSO TOUR THE OCEAN PARK WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE FROM 9 A.M. ON JULY 30.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CONCERTS IS OBTAINABLE AT 5-283257.

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ATTITUDE MORE IMPORTANT THAN LEARNING

FACTS AND BOOK-LEARNING WERE NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE, THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (SPECIAL EDUCATION), MISS J.E. ROWE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF SALVATION ARMY KINDERGARTENS, SHE SAID: +THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS ARE THE CHILD'S ATTITUDES TO HIMSELF AND TO LIFE THAT HE LEARNS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL NEEDS.

+LEARNING FROM BOOKS IS NOT THE ONLY WAY A CHILD LEARNS. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THEIR ENVIRONMENT, OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY AND FIND OUT THINGS FOR THEMSELVES ARE LIKE THE SUNLIGHT, AIR AND WATER A PLANT NEEDS.+

BUT SHE WARNED PARENTS THAT PRESSING CHILDREN TO LEARN CHARACTERS AND NUMBERS BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE COULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL AFFECT ON A CHILD'S LEARNING PROCESS.

MISS ROWE PRAISED THE CURRICULUM AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROVIDED AT SALVATION ARMY SCHOOLS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL GROWTH OF PUPILS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WAN CHAI DURING CERTAIN PERIODS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ANTI-SKID WORK ON TWO FLYOVERS IN THE AREAS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE INSIDE LANE OF THE FLYOVER ON WATERFRONT ROAD LEADING TO CANAL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 16) TILL 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE OUTSIDE LANE OF THE SAME FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR 24 HOURS FROM 6 A.M. ON JULY 23.

ALSO AFFECTED BY THE WORK IS THE FLYOVER ON VICTORIA PARK ROAD LEADING TO GLOUCESTER ROAD. TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 6 A.M. ON JULY 30 AND 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE 24-HOUR CLOSURE OF THE VICTORIA PARK ROAD FLYOVER, FOUR CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTES ON THEIR HONG KONG BOUND JOURNEYS WILL BE DIVERTED. ROUTES 102 AND 106 WILL BE DIVERTED TO CANAL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WO STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD. ROUTE 103 WILL BE DIVERTED TO CANAL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, PENNINGTON STREET AND YEE WO STREET AND ROUTE 170 WILL BE DIVERTED TO CANAL ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

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

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

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COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN G.I.S. PRESS BOXES TODAY FOR YOUR COLLECTION.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE. IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF, WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES, THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHS ARE USED INSTEAD OF THE OLD ONES.

MORE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL BE SENT TO YOU WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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